



The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
Seventh Annual West Virginia Archery in the Schools State Tournament
Charleston Civic Center, Charleston
March 24, 2012

Official Rules

Deadline: Sign-up by February 24, 2012 - Schools interested in participating in the "Seventh Annual West Virginia Archery in the Schools State Tournament" have **until February 24th** to register. **Registration forms received after this date may not be accepted.**

Registration items are located on our website at: www.wvdnr.gov/archery/Tournament.shtm. Note there is a two-step registration process – items must be received by the DNR by the registration deadline by both mail and email. The following registration items must be completed and received by the DNR by the February 24, 2012 deadline:

- **To be Mailed:**
 - 2012 AIS State Tournament Instructors Acknowledgement Form (each instructor for each divisional team or partial team)
 - \$10 non-refundable registration fee/student (single check or money order for each divisional team) (Maximum \$120 – no fee for alternates)
 - Printout of the 2012 AIS State Tournament Divisional Team Registration Form (for each divisional team or partial team) (*To save space, please do not use all caps or the word "School" in the spreadsheet*)
 - Printout of the Registration for Coaches Form (for each divisional team or partial team). NOTE: This form has drop down selections for the Div through Bow cells. (*To save space, please do not use all caps or the word "School" in the spreadsheet*)
- **To be Emailed (as attachments):**
 - 2012 AIS State Tournament Divisional Team Registration Form (for each divisional team or partial team) (*To save space, please do not use all caps or the word "School" in the spreadsheet*)
 - Registration for Coaches Form (for each divisional team or partial team). (*To save space, please do not use all caps or the word "School" in the spreadsheet*)

Mailed items should be sent to:

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources
WV Archery in the Schools Program
C/o Krista Snodgrass
324 Fourth Ave.
South Charleston, WV 25303-1228

Email items should be sent to:

Krista.R.Snodgrass@wv.gov

If you have registration or tournament questions, please call Krista Snodgrass at (304) 558-2771.

Twelve (12) students permitted per Divisional Team: Because of the interest in this year's tournament and the number of schools now participating in this program – schools will be limited to only 12 students per Divisional Team. *Teams must be coed. The team (12 students) must consist of at least 4 students of the opposite gender.*

Schools are strongly encouraged to bring alternates in the case an original team member is unable to complete the tournament.

Team grade Divisions are listed under the Individual Awards and Team Awards Sections below.

Students participating in the 2012 State Tournament should be able to shoot a minimum score:

- 150 Elementary
- 180 Middle School
- 210 High School

School Requirements: Only schools receiving *NASP training offered by the WVDNR* and currently participating in the West Virginia Archery in the Schools Program can participate in the tournament.

Assigned Times: Each 12-member divisional team will be split into two shooting blocks, with each block providing students with a specific 45-minute time period to shoot. *Students not present during their assigned times may be disqualified at the discretion of tournament judge.* Schools will be required to arrive **at least one hour prior** to their assigned time to register. Schools will be notified of the assigned times by March 15th.

Practice: *Please note that there will not be a practice range.* Students will be provided with one (1) PRACTICE round of five (5) arrows at 10 meters followed by three (3) scoring rounds; and one (1) PRACTICE round of five (5) arrows at 15 meters followed by three (3) scoring rounds. The practice end (round) will take place during their scheduled shooting times and prior to the scoring rounds.

Shooting Distances: Students will be shooting at two distances 10 meters and 15 meters. Students will be scored on a total of 30 arrows (for a maximum score of 300 points).

Range Set-Up/Scoring:

1. Targets will be the standard NASP 80 cm FITA Face with 10 scoring rings. Arrows deflecting off of the bag will not be counted. Shooters will be allowed to re-shoot arrows cleanly hitting the score-able section of the target that fell out, bounced out, etc. *(as determined by the Tournament Staff)*
2. Target Line will be approximately 6 feet in front of target.
3. Waiting line will be 10-15 feet beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
4. Again, there will be a 10 and 15 meter Shooting Line
5. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
6. To assist in the flow, reserved seating will be provided to all actively shooting students corresponding to their assigned targets. This also includes students shooting in the second block.
7. Only actively shooting students will be allowed beyond the waiting line. All coaches and students not actively shooting must be behind the waiting line.
8. *** Please note: arrows touching/cutting a scoring line will receive the higher score.

9. There will be forty (40); approximately 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be used with 2 archers assigned per lane per flight. (Shooting same target)
10. Shooters occupying a lane will be from different schools.

Tie-breaking: Ties will be broken by counting the number of 10's. If this does not break ties, the number of 9's will then be counted. This would be followed by the number of 8's and then the number of 7's, if necessary. **X's will not be used to break ties. Also, there will be no shoot-offs.**

Equipment: Schools will be required to provide their own Genesis bows. *Only Genesis Bows will be permitted.* Bows should be kept in a soft/hard case, light box or secured with a lock at all times when not in use. If at all possible, please don't allow children to walk around the facility with unsecured bows. *It will be the schools responsibility to provide a sufficient number of bows for their students. To avoid any delays or scheduling conflicts, it is required that no more than two students from any divisional team share a single bow.* Again, at the discretion of tournament judge, schools will only have 45 minutes to shoot (any arrows not shot during this time may not be counted).

Equipment -- Only equipment specified for use in NASP® may be used in the tournament.

a) Bows: Only the stock (original) unmodified Genesis™ bow approved for NASP® may be used.

- i. Only thread knots or heat shrink nock locators will be permitted to be used (1 or 2). Brass nock locators are prohibited. Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available at www.nasparchery.com
- ii. The bow must be sight and sight-mark free. Camouflage bows may be used, but the face of the riser window must be covered to prevent camouflage lines serving as sight-marks. Tape or paint placed to cover sight marks must remain in place throughout the competition. It is important that archers and coaches comply with this rule before their flight time.
- iii. The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.
- iv. The bowstring and cables may be "after-market" but of the same approximate length.
- v. The cable guard, slide, wheel, cam, bearings, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified.
- vi. An archer's bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. but the bow must remain sight-mark-free.
- vii. The arrow rest must be original and unmodified. The rest arm missing the plastic sleeve is allowed.
- viii. Except for malfunction, bows must remain downrange of the waiting line once shooting begins.
- ix. The bow's draw weight must remain unchanged after the 1st non-practice arrow is shot at 10 meters.
- x. Except in the case of a major malfunction the same bow must be used throughout the competition.

b) Arrows: **NEW for 2012- Schools are responsible for providing their own arrows.** Only the stock (original) unmodified Easton 1820 arrows approved for NASP® may be used.

- i. Arrow nocks may be the NASP® glue-on or push-in nock.
- ii. Arrow points must be the NASP® standard; glue-in, cone shaped and weighing 60 grains.
- iii. Arrow vanes must be soft plastic, 2.5-3.0" long and no more than .4-.6" in height and attached to the shaft with a straight off-set of approximately 1.5 degrees. There may be only 3 vanes on the arrow.
- iv. Personal arrows may have vanes marked for purposes of identification. The arrow shaft may be marked, crested, or taped above the mid-point (towards the nock) for purposes of identification.
- v. Coach must have a readily accessible supply of replacements.

c) Accessories: Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers.

- i. "No-glove" finger-protection devices may be placed on the bowstring.
- ii. Heat shrink tubing may be placed on the bowstring to reduce finger strain but the tubing must cover the entire center serving above and below the nock locator(s).
- iii. Archers may wear arm guards.

- iv. Finger or wrist slings are allowed. Wrist slings may be attached using the bolt that comes with the strap. The bolt must be made of steel or plastic and must protrude one inch or less beyond the bow's accessory hole.
 - v. Mechanical release aids are prohibited except as pre-approved by Tournament Judges for physically challenged archers.
 - vi. "Sims" vibration dampeners on the limbs are allowed.
- d) At the discretion of tournament officials, any bow, arrow, or accessory may be subjected to inspection, including dismantling. Anyone found using disallowed equipment or modifications will forfeit awards and be disqualified from the rankings. Disqualification may affect their team's rank.

Coaches will be required to have all bows in a soft/hard case, light box or secured with a lock while not actively participating in the tournament. Arrows must remain under the control of teacher/instructors/coaches at all times and must be safely secured in a case, box, etc. Students (schools) found with arrows outside shooting area may be disqualified. Discharging a bow and/or arrows outside of the designated shooting area will result in immediate disqualification and the student/team will be removed from the Civic Center.

Competitive Format

- a) Whistle Signals: NASP® whistle commands will be used to operate the range.
 - i. 5+ whistles for an emergency
 - ii. 2 whistles to "get bow"
 - iii. 1 whistle to "shoot"
 - iv. 3 whistles to "go get arrows"
- c) Arrow Handling and Movement about the Range: NASP® safety rules must be followed.
 - i. Archers must walk when moving about the range.
 - ii. Archers must have one foot on each side of the shooting line with "bows on toes" before shooting begins.
 - iii. The tournament-provided arrow quiver must be placed ON the shooting line in FRONT of the archer.
 - iv. Shooter and quiver must remain in their half of the assigned lane when at the shooting line.
 - v. Archers must remain on their feet and off their knees when at the targets scoring and pulling arrows.
 - vi. While both archers may approach the target when scoring, only one archer may remain at the targets when arrows are pulled. The other archer must be safely behind the target line while arrows are being pulled.
 - vii. Points must be covered with one hand and shafts grasped below the vanes with the other when carrying arrows.
 - viii. The archer must pre-draw, draw and aim in a manner to keep the arrow pointed safely below the top of the backstop curtain at all times.
 - ix. The archer must pre-draw, draw, and aim in a manner to keep the arrow pointed away from the floor.

Order of Shooting

- a) Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
- b) Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
- c) An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials.
- d) A dropped arrow will be left on the floor and replaced by a range official.
- e) An arrow that reaches the target line without hitting the target is considered a shot rather than a dropped or bounced-out arrow and will be scored zero points.
- f) When the last arrow is shot the archer must immediately place bows on toe to indicate completion.
- g) Bows must be placed on floor (adjacent floor quiver) prior to pulling/scoring arrows-listen for verbal command.

Student Shooting Card Review: Students are responsible for reviewing their shooting cards after shooting with their individual scorer. They are then also responsible for signing their cards, signifying they have reviewed and accepted these scores. Any scoring question should be brought to the attention of Tournament staff at that time. **Once cards are submitted to the scoring room, with or without the student's signature, scores will be final.**

NASP Roster Sheet & Team Roster/Scores Sheet Coaches Verification: Coaches are responsible for inspecting and verifying all information (names, sexes, grades, etc.) on their team's NASP Roster Sheet given out during registration at the tournament. Further, coaches are also responsible for reviewing team scores and shooter information (names, grades sexes) listed on the Team Roster/Scores Sheet posted after each flight. Any error must be brought to the attention of the registration table or scoring room as soon as possible. Once the award ceremony begins, all scores based on the recorded name, sex, grade, and team are final.

Scoring: NEW for 2012- Students will be responsible for pulling arrows and scoring, please make sure your students are familiar with the following:

- a) All arrows should be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched.
- b) Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.
- c) An arrow touching the lines is awarded the point higher value.
- d) An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "0" points.
- e) The "X" ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
- f) An arrow that "robin-hoods" another arrow receives the value of the arrow in the target.
- g) Summation of the 12 individual scores, with at least 4 of both genders will comprise the team score.
- h) Scannable (bubble-type) scorecards will be used. Archers should practice with this type of scorecard before coming to the tournament. Sample cards may be downloaded @ www.archeryintheschools.org (Look under Instructor Resources)
- i) Both archers should walk to the target in their lane.
 - i. Both scorecards will be on the same score board.
 - ii. One archer will call arrows HIS/HER own arrows while the other bubbles in the score of these arrows.
 - iii. Archers will then reverse roles with the other calling arrows HIS/HER own arrows while the other bubbles.
 - 1) If archers cannot agree on an arrow's score, a range official must be asked to make the final decision.
 - 2) The Scorecard must be signed by the archer and lane-mate at the conclusion of the flight.
 - 3) Range officials will gather signed scorecards at the conclusion of each flight at the target.
 - 4) Disqualification may occur if an archer takes the scorecard to the coach or other unofficial person(s).
 - 5) Only the student archer and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.
- j) Every effort will be made to have two students from different schools sharing a target. If a student is the only shooter assigned to a lane than a tournament official will score the archers arrows.

Individual Awards:

Awards will be presented to the top three (boys and girls) for each of the following divisions:

Elementary School	-	4th	through	6th Grade
Middle School	-	7 th	through	8th Grade
High School	-	9 th	through	12th Grade

Awards will also be presented to the top three overall shooters at the tournament (combining all Divisions and sexes).

***** Note: Please follow grade breakdowns for your divisional teams regardless of whether your actual school is an elementary school, middle school, junior high school, high school, etc.**

*** Note: Divisional Teams can only be formed from a single school and can not be formed from different schools (having different names, physical addresses and administrations). However, if a single school has grades spanning more than one division, they may field more than one Divisional Team: e.g., a K-8 school may field both an Elementary School Divisional Team and a Middle School Divisional Team.

*** Note: Students from schools not able to send 12 will still be eligible to participate in the individual competition.

Team Awards:

Awards will be presented to the top three teams for each of the following divisions:

Elementary School	–	4th	through	6th Grade
Middle School	–	7 th	through	8th Grade
High School	–	9 th	through	12th Grade

Awards will be presented to the top three teams for each division based on an accumulation of total scores.

Awards will also be presented to the top three overall teams at the tournament (combining all Divisions).

***Note: Younger students from the same school may be moved up at registration to fill out an older divisional team if necessary. Older students from the same school, though, may not be moved down to shoot for a younger divisional team. However, once divisional teams shoot at the tournament, individual shooters (and their scores) may not be switched to another divisional team.

Dress Code/Code of Conduct

- a) It is NASP®'s desire that its tournaments be an extension of the educational experience enjoyed by its participants.
- b) It is important that students remain safe and comfortable. Therefore, all student archers must wear close-toed shoes. (Bare feet and sandals are disallowed EVEN IF allowed by the school dress code)
- c) All coaches should make sure their student archers adhere to their school's dress code at the tournament.
- d) Behavior considered disruptive, unsafe, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate at the event may result in expulsion.
- e) **Sportsmanship:** Archers are expected to respect others. Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification and removal from the event. Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators are also expected to remain respectful of others. Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct could result in removal from the event. If a coach, assistant coach, volunteer or spectator disrespects, threatens, or touches a lane official or tournament judge they will be immediately disqualified from the event and will be escorted out of the facility and not permitted back in.

Tournament Limit:

Due to staff, facility, and resource limitations at the 2012 WV State AIS Tournament, the number of participating students will be limited to 800 students. If more than 800 students apply, the method for determining participation will follow those on 2012 WV AIS State Tournament Registration Rules & Procedures with a link on our website at: www.wvdnr.gov/archery/Tournament.shtm.

Note: ***Those eliminated from the 2012 State Tournament drawing process will have their entire registration fee refunded.

Door Prizes: Door prizes may also be given to students participating in the tournament – However, students are required to be present to be eligible to receive door prizes.

Those wishing to donate items to the DNR to be given out as door prizes need to contact the DNR at least 1 week prior to the tournament for prior approval. No more than 8 door prizes will be given out at the tournament.

Date/Time: March 24, 2012
8:00 am - 2:00 pm Registration Open (**Arrive 1 hour before scheduled shooting time**)
9:00 am - 4:00 pm Shooting Times
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Awards Ceremony

Cost: Admission \$5 Adult (≥ 18 years); \$3 Children (6-17 years); Free (5 and under)
(Each registered teams will receive 2 free adult coaches' passes and 12 free shooters passes. All other team coaches and student alternates must pay admission and sit in bleachers during shooting).
(There is a \$10 registration fee for each participating student submitted during registration process through a single check or money order for each divisional team)

Concessionaire/Food:

Schools will be not permitted to bring their own lunches into the Charleston Civic Center arena. However, hot food will be sold at the Civic Center and at other locations in the area.

Location: Charleston Civic Center, 200 Civic Center Drive, Charleston, WV 25301

More information on the Charleston Civic Center can be found at: <http://www.charlestonwvciviccenter.com> or by calling (304) 345-1500.

NASP NATIONAL ARCHERY TOURNAMENT:

The NASP National Archery Tournament has been scheduled for May 13-14, 2012 in the Kentucky Exposition Center, in Louisville, KY. Information regarding this tournament will be sent by the DNR to all registered West Virginia instructors as an email blast. Also, schools interested in attending can check the NASP website for additional information at: <http://archeryintheschools.org/activea.asp>.