



## Pennsylvania National Archery in the Schools Program

### 2015 Pennsylvania NASP State Tournament

Friday, March 13, 2015

#### NASP Teachers and Coaches,

The 2015 Pennsylvania National Archery in the Schools (NASP) State Tournament is upon us! In this document, you will find details concerning this year's event. Once again, the event will be held at the Penn State Multi-Sport Facility. Registration for the event begins on **Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and closes **Friday, February 20, 2015**. The first of five flights will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the event will culminate with an awards ceremony.

Please refer to the rules and regulations to ensure that archers are in compliance to avoid disqualification. Please pay careful attention to the equipment and student eligibility sections (I and II) to ensure that equipment is up to date and that students can compete. **Please note changes in team size and competitive divisions.** These rules are the 2015 rules used to govern the national tournament and are subject to change at the discretion of the national or state organization. Take note there are several changes this year. A most recent edition of the rules will be available at the tournament. You can also find a copy of the rules on our [Tournament](#) page. On the day of the tournament, please remember that the waiver form for each student must be signed. If it is not signed and present, the student will not be able to compete.

We will offer the "Shooter's Expo" to occupy the time between flights and awards as we have in previous years. There will be many interactive booths for students to enjoy and learn about archery, hunting and the outdoors. A new event this year will be the Coach's Cup. At the completion of the final flight, any coaches wanting to participate will square off in a short three-end contest at the 15-meter line (with one practice round). The kids are sure to have a great day filled with fun and archery success!

We, at the Game Commission, are looking forward to another successful and exciting event. If you have any questions concerning registration, rules or anything else, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and commitment to the program. I look forward to seeing each school at University Park!

Sincerely,

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## Registration: February 2nd–February 20th

- Registration will be on-line at <http://nasptournaments.org>. Access to the registration site will be available to the NASP school teacher via their **BAI number**.
- There will be a \$11 registration fee per student
- Team size will be limited to 20 students per team or 20 individual participants
- Only one team, per age division, per school
- Coaches will be able to select their desired flight times as they register their archers until flights are full. Coaches register archers for only one competitive flight. Please keep in mind that each lane will have two archers from opposite schools. **Only up to 60 students from one school may sign up for a flight (20 elementary, 20 middle and 20 high school)**. Also take into consideration that if equipment is shared, the students must be in separate flights- the event will not be delayed to accommodate for sharing equipment.
- Every team must have at least one registered BAI as a coach, and no more than two coaches on the range at a time.

## Location and Logistics:

- Directions:
  - From 322 East take the PA-26 exit toward State College. Turn right on to E. College Avenue/PA-26. **\*\*Turn Right on to Porter Road. Take second left into the bottom of the parking lot below Beaver Stadium and next to the Bryce Jordan Center. Parking will be available at the bottom of this lot next to the Multi-Sport Facility.**
  - From 322 West take the PA-26 exit toward State College. Turn left on to E. College Avenue/PA-26. Turn Right on to Porter Road. Take second left into the bottom of the parking lot below Beaver Stadium and next to the Bryce Jordan Center. Parking will be available at the bottom of this lot next to the Multi-Sport Facility.
  - For more directions, visit: <http://www.athletics.psu.edu/rec/multisport/directions.asp>
- Lodging: Accommodations are the responsibility of tournament participants.
  - For a wide selection of hotels in the State College area, please visit <http://www.visitpennstate.org/visitors/hotels-lodging/>

## Competitive Flight Schedule:

There will be only two archers in each lane per flight, one each from different schools. If your archers share bows, then they must register for different flight times.

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| • 8:30am -9:30am  | Flight 1    |
| • 9:40am-10:40am  | Flight 2    |
| • 10:50am-11:50pm | Flight 3    |
| • 12:00pm-1:00pm  | Flight 4    |
| • 1:10pm-2:10pm   | Flight 5    |
| • 2:20pm-3:00pm   | Coach's Cup |
| • 3:00pm-4:00pm   | Awards      |

\*NOTE: The Team Coach must pick up a registration packet in the main lobby at **least 30 minutes** before the scheduled flight time. Students must congregate **10 minutes** prior to their schedule flight time in the "Coaches Alley" to ensure that the transition between flights goes smoothly.

## Tournament Rules:

These rules are the 2015 rules used to govern the national tournament and are subject to change at the discretion of the national or state organization. Please note changes, a most recent edition of the rules will be available at the tournament.

### I. Participation – Only Students who attend NASP Schools May Participate

- A. Every competitor must attend a school offering NASP lessons as part of the curriculum during the standard school hours.
- B. The student must attend the school that they are representing, unless rules E, G, or I-K apply.
- C. Only students who are in grades 4-12 by the date of the tournament may participate.
- D. A student below 4<sup>th</sup> grade level 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.
- E. Homeschool students may participate on teams if the student attends the school's physical education course for their physical education requirements AND participates in NASP as part of this curriculum. Documentation from the school principal must be presented 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.
- F. Competitive Divisions: Elementary (4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grades,) Middle (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades) and High (9<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> grades.)
- G. A student at a NASP school that has graduated during the current school year may, at the discretion of the school principal, be registered to participate.
- H. NASP archery teams must contain 12-20 students, at least four of which must be of the opposite gender.
- I. 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.
- J. Unless shooting "up," students may only shoot for a team at the NASP school they attend.
- K. Single Gender or Small Schools: If the school is single gender, opposite gender participants may come from other NASP schools in the same district, city, county or similar distance. **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 district, city, county or similar distance.**

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 9<sup>th</sup> grade and 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**If a student or team does not comply with the participation rules, they will be disqualified.**

## II. Equipment – Only equipment specified for use in the NASP may be used in the tournament

- A. **Bows:** Only the stock (original), unmodified Genesis™ bow approved for NASP may be used. The Genesis Mini and Pro are not allowed to be used.
1. Only thread knots or heat shrink nock locators will be permitted to be used. The bow string may have one or two nock locators. If two nock locators are used the arrow nock must be placed between them and the gap between them must be less than or equal to 1-1.5 nock widths. **Brass nock locators are prohibited.** Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available at [www.nasparchery.com](http://www.nasparchery.com).
  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. The flight cannot be delayed to cover sight marks. Range officials will not cover sight marks. **It is important that archers and coaches check every bow for compliance before their flight time.**
  3. The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.
  4. The bowstring and cables may be “after-market” but of the same appropriate length.
  5. The cable guard, grip, slide, wheel, cam, bearings, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified and be attached on the bow.
  6. An archer's bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. as long as sighting aids are **NOT** created.
  7. The arrow rest may 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.
  8. The standard bow grip must be present and unmodified.
  9. All bows must be on bow racks for equipment inspection before shooting begins in the shooter's designated flight. The bow's draw weight must remain unchanged throughout the flight after the first scored arrow is shot at 10 meters.
  10. Once shooting begins no bows may be taken behind the waiting line without range official approval. **Except for major malfunction the same bow must be used throughout the competition. If a loaner bow is utilized in the competition because of faltering equipment, the student will start in the next scheduled flight and the score will be used from that flight only.**
  11. **Loaner Bows:** Archers are encouraged to bring their own NASP bows. Twenty-four “loaner” bows will be available in case of equipment failure. **Our single line format is NOT suitable for bow-sharing.**
- B. **Arrows:** Only arrows and arrow components approved for use by the NASP National Tournament may be used.
1. The only arrows permitted for use in this tournament are the unmodified, Easton aluminum 1820 Genesis, or the next generation NASP Genesis 1820 arrows. If providing your own arrows, they must be this official and unmodified NASP arrow.
    - i. Arrow nocks may be the NASP glue-on or push-in nock, or a mixture of both.
    - ii. Arrow points must be the NASP standard: glue-in, cone shaped and weighing 60 grains.

- iii. Arrow vanes must be soft plastic, 2.5-3.0 inches long and no more than .4-.6 inches in height and attached to the shaft with a straight off-set of approximately 1.5 degrees. Only three vanes may be on the arrow. **NASP Speed Fletch is permitted.**
2. The arrow shaft and vane may be marked, crested, or taped above the mid-point (towards the nock) for purposes of identification.
3. **Arrow Supplies:** Tournament officials will provide five arrows (and replacements as needed) in each archer's floor quiver. Personal arrows may be used but must meet standards outlined above, be uniquely marked to identify the archer's arrow, and placed in provided floor quivers. **If personal arrows are used, a readily accessible supply of replacements must be on hand and all must be reviewed by equipment judges.**

### C. Accessories:

1. Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers.
2. "No-glove" finger-protection devices may be placed on the bowstring however they must be without a "kisser" or locator button modification.
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).
4. Archers may wear arm guards.
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.
6. Mechanical release aids are prohibited, **except as pre-approved solutions for physically challenged archers.**
7. **Vibration dampening devices may not be placed on any part of the bow.**  
**Note: Although previously allowed in NASP they must be removed from bows used in the program and its tournaments. They are an unwarranted expense unaffordable for some schools and students.**
8. At the discretion of the tournament officials, any bow, arrow, or accessory may be subjected to inspection, including dismantling. Anyone found using disallowable equipment or modifications will forfeit awards and be disqualified from the rankings. Disqualification may affect their team's rank as well.

## III. Competitive Format

### A. Range Set-Up

1. Target faces (paper) will be NASP 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
2. Target butts will be placed on stands on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
3. The target line will be approximately 2 yards or meters from the target butts.
4. There will be 10 (32' 10") and 15 meter (49' 2") shooting lines.
5. The waiting line will be at least 4 yards or meters beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
6. A "Coaches Alley" will be delineated between the waiting line and the spectator area and only four coaches per team will be permitted there.
7. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line. **SPECTATORS must remain behind the "Coaches Alley."**
8. Up to 115, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be used with two archers assigned per lane per flight.
9. Shooters (2) occupying a lane will be from different schools. Solo shooters will be combined to promote integrity.

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

1. 5+ whistles for an emergency
2. 2 whistles to “get bow”
3. 1 whistle to “shoot”
4. 3 whistles to “go get arrows”

**C. Arrow Handling and Moving on the Range:** NASP safety rules must be followed.

1. Archers must walk when moving about the range.
2. Archers must have one foot on each side of the shooting line with “bows on toes” before shooting begins.
3. The tournament-provided arrow quiver must be placed ON the shooting line in FRONT of the archer. **Shooter and quiver must remain in their half of the assigned lane when at the shooting line.** Archers who crowd their lane-mate must be corrected by their coaches.
4. Archers must remain standing upright when at the targets scoring and pulling arrows.
5. 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. Points must be covered with one hand and shafts grasped just below the vanes with the other when carrying arrows.
7. 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 and pointed away from the floor.

**D. Competition Format**

1. Each archer will shoot one practice ends of 5 arrows at 10 meters and then shoot 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows (15 arrow total) at 10 meters.
2. Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows at 15 meters and then shoot 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows (15 arrow total) at 15 meters.
3. Archers will have 2 minutes to shoot each 5-arrow end. An alert will be provided near the conclusion of each end. For tournament management purposes, no time clock will be in view of the archers.
4. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by lane officials.
5. A dropped arrow will be left on the floor and replaced by a lane official; archers must alert a lane official to the dropped arrow by a raised hand.
6. An arrow that reaches the target line in the air or by sliding on the floor without hitting the target is considered a shot rather than a dropped or a bounce-out arrow and will be scored zero points.

**E. Dress Code**

It is the desire of the Game Commission that the tournaments continue to be an extension of the educational experience enjoyed by its participants. It is important that students remain safe and comfortable.

1. All student archers must wear close-toed shoes. (bare feet and sandals disallowed)
2. All coaches should make sure their student archers adhere to their school's dress code at the tournament.
3. Use of personal music playing devices, ear buds & headphones are prohibited on the range.
4. Behavior considered disruptive, unsafe or otherwise inappropriate at the event may result in expulsion and disqualification.

**F. Scoring**

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

2. Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.
3. An arrow touching the lines is awarded the point higher value.
4. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "0" points.
5. The "X" ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
6. An arrow that "robin-hoods" another arrow receives the value of the arrow in the target.
7. An arrow that skips off the floor and strikes the target is scored where it lands.
8. An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce-out and can be reshot prior to scoring.
9. Summation of the highest 12 individual scores, with at least 4 of both genders will comprise the team score.
- 10. Scannable (bubble-type) scorecards will be used. Archers should practice with this type of scorecard before coming to the tournament. Sample cards can be downloaded off the [NASP Tournament Website](#).**
11. Both archers should walk to the target in their lane.
  - i. Both scorecards will be on the same score board.
  - ii. One archer will call arrows they shot while the other bubbles in the score of these arrows.
  - iii. Archers will then reverse roles with the other calling arrows they shot while the other bubbles.
12. If archers cannot agree on an arrow's score, a range official must be asked to make the final decision.
13. The Scorecard must be signed by the archer and lane-mate at the conclusion of shooting and scoring. If not signed, the score will not count.
14. If an archer witnesses the lane mate recording a false score the lane official should be alerted.
15. Lane officials will gather signed scorecards at the conclusion of each flight **at the target**.
- 16. Disqualification may occur if an archer takes the scorecard to the coach or other unofficial person(s).**
17. Only the student archer and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.

## G. Awards

1. Team trophies will be awarded to each of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each division.
2. Trophies or plaques will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place individual boys and girls in each division.
3. Individual boy and girl champions will be awarded a Genesis Bow.
4. Additional prizes may be awarded to teams and individuals, as they are available.
5. The Coaches Cup will be awarded to the single highest scoring coach.

## H. Ties will be broken

1. First by the computer by comparing total score, then # of 10's, 9's, 8's, and so on.
2. If a tie persists a shoot-off will take place prior to the awards ceremony. **KEEP YOUR BOW NEARBY!** Archers absent for tie-breaking will be awarded the lower rank.
3. Tied individuals will shoot a 5-arrow warm-up end at 15 meters.
4. Then a 5-arrow end competitive end at 15 meters.
5. If still tied, a single arrow shot from 15 meters, closest to the middle of the target's center will break the tie.
6. Tied teams will select one male and one female archer from their teams. 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. The combined scores of both the boy and girl team members will be compared to break the tie. If a 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.

#### **I. Protest Procedures**

1. Protests may concern scoring or equipment compliance.
2. A committee will be designated to receive, consider, and resolve official protests regarding the tournament.
3. Tournament officials will be in the scoring room at least 45 minutes following conclusion of every flight.
4. Only the officially registered coach of the archery team or individual may file a protest.
5. The coach may not be accompanied by the archer, a parent or anyone other than a registered coach unless requested by the committee.
6. A protest must be received by the committee within 45 minutes following the conclusion of each flight.
7. Video or other photographic evidence regarding the protest will not be considered.
8. Decisions made by the protest committee are considered final.