



# Coach Background Check and Training for TAAF Member Cities



*Completion of all information is required.*

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) **requires** all coaches pass a nationally accredited background check and **strongly encourages** all coaches receive training. TAAF Members have several options to meet the requirements. Please review the following options and select your TAAF Member City's preferences using the corresponding form.

## 1. TAAF Background Checks + NAYS Coach Training: \$25 - Best savings!

First, work with TAAF to run the coach background checks with TAAF (Protect Youth Sports) at a discounted rate of \$7 per coach. Background checks must be completed and notified prior to beginning NAYS training as background checks are **non-refundable**. Then, work with NAYS to train the eligible coaches at the special TAAF rate of \$18 per coach.

*\$7 per coach paid to TAAF – invoiced by TAAF after background checks are complete*

*\$18 per coach paid to NAYS – several payment options for organizations **or** choose for coaches to pay on their own*

## 2. TAAF Background Checks Only: \$10

Work with TAAF to run the coach background checks with TAAF (Protect Youth Sports) at \$10 per coach. Background check fees are non-refundable.

*\$10 per coach paid to TAAF – invoiced by TAAF after background checks are complete*

## 3. NAYS/Sterling Background Check + NAYS Coach Training: \$33

Work with NAYS to screen and train coaches at \$33 per coach (\$15 advanced level background check + \$18 special TAAF rate for the NAYS Coach Training). Take advantage of NAYS' seamless integration with Sterling Volunteers, a background check provider. Background check fees are non-refundable.

*\$33 per coach paid to NAYS – several payment options for organizations to pay **or** split fee with coaches **or** choose for coaches to pay 100% on their own*

#### 4. Your own background check provider + NAYS Coach Training: \$18

Choose your own nationally accredited background check service. Work with NAYS to train coaches at the special TAAF rate of \$18 per coach.

*\$18 per coach paid to NAYS – several payment options for organizations **or** choose for coaches to pay on their own*

#### 5. Your own background check provider

Choose your own nationally accredited background check service.

**Choose Your Preferences:**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Organization Information

TAAF Member City:

Contact Name:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Day Phone:

#### Select from background check and training options

Option	Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. TAAF Background Checks + NAYS Coach Training	\$25 (\$7 to TAAF, \$18 to NAYS)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. TAAF Background Checks Only	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. NAYS (Sterling Volunteers) Background Check + NAYS Coach Training	\$33
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Your own background check service + NAYS Coach Training <i>Enter your background check service provider name:</i> _____ <b>Required:</b> TAAF Member City Background Check Affidavit form	\$18 + Your provider's background check fee
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Your own background check provider <i>Enter your background check service provider name:</i> _____ <b>Required:</b> TAAF Member City Background Check Affidavit form	Your provider's background check fee

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## T.A.A.F. Member City Affidavit

*For Member Cities Only that conduct their own background screenings.*

Any TAAF Member City that already conducts background screenings on their coaches will be accepted, but only upon receipt by the T.A.A.F. State Office of the signed T.A.A.F. Member City Coaches Background Affidavit by a City Director or City Administrator. Background check expiration must be after State Tournament for the sport in which they will be coaching at.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Representative of \_\_\_\_\_, approve of the coaches listed below (or attached) have passed an administered background check in accordance to the T.A.A.F. Manuel of Procedures 3.1-3.6 (intent is one year)

Coaches Name	Sport	Team Name	Date when Background Check was Conducted

Signature of Member Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Representatives Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# About Your Options

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### I. TAAF (Protect Youth Sports) Background Checks

For details about TAAF background checks through Protect Youth Sports, please visit [taaf.com](http://taaf.com), [taaf.com/background-check](http://taaf.com/background-check), or contact TAAF at (512) 863-9400 or mark@taaf.com.

### II. About NAYS

The National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) is proud to partner with the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) to provide training and membership benefits for youth sports coaches.

The National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) educates, equips and empowers youth sports leaders, volunteers and parents so all children can enjoy the lifelong benefits of sports. NAYS, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, partners with more than 3,000 community-based organizations and has trained more than four million coaches, parents, officials and administrators since its inception in 1981.



*Pictured: Mark Lord, Executive Director, TAAF with John Engh, Executive Director, NAYS*

The training courses, membership tools, unique programs, guiding documents and many trusted resources provided by NAYS ensure quality youth sports experiences that are memorable for all the right reasons.

### III. NAYS Coach Training features and benefits

**NAYS Coach Training & Membership Program**, formerly the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA), is the most widely used coach training program in the nation, having trained more than 3 million coaches since its inception in 1981. The training is available online for coaches

to complete at their convenience; and it's also offered on-site in more than 3,000 communities nationwide, called NAYS Member Organizations.

The top quality, video-based NAYS Coach training features two components: Coaching Youth Sports and a sport-specific training. The Coaching Youth Sports portion covers topics coaches of all sports need to know, such as working with parents; motivating kids; building confidence; instilling good sportsmanship; safety; and nutrition and hydration; among many other areas.

In the sport-specific training coaches learn how to teach the basic skills and fundamentals of the particular sport they are coaching, as well as effective drills to use during their practices. After completing the NAYS Coach training, coaches qualify for an annual membership, which includes a \$1,000,000 excess liability insurance policy; access to member-only coaching resources and supplemental coach trainings; a member e-newsletter; a member ID card; and corporate discounts on everyday services like car rentals, hotels and more.

### **NAYS Coach Training – How it works**

- First, become a **NAYS Member Organization**.
- [Complete the Interest Form](http://www.nays.org/become-a-member-organization/chapter-interest) at [www.nays.org/become-a-member-organization/chapter-interest](http://www.nays.org/become-a-member-organization/chapter-interest). Indicate TAAF membership on Interest Form under "How did you hear about NAYS?"  

**How did you hear about NAYS? \***

We were referred ▼

**Please provide the name of the individual or organization for our Referral Rewards program \***

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- NAYS staff will verify your TAAF membership. NAYS staff will guide you through the next steps and provide you a login to your Member Organization account.
- Then, decide if you prefer to offer **on-site** or **online** NAYS Coach Trainings.
  - **On-site** trainings – Organization pays
    - Host a 3-hour NAYS Coach Training whenever and wherever you choose.
    - Order NAYS training videos and materials. There is no fee for the materials but NAYS requires a pre-payment of the \$18 per coach membership fee at the time the first order is placed.
    - Submit coach information to NAYS.
  - **Online** – Organization pays or coaches pay
    - Organization pays
      - Add funds to your NAYS account balance or pay by credit card or invoice as you go.
      - Pre-register your coaches with their name, email address and sport and pay for the batch of coaches with your preferred payment method – or – if you add funds to your NAYS account balance, allow individual coaches to register themselves online. Each time a

- o coach registers online selecting your organization, the \$18 membership fee will be deducted from your NAYS account balance.
  - o Track coach sign ups and training completion through your NAYS Member Organization account.
- Coaches pay
  - o Pre-register your coaches with their name, email address and sport and for payment select "individual members pay" – or – allow individual coaches to register themselves and pay with their own credit card
  - o Track coach sign ups and training completion through your NAYS Member Organization account.

#### IV. NAYS (Sterling Background) Checks

To make the coach background screening process easier for NAYS Member Organizations, NAYS partnered with Sterling Volunteers to build a customized integration system. NAYS Member Organizations can request and manage background checks through their NAYS account, significantly reducing administrative time.

Here are some benefits each NAYS Member Organization will receive by signing up for background checks with NAYS and Sterling Volunteers:

- **Save time.** Register coaches for their NAYS training and background check at the same time using just their name and email address.
- **Payment options.** Your organization can decide to cover the entire cost of the training and screening and pay online by credit card, check/invoice, or purchase order. Or you can ask coaches to pay.
- **Less paperwork.** Coaches complete their registration and authorize their own background checks online in just a few minutes.
- **Quick turnaround.** Most searches will be returned in 24 to 72 hours.
- **Set your own background check disqualifiers.** Once you receive the results, you decide if a coach is eligible or ineligible. *Refer to TAAF disqualifiers when making your coach eligibility decisions <http://www.taaf.com/background-check>.*
- **Set restrictions.** Choose which representatives from your organization have access to background check statuses and results.
- **Give coaches control.** Coaches are notified when their results are available and can view and own a copy of their background check to share with other volunteer organizations.
- **Secure and Compliant.** Sterling Volunteers background checks are housed in a completely secure environment and are fully FCRA compliant.
- **The Highest Quality and Accuracy.** Using a combination of proprietary technology and a set of unique criminal locators, Sterling Volunteers finds more criminal records at America's county and state courthouses and delivers the most accurate information available about your volunteers. The Sterling Volunteers screening process goes far beyond the stale, instant database background checks and incomplete searches used by other providers.

**Sterling Volunteers Advanced Level background check includes:**

- Social Security Trace
- Government Watch List Search (OFAC)
- 50 State DOJ Sex Offender Registry
- Nationwide Database Search with primary source validation
- Automatic current county/state of residence search
- Monthly updates. Volunteer information is updated for you free of charge each month for the first year so you have the added security of monitoring your volunteers for new criminal records.

Refer to [NAYS Background Check User Guide](#) for more details about the background check program and how to enroll.

**Questions?**

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