



2012 NASP National Tournament
Kentucky Exposition Center
May 11-12, 2012
TOURNAMENT RULES

Location & Logistics



Directions to Expo Center @ www.kyfairexpo.org



Lodging -- Will be Announced -- Use of Room Block Encouraged



Parking -- \$7 per Entry for All Vehicles (subject to Expo Center Changes)



Admission for 12 year old and up is \$5/day/person (except registered archers & coaches)

1. Tournament Registration – Go to: www.nasptournaments.org -- All Times Eastern Standard

- 1.1. **Pre-Registration:** March 8 @ 8AM - April 8 @ 5PM EST. It is recommended to pre-register your roster to optimize access to preferred shooting (flight) times. **If your team finished 1st place you must pre-register to be eligible for Early Registration.**
- 1.2. **Early Registration:** April 9 @ 11AM - April 11 @ 5PM EST. -1st Place Elementary, Middle, and High School **teams** only. **You must have pre-registered by April 8th to be eligible for Early Registration.**
- 1.3. **Final Registration:** April 12 @ 8AM - April 26, 5PM EST.
- 1.4. The registration fee remains \$25/archer (coaches free) paid on-line when registering.
- 1.5. NASP® will provide a souvenir t-shirt pin to each archer and up to 6 registered (BAI-certified) coaches.
- 1.6. When flights are full registration will be closed.

2. Who: State Champions & Qualifying NASP® Teams & Individuals

- 2.1. 1st place Elementary (4th-6th), Middle (7-8th), & High School (9-12th) teams from state tournaments
- 2.2. Teams with qualifying scores (qualifying score = sum top 12 archers with at least 4 of the opposite gender)
- 2.3. Elementary School qualifying score is 2,800 points
- 2.4. Middle School qualifying score is 2,900 points
- 2.5. High School qualifying score is 3,000 points
- 2.6. The first place team in each division from every state is qualified regardless of their team score.
- 2.7. Male & female individuals placing 1st-5th in 4th, 5th, & 6th grades or in the Middle & High School Divisions.
- 2.8. **Every registered Coach for the team must be at least BAI (Basic Archery Instructor) certified.**

3. Planned Schedule of Flight Times – 6,900 Shooters

- 3.1. Friday – May 11: 9:00, 10:15, 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, & 7:00
- 3.2. Saturday – May 12: 9:00, 10:15, 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, & 3:15
- 3.3. Awards: Saturday, May 12: 6:00-7:00PM

4. Participation- Only students who attend NASP® schools may participate

- 4.1. Every competitor must attend a school offering NASP® lessons as part of the in school curriculum.
- 4.2. Only students who are in grades 4-12 by the date of the tournament may participate.
- 4.3. A student below 4th grade may participate if documentation from the school principal is provided to NASP® at the on-site registration desk indicating the student has participated in the school's NASP® classes and can safely perform all tournament procedures with NASP®-specific equipment.
- 4.4. Competitive Divisions: Elementary: 4th-6th grades. Middle: 7th & 8th grades, High: 9-12 grades.

- 4.5. A student at a NASP® school that has graduated early during the current school year may, at the discretion of the coach, be registered to participate.
- 4.6. NASP® archery teams must contain 16-24 students, at least 5 of which must be of the opposite gender.
- 4.7. **There is no minimum number of students from the state tournament roster required for the National roster.**
- 4.8. Shooting 'Up': A student, who by grade would be in a younger Division (elementary or middle school), may shoot 'up' for a team in an older Division, if the student is from the same school or same district and both schools offer NASP® as part of the school's curriculum.
- 4.9. Unless 'shooting up', students may only shoot for a team at the NASP® school they attend.
- 4.10. A school may register as many teams that qualify at their state tournament.
- 4.11. If the school is single gender, opposite gender participants may come from other NASP® schools in the same city, county, or school district. If the school contains fewer than **150 students** (combination of grades 4-12) the team may be comprised of students from other participating small (**< 150 students**) NASP® schools in the same city, county, or district.

4.12. Interpretation of Elementary Students in 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades: -- Same as 2011 National Rules

- 4.12.1. In some schools in some states there are districts or systems that send 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students to different schools. A common scenario would be an elementary school containing 4th and 5th grade students but no 6th grade students. The middle or high school may contain 6th grade students but no 4th and 5th grade students.
- 4.12.2. **In such situations where the NASP® elementary grade students are split among different schools:** The 4-5th graders may not shoot on an elementary team with the 6th graders because they don't attend the same school - violates rule i. The 6th graders may not shoot on an elementary team with the 4-5th graders because they don't attend the same school - violates rule 'i'.
- 4.12.3. Being an elementary feeder school to a middle school does not qualify for an exception to these rules.
- 4.12.4. **The only way 4th and 5th grade students could shoot with 6th grade students who attend a different NASP® school would be to 'shoot up' on a middle or high school team -- see rule 'i'.**
- 4.12.5. A 'school' for the purposes of participation in NASP® tournaments is a building or set of buildings on the campus where students at that school attend. For instance, a high school may have 9th grade and 10th-12th grade students on the same campus but in different buildings. For the purposes of NASP® participation, this is one school. 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. If a school or campus is at a separate address such as the 'North Middle School and North Elementary School' even if in the same district, they are separate schools and separate campuses and may not mingle shooters on teams unless shooting up as per 'i' above.

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

- 5.1. **Bows:** Only the stock (original) unmodified Genesis™ bow approved for NASP® may be used.
 - 5.1.1. Only thread knots or heat shrink nock locators are permitted (1 or 2). Brass nock locators are prohibited. Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available at www.nasparchery.com
 - 5.1.2. 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.
 - 5.1.3. The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.
 - 5.1.4. The bowstring and cables may be "after-market" but of the same approximate length.

- 5.1.5. The cable guard, slide, wheel, cam, bearings, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified.
- 5.1.6. An archer's bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. but the bow must remain sight-mark-free.
- 5.1.7. The arrow rest must be original and unmodified. The rest arm missing the plastic sleeve is allowed.
- 5.1.8. All bows must be on bow racks for range official inspection before shooting begins.
- 5.1.9. Except for malfunction, bows must remain downrange of the waiting line once shooting begins.
- 5.1.10. The bow's draw weight must remain unchanged after the 1st scored arrow is shot at 10 meters.
- 5.1.11. **Except for major malfunction the same bow must be used throughout the competition.**
- 5.1.12. **Loaner Bows:** Archers are encouraged to bring their own NASP® bows. A few "loaner" bows will be available in case of equipment failures. Our single line format is unsuitable for bow-sharing.
- 5.2. **Arrows:** Only the stock (original) unmodified Easton 1820 arrows approved for NASP® may be used.
 - 5.2.1. If providing your own arrows they must be the official and unmodified NASP® arrow.
 - 5.2.2. Arrow nocks may be the NASP® glue-on or push-in nock.
 - 5.2.3. Arrow points must be the NASP® standard; glue-in, cone shaped and weighing 60 grains.
 - 5.2.4. 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. Only 3 vanes may be on the arrow.
 - 5.2.5. 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.
 - 5.2.6. **Arrow Supplies:** Tournament officials will provide 5 arrows (and replacements as needed) in each archer's floor quiver. **Push-in nocked arrows will be provided at this tournament.**
 - 5.2.7. **If personal arrows are used, a readily accessible supply of replacements must be on hand.**
- 5.3. **Accessories:**
 - 5.3.1. Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers.
 - 5.3.2. "No-glove" finger-protection devices may be placed on the bowstring.
 - 5.3.3. 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).
 - 5.3.4. Archers may wear arm guards.
 - 5.3.5. 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.
 - 5.3.6. Mechanical release aids are prohibited **except as pre-approved solutions for physically challenged archers.**
 - 5.3.7. "Sims" vibration dampeners on the limbs are allowed.
- 5.4. 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.

6. Competitive Format

6.1. Range Set-Up

- 6.1.1. Targets faces (paper) will be NASP® 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
- 6.1.2. Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
- 6.1.3. Target faces (paper) will be attached to the butts approximately 4-6 inches above the floor.

- 6.1.4. The target line will be approximately 2 yards or meters from the target butts.
- 6.1.5. There will be 10 meter (32' 10") and 15 meter (49' 2") shooting lines.
- 6.1.6. The waiting line will be at least 4 yards or meters beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
- 6.1.7. A "Coaches Alley" will be delineated between the waiting line and spectators.
- 6.1.8. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
- 6.1.9. Approximately 50, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be used with 2 archers per lane per flight.
 - 6.1.9.1. Shooters occupying a lane will be from different schools where possible.
 - 6.1.9.2. **Solo shooters will be combined to promote integrity.**
- 6.2. **Whistle Signals: NASP® whistle commands will be used to operate the range.**
 - 6.2.1. 5+ whistles for an emergency
 - 6.2.2. 2 whistles to "get bow"
 - 6.2.3. 1 whistle to "shoot"
 - 6.2.4. 3 whistles to "go get arrows"
- 6.3. **Arrow Handling and Movement About the Range: NASP® safety rules must be followed.**
 - 6.3.1. Archers must walk when moving about the range.
 - 6.3.2. Archers must have one foot on each side of the shooting line with "bows on toes" before shooting begins.
 - 6.3.3. The tournament-provided arrow quiver must be placed ON the shooting line in FRONT of the archer.
 - 6.3.4. **Shooter and quiver must remain in their half of the assigned lane when at the shooting line.**
 - 6.3.5. Archers must remain on their feet and off their knees when at the targets scoring & pulling arrows.
 - 6.3.6. 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.
 - 6.3.7. Points must be covered with one hand and shafts grasped below the vanes with the other when carrying arrows.
 - 6.3.8. 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.
 - 6.3.9. **The archer must pre-draw, draw, and aim in a manner to keep the arrow pointed away from the floor.**

7. Order of Shooting

- 7.1. Each archer will shoot **one** practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
- 7.2. Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
- 7.3. Archers will have 2 minutes to shoot each 5-arrow end. An alert will be provided near the conclusion of each end.
- 7.4. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials.
- 7.5. A dropped arrow will be left on the floor and replaced by a range official.
- 7.6. 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.
- 7.7. **After shooting the last arrow the archer must immediately rack the bow and return behind the waiting line.**

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

- 8.1. It is important that students remain safe and comfortable. Therefore, all student archers must wear close-toed shoes. **(bare feet and sandals are disallowed EVEN IF allowed by the school dress code)**
- 8.2. All coaches should make sure their student archers adhere to their school's dress code at the tournament.
- 8.3. Behavior considered disruptive, unsafe, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate may result in expulsion.
- 8.4. **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 inappropriately 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 re-entry.

9. Scoring:

- 9.1. All arrows should be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched.
- 9.2. Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.
- 9.3. An arrow touching the lines is awarded the point higher value.
- 9.4. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "0" points.
- 9.5. The "X" ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
- 9.6. An arrow that "robin-hoods" another arrow receives the value of the arrow in the target.
- 9.7. An arrow that skips off the floor and strikes the target is scored where it lands.
- 9.8. An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce-out.
- 9.9. Summation of the highest 12 individual scores, with at least 4 of both genders will comprise the team score.
- 9.10. 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
- 9.11. Both archers should walk to the target in their lane.
- 9.12. Both scorecards will be on the same score board.
 - 9.12.1. One archer will **call arrows HIS own arrows** while **the other bubbles** in the score of these arrows.
 - 9.12.2. Archers will then reverse roles--the other **calling HIS own arrows** while the **other bubbles**.
 - 9.12.3. If archers cannot agree on an arrow's score, a range official must be asked for the final decision.
 - 9.12.4. The Scorecard must be signed by the archer and lane-mate at the conclusion of the flight.
- 9.13. Range officials will gather signed scorecards at the conclusion of each flight **at the target**.
- 9.14. Disqualification may occur if an archer takes the scorecard to the coach or other unofficial person(s).
- 9.15. Only the student archer and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.

10. Awards

- 10.1. 1 team trophy will be awarded to each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in each division.
- 10.2. Each 1st thru 3rd place teams' members will also receive a medal + up to 6 coaches.
- 10.3. Students younger than 4th grade who participate according to the national rule allowing this, will be included among 4th grade students for individual awards.
- 10.4. Trophies & medals will be awarded to 1st – 5th place individual boys and girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.
- 10.5. Trophies and medals will be awarded to 1st – 5th place individual boys & girls in the Middle & High School Divisions.
- 10.6. Individual boy and girl champions will be awarded a Genesis Bow.
- 10.7. Additional prizes may be awarded teams and individuals as they are available.

11. Ties will be broken

- 11.1. First by the computer by comparing total score, then # of 10's, 9's, 8's, and so on.
- 11.2. If a tie persists a shoot-off will take place prior to the awards ceremony. **KEEP YOUR BOW NEAR BY!**
 - 11.2.1. Tied individuals will shoot a 5-arrow warm-up end at 15 meters.
 - 11.2.2. Then a 5-arrow end competitive end at 15 meters.
 - 11.2.3. If still tied, a single arrow shot from 15 meters, closest to the middle of the target's center will break the tie.
- 11.3. Tied **teams** will select one male and one female archer from their teams.
 - 11.3.1. 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.
 - 11.3.2. The combined scores of both the boy and girl team members will be compared to break the tie.
 - 11.3.3. If a tie persists both the boy and girl from each team will shoot a single arrow at the same target.
 - 11.3.4. The arrow closest to the center of the target will win the tie.

12. Protest Procedures

- 12.1. A committee will be designated to receive and resolve official protests regarding the tournament.
- 12.2. Committee members will be in the "Coaches Review Room" (CRR) at least 30 minutes after every flight.
- 12.3. Coaches should visit the CRR following the conclusion of each flight before results are deemed final.
- 12.4. Only the officially registered coach of the archery team or individual may file and participate in a protest.
- 12.5. A protest must be received by the committee within 30 minutes following the conclusion of each flight.
- 12.6. Protests may concern the following:
 - 12.6.1. An individual archer or team's score.
 - 12.6.2. Equipment compliance.
- 12.7. Video or other photographic evidence regarding the protest will not be considered.