



September 2020

Welcome Back from the State Coordinator!

Dear BAl's.

I want to welcome you back to a new school year! While we can all confidently say that last year did not end how we planned, I am grateful for the flexibility and understanding shown when we had to cancel the WV State Tournament. The safety of our participants, spectators and staff is always our top priority. Nationally, 24 state tournaments were cancelled in addition to the NASP® Regional and World Tournaments.

I have been receiving a lot of questions about archery participation this year. During these uncertain times, I ask that you follow your county guidelines regarding extracurricular activities. I do realize that these are going to vary by school, but there is not one solid model that will work for everyone.

NASP® had released <u>guidelines</u> on how to participate in archery through safe social distancing and sanitation. I will share other guidelines with you as they are released.

Thank you for the time and commitment you give to your students. While we will all face new challenges this year, we can work together to make it a great year for the Archery in the Schools Program!

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Trainings

October 17, 2020 Bridge Street Middle School Wheeling, WV 26003 8:00 AM—4:00 PM

To register for a training, please click here. Trainings are free to attend. All equipment and materials are provided. Participants are responsible for travel, lodging, and meals. To sign up for future class notifications, click here.

REMINDER:

NASP_® lessons MUST be conducted as part of your inschool curriculum, at a minimum of 10 hours per school year. After-school only archery programs/clubs are prohibited. If you were unable to teach your in-school lessons last year due to COVID-19, please see page 2 of the newsletter.

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2021 NASP® Rules

The finalized 2021 NASP® Tournament rules have been released.

To access the full rules document, click <u>here</u>. All rule changes are highlighted in yellow.

Please note: With the current COVID-19 situation continuing to evolve, a students school of enrollment will remain their NASP® school regardless of class delivery. If traditional schools require students to participate in virtual learning at any time, those students are still members of the traditional school in which they are enrolled and remain under those associated NASP® rules.

In-school Commitment Form

All NASP_® schools are <u>required</u> to commit to teaching inschool lessons prior to signing up for official NASP_® tournaments. To complete your commitment form:

- 1. Log on to <u>nasptournaments.org</u>.
- 2. Select the "School" button in the black bar, then select "School Manager".
- 3. Select your school(s).
- 4. Click "2020-2021 In-School Requirement Commit Now" (this will take you to a new page).
- 5. Review the in-school requirement information.
- 6. Check the box next to "I understand and agree for this school" and click the blue "I Agree" box.

If any school tries to register for NASP® tournaments prior to completing the in-school commitment form, they will receive an error message and a link back to the "commitment page".

School Enrollment

Per official NASP® rules, all participants MUST shoot for the school in which they are enrolled. If a school does not have a team/program, a student cannot shoot competitively for another school. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any program found to be breaking this rule will be disqualified from competition during the 2020-2021 tournament season.

Academic Archer

WV registered 900 Academic Archers during the 2019-2020 school year! Additionally, a student from Buckhannon-Upshur High School won an Academic Archer prize pack. Registration for this year's program opens September 1! Click here for more information.

BAI Reporting/10-hour Requirement

The requirement of teaching 10-hours of in-school archery has been waived for the 2019-2020 school year. If you did not complete your in-school hours your school will still be eligible for competition this year. HOWEVER, BAI's are still required to report their 10-hours of teaching, whether if it was in-school or after school.

If you were unable to complete your 10 hours of teaching due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may need to complete one of the following options to reactivate your certification:

- Take the online BAI refresher course composed of a short safety video and 14 exam questions. You will be directed to this refresher when you login to your BAI account.
- Retake the full BAI class. A list of upcoming classes can be found here.

Grant Information

NASP_® and the WVDNR are offering \$1,000 grants to help **NEW** participating schools purchase equipment. To qualify, school personnel must receive BAI training and not have participated in any NASP® program in the past. Additionally, schools with existing NASP® programs may apply for a \$200 equipment replacement grant. Grants are first-come, first-served. Contact Kayla Donathan for more information.

Tournament Registration

All tournaments must be registered as "Save the Date" listings on nasptournaments.org.
Additionally, please email your tournament information to Kayla for posting on the WVDNR website.

2021 State Tournament

Saturday, March 27, 2021

Chris Cline Athletic Complex at Marshall University

223 3rd Avenue Huntington, WV 25703

Tournament information, including State Qualifying Rules, will be released later this fall.