



National Archery in the Schools Program

West Virginia Archery in the Schools

2018 WV Archery in the Schools State Qualifying Virtual Tournament

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

**** The physical state tournament scheduled for March 24, 2018 at the Summersville Arena and Conference Center will have the same divisions as the National NASP® Tournament format—Elementary, Middle School, and High School.**

Who May Participate in the 2018 State Qualifying Virtual Tournament:

Only schools (Public, Private, or Homeschool) that teach NASP® archery (WV AIS) as part of the in-school curriculum and the instructor(s) have received the Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) certification are qualified to compete in this tournament. The following Divisions are part of the Qualifying Virtual Tournament:

Elementary, 4th-5th grade

Middle, 6th- 8th grade

High School, 9th-12th grade

Brief Summary of Virtual Tournament Steps:

---Register online at www.nasptournaments.org beginning January 2, 2018.

---There is no registration fee for the virtual tournament.

---Submit the date of tournament when you register online and which one of the following two methods will be used to verify scores:

1. Shoot with at least one other school, or
2. Letter of score verification from Principal (available online)

---Tournaments must be conducted between January 2, 2018 – February 28, 2018.

---Scores Due by: February 28, 2018 at 5:00PM. **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 March 2, 2018.

Virtual Tournament Guidelines

1. Register your students online, www.nasptournaments.org beginning January 2, 2018. Post the date of your tournament online when you register and choose whether you will shoot with another school(s) or you will use the Principal's Verification letter. ***The help link provides very detailed steps for registering. For questions regarding the use of this web site, please contact: support@nasptournaments.org.*
2. Conduct your NASP® tournament sometime between January 2, 2018 and February 28, 2018.
---The NASP® Virtual tournament rules and format are below.
3. Submit scores online by **5:00 pm on February 28, 2018**. Log-on to the tournament web site, www.nasptournaments.org and submit your students' scores.
4. Participants
 - 4.1 Team Size: There is no limitation on the number of students/archers who may participate in the State Qualifying Virtual Tournament. The Top 12 shooter scores (of which 4 must be of 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 of the opposite gender.
 - 4.2 Scores must be submitted from one shoot or tournament only. Scores combined from numerous events are strictly prohibited.
 - 4.3 Individual: Unlimited archers not scored as a team. Top 15 shooters male/female per division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the State Tournament.
 - 4.4 **Third grade archers are no longer permitted to participate in NASP® tournaments**

The following NASP® Virtual Tournament Rules are modified from the National and State Tournament Guidelines. Rules highlighted in yellow are new for the 2017-18 season. **Rules that do not apply to the Virtual format were removed.**

3. 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.*

- 3.1 If after the 10-meter practice end begins an archer is found to be using disallowed equipment, the archer is subject to disqualification.**
- 3.2 Bows: Only the stock (original) unmodified Genesis™ bow approved for NASP® may be used.**
 - 3.2.1 The Genesis Mini, Pro, and GenX are not allowed for use in NASP®.
 - 3.2.2 The bow's axle-to-axle length, measured from the center of each axle must be no shorter than 35.25".
 - 3.2.3 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.

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

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

3.2.4.2 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.

3.2.4.3 If using one nock locator the archer must nock the arrow below the nock locator.

3.2.4.4 Brass nock locators are prohibited for safety reasons.

3.2.4.5 Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available at www.naspschools.org

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

3.2.5.1 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.

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

3.2.5.3 The face and inside of the sight window must be kept free of any marks and raised edges, such as tape, bubble logos. If an NWTF bubble logo is on the side of the sight window, it must be removed or placed elsewhere on the bow.

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

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

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

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

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

3.2.8 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.

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

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

3.2.10 The arrow rest must be original and unmodified. The rest arm sleeve may be original, absent, or replaced with heat shrink tubing similar to the original rest arm sleeve.

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

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

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

3.2.14 A non-compliant bow must be removed from the competition by the head coach until it is restored to a compliant condition before competition begins or resumes.

3.2.15 Loaner Bows: Archers are expected to bring their own NASP® bows. A few 'loaner' bows will be available in case of equipment failures.

3.3 Arrows: Only the original unmodified Easton aluminum 1820 arrows approved for NASP® may be used.

3.3.1 At Nationals and Worlds Only - Tournament officials will provide 5 NASP® arrows in each archer's floor quiver.

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

3.3.1.2 Arrows provided may have been shot in prior flights.

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

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

3.3.4 Arrow nocks may be the NASP® glue-on or push-in nock or both.

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

3.3.6 Arrow vanes must be 3 soft plastic, 2.5-3.0" long and between .4-.6" in height and attached to the shaft 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

3.3.6.1 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.

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

3.4 Accessories: Very few accessories are allowed in NASP®

3.4.1 Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. This includes "5-finger" gloves like golf and batting gloves.

3.4.2 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.

3.4.3 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).

3.4.4 Archers may wear arm guards and chest protectors.

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

3.4.6 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).

3.4.7 Mechanical release aids are prohibited.

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

3.4.8.1 This includes not allowing tape to be wrapped around "join" 2 bow limbs.

3.4.9 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:

3.4.9.1 Wheel chairs are permitted if needed.

3.4.9.2 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.

3.4.9.3 Mouth tabs are permitted for archers whose physical challenges make drawing the bowstring impossible.

3.4.9.4 Archers who use crutches may shoot from a chair or have coach assistance to stand.

3.5 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.

4. Competitive Format

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

4.1 Range Set-Up

- 4.1.1 Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
- 4.1.2 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.
- 4.1.3 Targets faces (paper) will be NASP® 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
- 4.1.4 The target line will be approximately 2 yards or meters from the target butts.
- 4.1.5 There will be 10-meter (32' 10") and 15-meter (49' 2") shooting lines.
- 4.1.6 The waiting line will be at least 4-5 yards or meters beyond the 15-meter shooting line.
- 4.1.7 A 'Coach's Alley' will be delineated between the waiting line and spectators. **(May not be applicable for the Virtual Tournament)**
- 4.1.8 Shooting lines will support 5-foot-wide shooting lanes accommodating 2 archers per lane.
 - 4.1.8.1 The shooter's label will indicate with "Left" or "Right" which half of the 5' wide shooting lane each archer is assigned.
 - 4.1.8.1.1 Crowding across the middle of the lane is considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
 - 4.1.8.2 Solo shooters will be combined where possible to promote integrity.

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

- 4.2.1 5+ whistles for an emergency
- 4.2.2 2 whistles to 'get bow'
- 4.2.3 1 whistle to 'shoot'
- 4.2.4 3 whistles to 'go get arrows'

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

- 4.3.1 Archers must walk when moving about the range.
- 4.3.2 Archers must have one foot on each side of the shooting line with 'bows on toes' before shooting begins.
- 4.3.3 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.
- 4.3.4 The tournament-provided arrow quiver must be placed ON the shooting line in FRONT of the archer.
- 4.3.5 Shooter and quiver must remain in each archer's half of the assigned lane when on the shooting line.
 - 4.3.5.1 Crowding across the middle of the lane, or into an adjacent lane, is considered unsportsmanlike conduct. Crowding is defined as any part of the archer's body or equipment extending past the 30-inch area assigned to the archer.
 - 4.3.5.2 The quiver must remain on the shooting line and within 30-inch area assigned to the archer.
- 4.3.6 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.
- 4.3.7 Archers must remain on their feet (standing) and off their knees when pulling arrows.
- 4.3.8 Arrow points must be covered with one hand and shafts grasped below the vanes with the other hand when walking with arrows.

4.4 Order of Shooting

- 4.4.1 The archer must nock, pre-draw, draw and aim in a manner keeping the arrow pointed safely towards the target, below the top of the backstop curtain, and away from the floor at all times.
- 4.4.2 Archers will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
- 4.4.3 Archers will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 15 meters.

- 4.4.4 Dropped arrows will be left on the floor and replaced by a range official.
- 4.4.5 An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials.
- 4.4.6 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.
- 4.4.7 If an archer is unable to safely use the equipment and follow range protocols that archer may be removed from the competition.
- 4.4.8 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.
- 4.4.9 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.
- 4.4.10 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.

5 Scoring:

- 5.1 **Only archers and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.**
- 5.2 **All arrows should be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched.**
- 5.3 **Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.**
 - 5.3.1 An arrow **shaft** touching a scoring ring line is awarded the higher point value.
 - 5.3.2 An arrow outside all scoring rings is awarded '0' points.
 - 5.3.3 The 'X' ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
 - 5.3.4 An arrow that 'robin-hoods' (sticks in the back of another arrow) receives the value of the arrow in the target.
 - 5.3.5 An arrow that deflects off another arrow and sticks in the target is scored where it sticks.
 - 5.3.6 An arrow that deflects off another arrow and fails to stick in the target is treated as a bounce out.
 - 5.3.7 An arrow that skips off the floor and imbeds in the target is scored where it sticks.
 - 5.3.8 An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce out.
 - 5.3.9 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
- 5.4 **Both archers' scorecards will be on the same score board.**
 - 5.4.1.1 The score board may be placed anywhere on the target line within the archers' lane.
- 5.5 **Both archers will walk to the target in their lane to record arrow scores.**
 - 5.5.1 One or both archers may approach the target face to score arrows.
 - 5.5.2 **OFFICIAL SCORING PROTOCOL:** One archer will CALL and BUBBLE the other archer's arrow.
 - 5.5.2.1 The scorecard will be modified to have a "Check-Box" to the right of each 5-arrow end.
 - 5.5.2.1.1 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.
 - 5.5.2.1.2 Also check to assure that ALL ARROW VALUES are bubbled.
 - 5.5.3 Then the archers will reverse roles.
 - 5.5.4 If archers cannot agree on an arrow's score, a range official must be asked for the final decision.
 - 5.5.5 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.

- 5.5.6 After both archers are satisfied that arrow values have been accurately recorded, scores are considered final.
- 5.5.7 One archer will move safely behind the Target Line while the other archer pulls his own arrows.
- 5.5.8 Then the archers will reverse positions, one behind the Target Line while the other pulls her own arrows.
- 5.5.9 At the conclusion of the flight both archers must sign the scorecard.
 - 5.5.9.1 If an archer fails to sign his or her scorecard, the scorecard will be considered approved and final.
 - 5.5.9.2 The archer represented by the unsigned scorecard will not be disqualified for neglecting to sign.
 - 5.5.9.3 Only archers and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.
 - 5.5.9.4 If an archer witnesses the lane mate recording a false score the range official should be alerted.

At the conclusion of the tournament coaches should gather the scorecards and submit the students' scores online as soon as possible. If a team is participating in multiple tournaments within the Virtual Tournament dates, 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.** Once a coach decides on which specific tournament scores will be used to qualify for the state tournament, the scores should be submitted as soon as possible.

The deadline to submit the Virtual Tournament scores is before 5:00 pm on February 28, 2018. Any teams submitting scores past the deadline will be automatically disqualified from the WV Archery in the School State Tournament. No exceptions.

State Tournament Qualification

- **Team Qualifications**

- Top 6 teams in each division will be selected to participate in the 2018 State Tournament on March 24, 2018.
- Top 6 Teams per division are able to register 24 students.
 - Top 12 shooters will be used to determine 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 participate than the next runner up team will be provided the opportunity.

- **Individual Qualifications**

- Top 15 Males per each division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the 2018 State Tournament.
- Top 15 Females per each division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the 2018 State Tournament.

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



Mark Your Calendars!

13th Annual West Virginia State Archery in the Schools Tournament

Where: Summersville Arena and Conference Center – 3 Armory Way, Summersville, WV 26651

When: Saturday March 24, 2018

Cost: \$10.00 per student

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

Teams: Schools qualifying as a Team must send a minimum of 12 shooters of which 4 must be of the opposite gender. Team may have no more than 24 shooters.

Individuals: Top 15 shooters male/female per division from the Virtual Qualifying Tournament will be eligible to participate in the State Tournament.

Shooting Divisions for Teams and Individuals are:

Elementary, 4th-5th grade

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First place teams in each division are automatically qualified to attend the National Tournament on May 10-12, 2018 in Louisville, Kentucky. Additional teams may attend with qualifying team scores. The top ten male and female winners in each division also qualify to attend the National Tournament.

*Specific information on the State Tournament (rules, shooting times, etc.) will be posted on the WV DNR website after January 2, 2018.

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