



National Archery in the Schools Program

West Virginia Archery in the Schools

2020 WV Archery in the Schools State Qualifying Tournament Rules

Brief Summary of the Qualifying Tournament Rules

The tournament qualifying system has been designed to give each school an equal opportunity to qualify for the West Virginia Archery in the Schools (WV AIS) State Tournament. Our hope is that it will also give schools who have not previously been involved in the state tournament the experience of shooting NASP® archery in a competitive environment.

The following rules have been created by the West Virginia Archery in the Schools program. Please read them carefully. Timelines are concrete and cannot be modified, so please plan accordingly.

WV AIS School Teams and Individuals must participate in the State Qualifying Tournament and qualify to attend the NASP® State Tournament.

The physical state tournament scheduled for March 28, 2020 at the Chris Cline Athletic Complex (Marshall University - Huntington, WV) will have the same divisions as the National NASP® Tournament format – Elementary, Middle, and High School.

Only schools (public, private, or homeschool) that teach NASP® archery (WV AIS) as part of the in-school curriculum for a minimum of 10-hours per year are qualified to compete in the tournament. Additionally, the instructor(s) must have received the Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) certification and must be in good reporting standing with NASP®.

The following Divisions are part of the Qualifying Tournament:

Elementary School: 4th – 5th grade

Middle School: 6th – 8th grade

High School: 9th – 12th grade

Qualifying Tournament Steps:

- Register online at www.nasptournaments.org beginning January 1, 2020.
- There is no registration fee for the tournament.
- Upon completion of your qualifying tournament/school shoot, submit your scores online under “WV Archery in the Schools Qualifying Tournament”.
- You must use one of the following two methods to verify scores:
 1. Submit scores from ONE local tournament using the “Local Tournament Verification Form” (preferred method), or,
 2. Shoot with at least one other school (with a different Head Coach) and submit scores with the “Qualifying School Shoot Verification Form”
- **A copy of scores MUST be submitted with your verification form. Forms submitted without scores will be rendered incomplete and returned.**
- **ALL SCORES MUST COME FROM THE SAME EVENT!**
- All shoots/tournaments must be conducted between January 1, 2020 – March 2, 2020.
- Scores are due by: March 2, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Any scores submitted after this deadline will not qualify for the WV State Tournament. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Scores will be finalized and posted by 5:00 PM on March 5, 2020.

Section 1 – Qualifying Tournament Guidelines

- Register your students online at www.nasptournaments.org under “WV Archery in the Schools Qualifying Tournament” beginning on January 1, 2020.
- Conduct your NASP® qualifying event sometime between January 1, 2020 and March 2, 2020.
- BAI’s must complete the NASP® In-School Commitment Form before registering for the tournament. The form is available at www.naspschools.org.
- Submit scores online by 5:00 PM on March 2, 2020. Log-on to the tournament website, www.nasptournaments.org to submit your students’ scores.

- Eligible Participants:
 - Team Size: There is no limitation on the number of students/archers who may participate in the State Qualifying Tournament. The top 12 shooter scores (of which 4 must be the opposite gender) will be used to determine teams that qualify for participation in the State Tournament. Team size at the State Tournament will be limited to 24 students of which four must be the opposite gender.
 - **Scores must be submitted from one tournament/school shoot only. Scores combined from numerous events are strictly prohibited. Any team in violation of this rule will be disqualified.**
 - If a student (or students) is absent from the qualifying event you choose for score submission, you may put them on your roster with a score of "0". **Under no circumstance may you use the absent students' score from another event. This is strictly prohibited.** Any team found breaking this rule will be immediately disqualified from the 2020 Qualifying and State Tournament. All score cards will be verified to ensure scores are accurate.
 - Individual Archers: Unlimited archers not scored as a team are permitted for the State Qualifying Tournament. The top 20 shooters male/female per division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the State Tournament. Individual scores must all come from the same qualifying event.
 - Per the 2020 NASP® Tournament rules, 3rd grade archers are no longer permitted to participate in NASP® Tournaments.

The following NASP® Qualifying Tournament Rules are modified from the 2020 National and State Tournament Guidelines. Rules highlighted in yellow are new for the 2019-20 season. **Rules that do not apply to the qualifying process were removed.**

National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) National Rules are the governing rules for the Western and Eastern National and Open Championship tournaments. NASP® states within the United States and other NASP® countries have the freedom to manage their programs within these rules. Although the NASP® National Rules are the minimum guide for states and countries to follow, each state or country may add to or increase the NASP® rules to fit local requirements. Standard safety protocols and operating principals create a familiar field for NASP® students, so they are prepared and understand what is expected at each NASP® event.

New for 2020: Except for inconsequential language edits, rule changes are in **yellow highlights**.

- The NASP® logo is a registered trademark and may only be used on t-shirts, banners, or any other items, with written permission from NASP®.

- Teachers/Coaches must indicate their commitment for meeting the annual in-school teaching requirement before registering archers for any NASP® tournaments. The method for agreeing to this will open on nasptournaments.org on October 1st.
- Remember to enroll your student archers as Academic Archers, **before April 1**. The Academic Archer program operates by local criteria for academic recognition. Participation is a local decision and in accordance with existing local school policies.
<https://www.naspschools.org/opportunities/academic-archer>
- **Attending National tournaments: Western National: Beginning in 2020, there will be a tier system implemented opening registration to states West of the Mississippi first. Registration for States East of the Mississippi will be in a later tier.**

1. **NASP® Participation - All State, Provincial, and National Tournaments/Championships**

To maximize the number of students who will discover their aptitude and interest for archery, NASP® is an in-school program. Because of this 77% of NASP® students first shot archery while taking lessons at their school. NASP® emphasizes team participation in order to maximize the number of students who will participate and to promote positive social interaction among students and faculty.

NASP® safety protocols must be followed by NASP® schools and teams to preserve the experience for current and future students.

- 1.1. **In School Requirement** - Every archer must attend a public, private, charter, magnet, or home school that conducts NASP® lessons during normal school hours.
 - 1.1.1. NASP® lessons must be conducted as part of the in-school curriculum, a minimum of 10 hours per school year.
 - 1.1.2. In-school lessons are the priority in NASP®. Ideally these lessons should be thorough enough for the student to enjoy a safe and motivational experience.
 - 1.1.3. Examples of how this might occur include:
 - 1.1.3.1. At least 10, different archery classes of 1 hour each – daily for 2 weeks, twice weekly for 5 weeks, etc.
 - 1.1.3.2. 5 classes per day of 1-hour each, for 2 different days.
 - 1.1.4. When surveyed, NASP® schools report teaching NASP® archery 1-8 weeks during the school year.
 - 1.1.5. When a school meets or exceeds this minimum, even if not every student in the school takes the archery class, EVERY student in the school is considered eligible for NASP® tournaments. It is expected that even those who do not take the in-school instruction, will be provided safety and shooting form instruction, if they join the FOLLOW-UP archery club or team before they attend a NASP® tournament.
 - 1.1.6. Prior to participating in any NASP® competitions during a school year, the head coach for a school's team (or other coach associated with the school for tournament purposes) will be required to log in to the School Manager for the school. This coach will be required to acknowledge that they understand the in-school teaching requirement and commit to making sure that the requirement is met.

- 1.1.7. Classroom lessons must include at least the following subject material:
 - 1.1.7.1. Determine eye dominance
 - 1.1.7.2. String Bow® used to teach Eleven Steps to Archery Success®
 - 1.1.7.3. Safety Orientation and shooting of bows and arrows on a NASP® range.
- 1.1.8. After-school-only archery programs or clubs are ineligible.
- 1.2. **Definition of NASP® School** - A NASP® school is one that adheres to the training, equipment, and safety requirements and protocols followed by NASP®.
 - 1.2.1. School lessons must be presented by NASP® certified faculty or volunteers.
 - 1.2.2. At least one coach of the team must be NASP® certified.
 - 1.2.3. Only NASP® certified teachers or coaches may register student archers for tournaments.
 - 1.2.4. Equipment requirements and range protocols must be followed.
 - 1.2.4.1. Only the standard Genesis bow & Easton 1820 arrows may be used during NASP® class or on a NASP® range.
 - 1.2.4.2. NASP® range specification and design must follow training provided in the NASP® Basic Archery Instructor's course.
 - 1.2.4.3. Failure to follow these protocols make the school ineligible to participate in NASP® tournaments. Failure to follow safety protocols such as bows, arrows, and curtain use, may also result in de-certification of the NASP® certified teacher or coach.
- 1.3. **Divisions within NASP® Schools** - A 'school' (except Home Schools – see 1.4 below) for the purposes of participation in NASP® tournaments is a building or set of buildings on the campus where students at that school attend.
 - 1.3.1. For instance, a high school may have 9th grade and 10th-12th grade students on the same campus but in different buildings. This is one school.
 - 1.3.2. In another school all students K-12, 6-12, etc. may be in the same building or buildings on the same campus. This is one school.
 - 1.3.3. If schools with similar names but at separate address such as the 'North Middle School and North Elementary School' even if in the same district, they are separate schools and may not mingle shooters on teams.
 - 1.3.3.1. Except: If elementary grades (4th & 5th) are not in the same school the schools where the two grades are found may combine students to form elementary teams. Example: this could be a school with K-4 and a school combining with a 5-8 or 5-12 school.
 - 1.3.3.2. Except: If middle school grades (6-8) are not in the same school the schools where the three grades are found may combine students to form middle school teams. Example: this could be a K-6 school combining with a 7-8 or 7-12 school.
 - 1.3.3.3. Except: If high school grades (9-12) are not in the same school the schools where the four grades are found may combine students to form high school teams. Example: this could be a school with 9-10 combining with an 11-12 school.
- 1.4. **Homeschool** - A student who is homeschooled may only participate if the homeschool has enrolled in NASP® and provides NASP® archery lessons by a NASP® certified instructor. This also applies to other schools that are without buildings or campuses, such as certain “virtual” schools.
 - 1.4.1. If a local homeschool **group** meets for classes such as math, English, science, physical education, **plus** NASP® instruction, the students from that homeschool group can join together to form an archery team if approved by the State NASP® Coordinator. **The term group is key here. Being part of a group of home schoolers suggests there may be enough student archers all taking school together to form a team of 12-24 students.**
 - 1.4.2. The homeschool group must contact their State NASP® Coordinator to inform the Coordinator of their intent to form a NASP® archery team. State Departments of Education maintain lists of

public and private schools that coordinators can use to determine valid schools. Homeschool groups are not included on these lists. This will allow Coordinators to validate and be aware of the homeschool groups and their NASP® archery teams.

- 1.4.3. If a student is not a member of a homeschool **group** that meets for school lessons other than archery, the student can still participate as an individual, but not as a part of a team. **We consider this the typical homeschool family where there likely will not be enough archery students in the family to form a NASP® team of 12-24 student archers. Multiple families may not combine their archery students into a team because the families are not a formal homeschool group.**
- 1.4.4. A homeschool school name must include the word “Homeschool” in the name.
- 1.4.5. The homeschool group must present the NASP® lessons (as described in section 1.1.) as a portion of an in-school classroom curriculum, such as in Physical Education. To meet the same requirement as public schools the lessons should include students that are not on the archery team, where possible. If Physical Education is not offered, NASP® lessons could be included in Math, Science, or any other in-school class curriculum.
- 1.4.6. EXCEPT: Some home-schooled students receive Physical Education from public or private schools.
 - 1.4.6.1. If the home-schooled student receives NASP® lessons while attending classes, **such as physical education,** at a NASP® public or private school that student may participate for the home school or the school where the archer receives NASP® classes IF the schools agree.
 - 1.4.6.2. The home-schooled student is ineligible if archery lessons are after-school only.
- 1.5. **Eligible grades** - Only students who are in grades 4-12 by the date of the tournament may participate.
 - 1.5.1. A student at a NASP® school who has graduated early during the current school year may, at the discretion of the school Principal, participate.
 - 1.5.2. A student who no longer attends a NASP® school due to having moved, promoted, etc. is ineligible to participate in this tournament until/unless the student’s new school joins NASP® and may then only represent their NEW school.
- 1.6. **Number of archers per team** - NASP® archery teams must contain 12-24 students, at least 4 of which must be of the opposite gender.
- 1.7. **Single Gender School** - If a school is single gender school, the school shall compete as a single-gender-only school unless eligible to combine with another school under the small school rule (section 1.8). The coach should contact the State Coordinator for their state to set the single gender indicator for the school. Once set, the team score for the school/division is determined by summing the top 12 scores for the team with no consideration of gender.
- 1.8. **Small School** - **If a competitive division within a NASP® school (Elementary 4th, 5th, Middle 6th – 8th or High School 9th – 12th) has a total student enrollment of less than 150 students, the team for that division may add students from another competitive division within their school or from a competitive division at another NASP® participating school in the same city, county, or school district.**
 - 1.8.1. **The team may continue to add students from other divisions within their school or from divisions at other participating NASP® schools in the same city, county, or school district (one school/division at a time) until a total student enrollment of 150 is met or exceeded.**
 - 1.8.2. **A competitive division within a school with 150 students (or more) enrolled may not add archers to their team from another school or division within their school.**
 - 1.8.3. **If a student shoots up for a higher division team (as allowed by 1.8. above), that student will be competing for team rank in that older division but retain individual rank according to the archer’s actual grade.**

1.8.4. Unless utilizing this “small school rule”, students may only shoot on a team at the NASP® school they attend.

- 1.9. **Competitive divisions** are Elementary: 4th-5th, Middle: 6th 7th & 8th, & High: 9-12 grades.
- 1.10. NASP® is a school program. If a school administration deems a student unsuited to represent the school, NASP® will abide by the decision. Ineligibility generally occurs when a student has been disciplined or for academic reasons.
- 1.11. If a student archer is disqualified for cheating at a provincial, state, or regional tournament, the student is ineligible to participate in any NASP® competition until such time the student has regained good standing in his or her state or province. The NASP® coordinator would alert the national office of such disqualification.

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

NASP® equipment has been selected to be as universal-fit as possible to make administration of the program most suitable for in-school teaching. The program would be too complicated if multiple bows, arrows, and accessories were allowed. Tournaments follow in-school program design as closely as practical.

2.1. If after the 10-meter practice end begins an archer is found to be using disallowed equipment, the archer is subject to disqualification.

2.2. Archers are to be at their assigned area 15 minutes prior to their flight times, with their equipment ready.

2.3. **Bows:**

2.3.1. Only the stock (original) unmodified Genesis™ bow approved for NASP® may be used, **except for allowances described below.**

2.3.2. **When called by the announcer** archers will place bows on racks for inspection. Once inspected, the bow must remain on the range unless a repair is needed and approved by a lane official.

2.3.3. The Genesis Mini, Pro, and GenX are disallowed for use in NASP®.

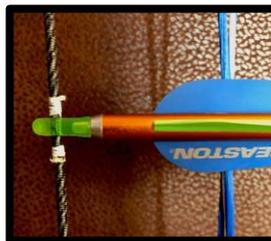
2.3.4. The bow's axle-to-axle length, measured from the center of each axle must be no shorter than 35.25”.

2.3.5. The bow's grip must be in place and unmodified. Changing the shape by removing material or adding material, including tape would be a disallowed modification. The grip may be painted for personalization. However, paint used must be "color only". The use of paint with added texture material or paint that dries with a multi-texture finish (including but not limited to those designed as bed liner material) is disallowed.

2.3.6. Only tied on or heat shrink nock locators may be used.

2.3.6.1. There may be up to one nock locator above and below the arrow nock.

2.3.6.2. If using two nock locators, the gap between them must be $\leq 1-1.5$ nock widths. The archer must nock the arrow between the 2 nock locators.



**If 2 nocking points,
the arrow nock must
be placed between
them.**

2.3.6.3. If using one nock locator, the archer must nock the arrow below and touching the nock locator.

2.3.6.4. If desired, a tied-on nock locator may be used directly above and against the original shrink tube locator that comes on the bow to maintain its position, as a quick or temporary fix.

2.3.6.5. Brass nock locators are prohibited for safety reasons.

2.3.6.6. Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available @ www.naspschools.org

2.3.7. The bow must be sight and sight-mark free.

2.3.7.1. Tape, paint, or "sharpie" to cover sight marks will be applied to the face of the sight window at a point starting at the top of the bow's grip and running at least 6" up the face of the sight window towards the top limb. Any tape used must be a single piece of tape applied vertically and shall not be wrapped around the sight window.

2.3.7.2. Camouflage bows may be used, but the face of the sight window must be covered to prevent camouflage lines serving as sight marks.

2.3.7.3. Tape or paint used to cover sight marks must remain throughout the competition.

2.3.7.3.1. Archers and coaches should comply with this rule before their flight time.

2.3.7.3.2. If sight marks are discovered the archer or coach will be asked to cover them.

2.3.8. Nothing can be added on the inside or outside of the sight window. The outside and inside of the sight window must be kept free of any raised edges, such as tape, stickers or logos.

2.3.9. The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers

2.3.10. The bowstring and cables may be 'after-market' but of the same approximate length.

2.3.11. The standard cable guard, slide (black only), wheel, cam, bearings, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified. Axle to axle length as specified in 3.2.3 must be met.

2.3.12. A bow may have the Morrell Manufacturing poundage gauge mounted on the riser. For determining turns of limb bolts for poundage settings.



2.3.13. A bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, et cetera, but without sight-marks.

2.3.13.1. Temporarily attaching carabineers or other devices to the bow during any flight is prohibited.

2.3.14. The arrow rest must be the standard NASP® flipper rest that comes on the Genesis bow. The rest arm that is missing the sleeve or bent is acceptable. The sleeve may be original, absent, or replaced with heat shrink tubing similar to the original rest arm sleeve.

2.3.15. The bow's draw weight must remain unchanged throughout the flight after the 1st scored arrow is shot at 10 meters.

2.3.16. Except for malfunction, bows must remain downrange of the waiting line once shooting begins.

2.3.17. Except for major malfunction the same bow must be used throughout the competition.

2.3.18. A non-compliant bow will be removed from the competition until it is restored to a compliant condition by the head coach. This must be completed before that archer begins or resumes competition.

2.3.19. Archers are expected to bring their own NASP® bows.

2.3.20. Coaches should be prepared to complete timely repairs if necessary (spare arrow rest, serving material or spare bow). Tournament cannot be delayed for repairs.

2.4. Arrows:

2.4.1. Only the original Easton aluminum 1820 arrows approved for NASP® may be used.

2.4.2. At National, Open and Championship Only - Tournament officials will provide 5 NASP® arrows in each archer's floor quiver.

2.4.2.1. These provided arrows are loaners and remain the property of NASP® after the student's use.

2.4.2.2. Arrows provided may have been shot in prior flights.

2.4.3. If the archer provides personal arrows, they must be official NASP® arrows.

2.4.4. The length of the arrow shaft must be the standard NASP® length.

2.4.5. If personal arrows are used, a readily accessible supply of replacements must be on hand.

Once the flight begins all arrows will remain forward of the waiting line unless being replaced.

2.4.6. Arrow nocks must be the Easton N nocks currently used by Easton in the production of the 1820 aluminum Genesis arrows.

2.4.7. Arrow points must be the NASP® standard; glue-in, cone shaped and weighing 60 grains.

2.4.8. Arrow vanes must be 3 soft plastic, 2.5-3.0" long and between .4-.6" in height and attached to the shaft or wrap with a straight off set of approximately 1.5 degrees. Vanes may be of any brand or shape but must be within the listed dimensions

2.4.8.1. New Archery Products (NAP), the maker of the Genesis bow arrow rest, has developed a replacement vane system for NASP®. This system will be permitted in NASP® schools and tournaments. It meets our dimension specifications outlined in 2.2.5 above. It is called "NASP® SPEEDFLETCH (patents: 7,955,2901 & 6,142,896). This vane system will have the NASP® logo marking the index vane.

2.4.9. Personal arrows must have vanes marked for identification.

2.4.10. The arrow shaft may be marked, crested, wrapped, or taped above the mid-point (towards the nock) for identification. The crest (NASP-Genesis label) must remain visible and readable.

2.4.10.1. An arrow wrap is a small piece of unweighted self-adhesive vinyl that is wrapped around the rear of the arrow to coat the shaft in a very low weight plastic sleeve. The function of an arrow wrap is to provide an excellent surface for vane adherence.

2.5. Accessories: Very few accessories are allowed in NASP®

2.5.1. Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. This includes "5-finger" gloves like golf and batting gloves. Unmodified golf or batting gloves may also be worn on the bow hand.

2.5.2. Finger protection devices similar to the "No Glove" and devices made by other manufactures may be placed on the bowstring, but these must be without locator buttons (also known as kisser buttons) discs or aiming aids.

2.5.3. 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).

2.5.4. Archers may wear arm guards and chest protectors.

2.5.5. Archers may wear eye patches, glasses, or tape on glasses.

2.5.6. 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 only protrude one inch or less beyond the bow's accessory hole (finger slings are only to be put in place once the 1 whistle command to shoot is provided).

2.5.7. Mechanical release aids are prohibited.

2.5.8. The bow must remain free of any devices designed to dampen vibration.

- 2.5.8.1. This includes not allowing tape to be wrapped around “join” 2 bow limbs.
- 2.5.9. Potential special allowances for physically challenged archers are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. While participation by the challenged archer is important, other competitors must not be negatively impacted. Commonly approved allowances include:
 - 2.5.9.1. Wheel chairs are permitted if needed.
 - 2.5.9.2. In the case of hearing or visually impaired archers, a coach or parent may provide assistance at the shooting line. A lane official must be alerted before shooting begins.
 - 2.5.9.3. Mouth tabs are permitted for archers whose physical challenges make drawing the bowstring impossible.
 - 2.5.9.4. Archers who use crutches may shoot from a chair or have coach assistance to stand.
- 2.6. At official discretion, any bow, arrow, or accessory may be subjected to inspection, including dismantling and weighing. Anyone found using disallowed equipment or modifications will forfeit awards and be disqualified. Disqualification may affect their team's rank.

3. Competitive Format

NASP® competitions are designed to be extensions of the in-school curriculum. Tournaments emphasize safety, sportsmanship, and indoor application.

3.1. Range Set-Up:

- 3.1.1. Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
- 3.1.2. Target faces will be placed on the target butts so that the bottom edge is touching the floor or as close to the floor as possible.
- 3.1.3. Targets faces (paper) will be NASP® 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
- 3.1.4. The target line will be approximately 2 yards or meters from the target butts.
- 3.1.5. There will be 10-meter (32' 10") and 15-meter (49' 2") shooting lines.
- 3.1.6. The waiting line will be at least 4-5 yards or meters beyond the 15-meter shooting line.
- 3.1.7. A 'Coach's Alley' will be delineated between the waiting line and spectators. Only Coaches with the appropriate credentials (lanyard pass worn around neck) are permitted in Coach's alley.
 - 3.1.7.1. Only three coaches from each team may be in the coach's alley.
 - 3.1.7.2. We encourage alley coaches to be seated as much as possible to prevent blocking the view of spectators in the audience.
 - 3.1.7.3. Coaches in the alley must wear credentials provided at registration (lanyard pass)
 - 3.1.7.4. For teams, at least one coach must be immediately available and located with his or her team while the team is shooting in case issues must be resolved. Coaches must display positive sportsmanship while in this alley.
- 3.1.8. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
- 3.1.9. Shooting lines will support 5-foot-wide shooting lanes accommodating 2 archers per lane.
 - 3.1.9.1. The shooter's label will indicate with "Left" or "Right" which half of the 5' wide shooting lane each archer is assigned.
 - 3.1.9.1.1. Crowding across the middle of the lane is considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - 3.1.9.1.2. Placement of any items or marks on the floor or target as a reference or aiming point is prohibited.
 - 3.1.9.2. Shooters occupying a lane will be from different schools where possible.
 - 3.1.9.3. Coach's assigned to a group of lanes for their team can only change lane assignments at the registration area PRIOR to their assigned flight. Any changes made on the range, without prior approval, are strictly prohibited.
 - 3.1.9.4. Solo shooters will be combined where possible to promote integrity.

3.2. **Whistle Signals:** NASP® whistle commands will be used to operate the range.

3.2.1. 5+ whistles for an emergency

3.2.2. 2 whistles to 'get bow'

3.2.3. 1 whistle to 'shoot'

3.2.4. 3 whistles to 'go get arrows'

3.3. **Arrow Handling and Movement About the Range:** NASP® safety rules must be followed.

3.3.1. Archers must walk when moving about the range.

3.3.2. Archers must have one foot on each side of the shooting line with 'bows on toes' before shooting begins.

3.3.3. While shooting, the archer must straddle the shooting line with the non-target foot behind the back edge of the shooting line. NO PART of the shooting line will be covered by the archer's foot.

3.3.4. The tournament-provided arrow quiver must be placed ON the shooting line in FRONT of the archer.

3.3.5. Shooter and quiver must remain in each archer's half of the assigned lane when on the shooting line. No part of the archers' body or the quiver may cover, or be past, their lane marks.

3.3.5.1. Crowding across the middle of the lane, or into an adjacent lane, is unsportsmanlike conduct.

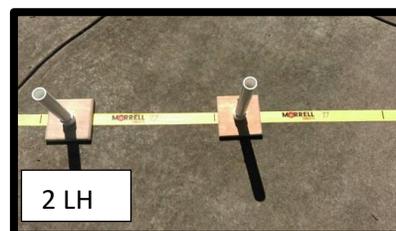
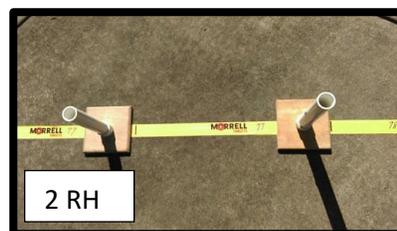
3.3.5.2. Crowding is defined as any part of the archer's body or equipment extending past the 30-inch area assigned to the archer

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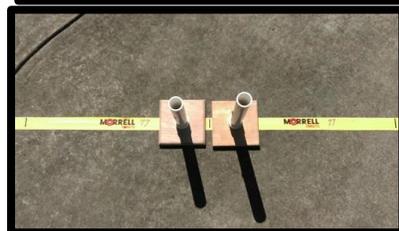


Archers must remain entirely within their half of the lane.

3.3.5.3. The quiver must remain on the shooting line and within 30-inch area assigned to the archer.



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- 3.3.6. 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 from the target.



When pulling arrows, only one archer may be forward of the Target Line. All archers must remain standing.

- 3.3.7. Archers must remain on their feet (standing) and off their knees when pulling arrows.
3.3.8. Arrow points must be covered with one hand and shafts grasped below the vanes with the other hand when walking with arrows.

3.4. Order of Shooting:

- 3.4.1. The archer must nock, pre-draw, draw and aim in a manner that keeps the arrow pointed safely towards the target throughout the process. (below the top of the backstop curtain, and away from the floor).
- 3.4.2. Archers will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
- 3.4.3. Archers will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
- 3.4.4. Archers will have 2 minutes to shoot each 5-arrow end.
- 3.4.5. Dropped arrows will be left on the floor and replaced by a range official.
- 3.4.6. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials. **Except for practice ends.**
- 3.4.7. **Replacement arrows will only be provided for bounce outs on scoring ends. Practice bounce outs will remain as shot.**
- 3.4.8. 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.
- 3.4.9. If an archer is unable to safely use the equipment and follow range protocols that archer may be removed from the competition.
- 3.4.10. If the archer's draw weight and draw length aren't sufficient to perform on par with other archers in the tournament the archer may be removed. Shot arrows that fail to reach or stick in the target butts are symptomatic of insufficient performance.
- 3.4.11. After shooting the last arrow the archer must immediately leave the shooting line, rack the bow, and return behind the waiting line. This is NASP®-specific range management protocol.
- 3.4.12. Lost vane, arrow rest damage or failure, broken nock - if any occur during the release of an arrow and that arrow makes it to the target line and doesn't bounce off of the target, it is a shot arrow.

3.5. Coaching:

- 3.5.1. A team shall have no more than 3 coaches in Coaches Alley during the flight. Individual groups may have 1 coach in Coaches Alley.
- 3.5.1.1. Any coach in Coaches Alley must have coach's credentials (lanyard credential around neck) to clearly identify them as a NASP® coach.

3.5.1.2. If an individual archer does not travel with a coach, a parent or guardian may be admitted to Coaches Alley, with prior approval from range officials or the state coordinator. All coaching rules apply to the parent or guardian. Range officials will also be notified that the parent is not an official NASP coach (*WV State Tournament only*)

3.5.2. Coaches of special needs archers may be allowed (with prior approval of range officials) to stand with the archer on the shooting line. However, they must do so safely and without distracting the other archers.

3.5.3. Coaches must withhold coaching and communication with their archer while the archer is on the shooting line. Such communication may only take place when the archer is up range of the waiting line.

4. Scoring:

4.1. Only archers and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.

4.2. All arrows should be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched.

4.2.1. Moving the target face to affect an arrow's score is a violation of 5.2.

4.2.2. Moving or pushing an arrow into the target face to affect an arrow's score violates 5.2.

4.3. Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.

4.3.1. An arrow **shaft** touching a scoring ring line is awarded the higher point value. In the picture below the gold arrow is scored a 10 because the shaft touches the line. The black arrow is a 9 because the shaft does not touch the scoring line, only the hole made by the shaft touches.



The blue shaft is a "9". The gold shaft is a "10".

4.3.2. An arrow outside all scoring rings is awarded '0' points.

4.3.3. If the target face is so shoot up that the scoring ring cannot be determined, even by the lane official, the target face should be changed.



This target face should be changed.

- 4.3.4. The 'X' ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
- 4.3.5. An arrow that 'robin-hoods' (sticks in the back of another arrow) receives the value of the arrow in the target.
- 4.3.6. An arrow that deflects off another arrow and sticks in the target is scored where it sticks.
- 4.3.7. An arrow that deflects off another arrow and fails to stick in the target is treated as a bounce out.
- 4.3.8. An arrow that skips off the floor and imbeds in the target is scored where it sticks.
- 4.3.9. An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce out.
- 4.3.10. An arrow that sticks in the target but falls completely out as shooting continues is treated as a bounce-out and a replacement arrow may be shot
- 4.4. Each lane should have two archers, one in the **left** half of the lane and the other in the **right** half of the lane.
- 4.5. Scannable (bubble-type) scorecards will be used. Archers should practice with this type of scorecard before coming to the tournament. [CLICK HERE](#) for a practice scorecard.
- 4.6. Both archers' scorecards will be on the same score board.
 - 4.6.1. The score board will be placed on the target line.
 - 4.6.1.1. The score board may be placed anywhere on the target line within the archers' lane.
- 4.7. Both archers will walk to the target in their lane to record arrow scores.
 - 4.7.1. One or both archers may approach the target face to score arrows.
 - 4.7.2. **OFFICIAL SCORING PROTOCOL:** One archer will **CALL** and **BUBBLE** the other archer's arrow.
 - 4.7.2.1. The scorecard has a "Check-Box" to the right of each 5-arrow end.
 - 4.7.2.1.1. The archer should check this box indicating he or she has examined each 5-arrow end to make sure the score has been correctly entered.
 - 4.7.2.1.2. Also check to assure that ALL ARROW VALUES are bubbled.
 - 4.7.3. Then the archers will reverse roles.
 - 4.7.4. If archers cannot agree on an arrow's score, a range official must be asked for the final decision.
 - 4.7.5. Only range officials may have erasers on the range. If the archer needs a score erased, the official will perform the task. The lane official will document such action on the back of the scorecard.
 - 4.7.6. After both archers are satisfied that arrow values have been accurately recorded, scores are considered final.
 - 4.7.7. One archer will move safely behind the Target Line while the other archer pulls his own arrows.
 - 4.7.8. Then the archers will reverse positions, one behind the Target Line while the other pulls her own arrows.
 - 4.7.9. At the conclusion of the flight both archers must sign the scorecard.

4.7.9.1. If an archer fails to sign his or her scorecard, the scorecard will be considered approved and final.

4.7.9.2. The archer represented by the unsigned scorecard will not be disqualified for neglecting to sign.

4.8. Scorecard deficiencies may be found in the scoring room:

4.8.1. Scorecard has more than one value on a scoring line. The higher value will be erased.

4.8.2. Scorecard has more than one value on a scoring line but there is a blank line among the 5 scoring lines. One of the double values will be moved to the blank line.

4.8.3. A scoring line is blank. Except in 5.8.2 above, the blank line will be scored zero.

4.9. An archer's score may only be counted for a single team. The score will also be used to determine the archer's individual placement.

4.10. Range officials will gather signed scorecards after each flight at the target.

4.11. Disqualification may occur if an archer takes the scorecard up-range of the 10-meter shooting line or to the coach or other unofficial person(s).

4.12. If an archer observes another recording a false score, a range official **must** be alerted.

4.13. Summation of the team's highest 12 individual scores, with at least 4 of both genders, will comprise the team score. For single gender schools, all 12 individual scores will be from a single gender.

5. Ties Breakers

5.1. Individual Ties:

5.1.1. First by the computer by comparing total score, then # of 10's, 9's, 8's, and so on.

5.1.2. If ties remain, only those individuals tied for overall female and overall male archers will shoot-off to break the ties (this includes ties for overall runner-up). All other ties will remain and will receive duplicate awards.

5.1.3. Overall and runner-up female and male individual ties will be broken with a shoot-off that will take place prior to the awards ceremony. KEEP YOUR BOW NEAR BY! Archers absent for tie breaking will be awarded the lower rank

5.1.4. The shoot-off will consist of:

5.1.4.1. A 5-arrow warm-up end at 15 meters.

5.1.4.2. Then a 5-arrow end competitive end at 15 meters.

5.1.4.3. If the tie persists, a single arrow shot from 15 meters, closest to the middle of the target's center will break the tie.

5.2. Team Ties:

5.2.1. Team ties, if they occur, will be broken.

5.2.2. First by the computer by comparing total score, then # of 10's, 9's, 8's, and so on.

5.2.3. If necessary tied teams will select one male and one female archer from their teams.

5.2.3.1. These two archers from each team will shoot a 5-arrow warm-up end at 15 meters and then a 5-arrow scoring end at 15 meters.

5.2.3.1.1. Combined scores of both boy and girl team members will be compared to break the tie.

5.2.3.1.2. If the tie persists both the boy and girl from each team will shoot a single arrow at the same target. The arrow closest to the center of the target will win the tie.

6. Dress Code - NASP® tournaments are an extension of the educational experience

6.1. It is important that students remain safe and comfortable. Therefore, all student archers must wear close-toed shoes. (Bare feet and sandals are disallowed)

- 6.2. All coaches should make sure their student archers adhere to their school's dress code at the tournament except for the total ban of open-toed shoes above in 7.1.
- 6.2.1. It is the coaches and archers' responsibility to keep everything out of the path of the bow string. Loose clothing, hair, jewelry (including facial jewelry) may pose a risk to the archer and those around them.
- 6.3. Use of personal music playing devices, ear buds and headphones are prohibited on the range.
- 6.3.1. Ear plugs to block distractions are permitted as long as the archer remains able to hear and follow range commands.
- 6.3.2. Ear plugs must be free of any strings or wires
- 6.4. Archers cell phones must be silenced during their competitive flight. Also; all communication via the phone must be suspended during their flight.
7. **Sportsmanship:** Archers, coaches, volunteers, and spectators are expected to respect others. Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification and or removal from the event. These are a few examples of unsportsmanlike conduct:
- 7.1. Purposefully disturbing another archer with excessive touching or talking
- 7.2. Failure to follow lane official direction
- 7.3. Physical or verbal abuse of any person at the event
- 7.4. Attempts to cheat include:
- 7.4.1. Using disallowed equipment
- 7.4.2. Improper call-out of arrow value.
- 7.4.3. Improper bubbling of arrow value.
- 7.4.4. Failure to bubble in an archer's arrow value.
- 7.4.5. Erasure of anything on the scorecard. Only lane officials may use erasers.
- 7.5. Behavior considered disruptive, unsafe, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate may result in disqualification and or expulsion of the archer, coach, and observers. Examples include:
- 7.5.1. Intentional or repeated bumping of another archer or archer's bow.
- 7.5.2. Encroaching beyond the archer's assigned half of the 30" in the shooting lane.
- 7.5.3. Ignoring the L vs. R assignment in the shooting lane.
- 7.5.4. Vulgar or otherwise offensive language used while shooting or on shirts or banners.
- 7.6. The use or possession of drones or other flying devices is prohibited at all NASP® events. Rare use may be granted to select media outlets through advanced application to NASP® officials.

Section 2 - The Qualifying Process

There are two ways to qualify for the WV AIS State Tournament:

1. Local Tournament Participation: Schools can only submit their scores from one local tournament held between January 1, 2020 and March 2, 2020. Schools using this method must fully complete the "Local Tournament Verification Form" and submit it with a copy of your tournament scores.
2. Qualifying School Shoot Participation: If a school is unable to attend a local tournament, they may choose to shoot a scoring event with at least one other school. **Participating schools must have different BAI's/Head Coaches.** Shoots must be held between January 1, 2020 and March 2, 2020. Schools using this method must fully complete the "Qualifying School Shoot Verification Form" and submit it with a copy of your qualifying school shoot scores.

- a. NEW THIS YEAR: Verification Forms require a signature from a BAI who is not associated with the scoring school. This will ensure that scores are verified accurately.

- **You MUST send a copy of your scores with your verification form. Forms that do not have accompanying scores will be rendered incomplete and returned to the head coach.**

- As a reminder, **all qualifying scores must come from the same event!**
- If you need a form to use for score submission, please contact Kayla Donathan at kayla.m.donathan@wv.gov.
- Schools unable to participate in a local tournament or qualifying school shoot must contact Kayla Donathan no later than February 1, 2020 to receive prior approval to participate in a virtual tournament. Schools participating in a virtual tournament without receiving prior approval will be ineligible to submit scores. Additionally, that school will be subject to an extra score verification process. Any school that participates in a shoot with another school (with a different head coach) within the tournament qualification dates are automatically ineligible for virtual tournament approval.
- Any scoring event with at least one other school (with a different BAI/Head Coach) held between January 1, 2020 – March 2, 2020 can count as a qualifying event.
- On the day of your tournament/school shoot, you will conduct your event in the approved NASP® Tournament format, as outlined in the 2020 NASP® Tournament Rules and the WV AIS Tournament Prep Sheet.
- Be sure to include ALL information on your verification form. Omitting any information will cause the forms to be returned and could prevent your archers from qualifying.
- At the conclusion of the qualifying tournament/shoot, coaches should gather the scorecards and submit students' scores online as soon as possible. If a team is participating in multiple tournaments within the designated timeframe, the coach may decide to hold the scores to see if the team scores higher in the next tournament. However, scores can only be entered once, and **scores of all team members must be used from the same tournament/shoot**. Once a coach decides on which specific tournament/shoot will be used to qualify for the state tournament, the scores and verification forms should be submitted as soon as possible.
- Reminder: Third grade archers are not eligible to participate in NASP® events.

Section 3 - State Tournament Qualification

Team Qualification

- Top 7 teams in each division will be selected to participate in the 2020 State Tournament on March 28, 2020.
- Top 7 teams per division can register up to 24 students
 - Top 12 shooters will be used to determine the winner.
 - The team of 12 must consist of at least 4 students of the opposite gender.
 - Only one divisional team per school will be able to qualify for the State Tournament.
- If a school qualifies to participate in the State Tournament and is unable to attend, then the next runner up will be provided the opportunity.

Individual Qualification

- Top 20 males per each division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the 2020 State Tournament.
- Top 20 females per each division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the 2020 State Tournament.

Reminder: All tournament participants will be responsible for scoring. Lane officials will be available to answer any scoring questions. Please practice scoring with students prior to the tournament.

Additional information for the State Tournament will be provided to the schools/individuals that qualify after the completion of the State Qualifying Tournament.

Questions

Please direct any tournament questions to:

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WV Archery in the Schools Coordinator

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National Archery in the Schools Program

Mark Your Calendars!

15th Annual West Virginia State Archery in the Schools State Tournament

Where: Chris Cline Athletic Complex – 2263 3rd Ave., Huntington, WV 25703

When: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Cost: \$8.00 per archer

Schools that teach NASP® archery (WV AIS) as part of the in-school curriculum and qualify in the State Qualifying Tournament are qualified to compete in the tournament.

Teams: Schools qualifying as a team must send a minimum of 12 shooters of which 4 must be the opposite gender. Teams may have no more than 24 shooters. Only one team per school will be permitted.

Individuals: The top 20 shooters male/female per division (who are not already on a qualifying team) from the State Qualifying Tournament will be eligible to participate in the State Tournament.

Shooting Divisions for teams and individuals are:

Elementary School: 4th – 5th grade

Middle School: 6th – 8th grade

High School: 9th – 12th grade

First place teams in each division are automatically qualified to attend the NASP® Eastern National Tournament on May 7-9, 2020 in Louisville, KY. Additional teams may attend with qualifying scores. The top ten male and female winners in each division also qualify to attend the NASP® Eastern National Tournament.

*Specific information on the WV State Tournament (rules, shooting times, etc.) will be posted on the WV DNR website after January 1, 2020.

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