



**NATIONAL ARCHERY
IN THE
SCHOOLS PROGRAM**



1st Annual VIRGINIA National Archery in the Schools Program State Tournament

WHEN: Saturday Feb 28, 2009

The Virginia NASP State Tournament will be conducted on Saturday February 28, 2009.

On a first come, first serve basis, participating schools will select from one of three **flights**:

Flight #A – 9:00am

Flight #B – 12:00

Flight #C – 3:00pm

Shooters must be in their lanes by the assigned flight times above. To meet this time requirement, schools should arrive **at the tournament registration desk at least 30 minutes before their flight time.** Students and equipment may be dropped off outside the Augusta Expoland Multi-purpose building. Bus parking will be designated on site in the Augusta Expoland parking lot.

WHERE: Augusta Expoland, Fishersville, VA

Augusta Expoland is located in Fishersville, VA on I-64, exit 91

The 2009 NASP Tournament is being held during the Western Virginia Sport Show. For more information about the show and directions, please visit www.westernvasportshow.com

WHO: Virginia schools participating in the NASP

1. This tournament is the “culminating event” for Virginia schools participating in the NASP. The basic foundation and most important element of the NASP is the in-school archery unit. Therefore, all schools that teach NASP as part of the in-school curriculum can compete in this tournament. This tournament is for schools that are certified and participate in Virginia’s National Archery in the Schools Program only. *Program certification will be verified through the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries, Outdoor Education files.*
2. Teams or individuals will register in either the Elementary (4-6th grade), Middle (7-8th grade), or High School (9-12th grade) Division. A student in a lower grade may shoot for a team in his or her school that is in a higher Division but not the reverse.
3. Team members must come from a single school, not a school district or multiple schools.
4. **The team size for the 2009 State Tournament will be the National standard of 16-24 archers per team.**
5. Team competition will be among schools with 16-24 archers. At least 5 members must be of an opposite gender.

2009 Virginia State Tournament Rules

REGISTRATION:

- **Be sure to read and understand ‘How do I register my students from my school’ in the “Frequently Asked Questions” section in this document.**
- Registration forms will be emailed to all participating schools and will be available online at: www.dgif.virginia.gov or www.HuntFishVA.com Click the upcoming events, NASP State Tournament link.
- Registration for the 2009 Virginia NASP State tournament will begin on December 12, 2008 **and will end on January 30, 2009**. All Coaches will need to complete a registration form for your team to compete in the State Tournament. Be sure to complete all areas of the registration form; coach’s name, division, school, and city / county; select a flight and enter each students name, gender, grade and t-shirt size. We will only be able to accommodate the **first 17-22 teams (depending on size of teams) or a total of 420 shooters (140 archers per flight x 3 flights)**. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. **One team per school – Each school may enter one team of 16-24 archers per division for this year’s State Tournament. This year’s team format will be the same as it is for 2009 Nationals.**
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail when we receive your completed registration.
- If you have any questions please send emails to Karen.Holson@dgif.virginia.gov
- The registration fee is \$15/student payable by check only, to ‘**Treasurer of VA**’ on site the day of the tournament. All money goes to the supporting and covering costs for the NASP State Tournament.
- The student registration fee will include a tournament t-shirt and a discount pass/coupon for each athlete that can be used for admission to the Western Virginia Sports Show February 27- March 1, 2009.

Tournament Rules:

I. PARTICIPATION

- A. NASP Schools: Every competitor must attend a school offering NASP lessons as part of the in-school curriculum.
- B. 4-12th Grade Students: Only students who are in grades 4-12th by the date of the tournament may participate.
- C. Team Size: NASP archery teams must contain 16-24 students, at least 5 of which must be of the opposite gender.
- D. Shooting “up”: A student, who by grade is in a younger Division (elementary or middle school) may shoot “up” for team in an older Division if that student is from the same school or the same school district and the student’s school also offers the NASP as an in-school curriculum.

II. EQUIPMENT

A. NASP Bows

1. Only NASP unmodified Genesis™ compound bow (target colors or camouflage) may be used. (no mini's or Genesis Pro models) **All Camouflaged bows must have the face of the riser covered with non transparent tape or paint to prevent camo lines serving as sight marks.** All bows will be inspected prior to the start of each flight. Any bow identified by a range official as having possible sight marks will be “zip-tied”, making it impossible to shoot and must be removed by the archer or the archer’s coach and either replaced or the sight marks properly covered. The tournament will not be delayed as such bows are corrected. Range officials are not responsible to cover sight marks. **It is important that archers and coaches check every bow for compliance before their flight time.** If a bow must be numbered or otherwise identified by the school or shooter, such markings should be on the bow limbs or on the riser below the grip.
2. The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.
3. The bowstring and cables may be “after-market” but of the same approximate length.
4. The cable guard, guard slide, wheel, cam, riser and limbs must be original and unmodified (except an archer’s bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. as long as no sighting advantage is gained and the face of the riser is solid).
5. The arrow rest must be original and unmodified.
6. Only original, unmodified cam and wheel bearings may be used.
7. All bows must be on bow racks for range officials’ inspection before shooting begins.
8. Once shooting begins, no bows may be taken behind the waiting line, without range official direction or approval, until flight concludes.
9. **Loaner Bows:** Archers are encouraged to bring their own NASP bows. A very small number of “loaner” NASP bows will be available in the case of equipment failures.
10. The only NASP acceptable draw is three fingers under the arrow. **For safety we strongly encourage all archers to anchor at the corner of their mouth. Avoid anchoring in a manner that places the arrow nock near the eye.**

B. NASP Arrows: Only Easton Arrows marked with the Genesis™ or NASP logo may be used.

1. Arrows must be the NASP standard with full length 1820-size aluminum shafts. These arrows will be provided at the tournament. If a school wants to use its own full-length (uncut) 1820 arrows, judges will allow it. Arrows provided by the archer must be clearly marked to prevent scoring confusion. Arrows may be marked, crested or taped above the mid-point (towards the nock) for archer identification purposes.
2. Arrow nocks must be the NASP Standard which is glued on a swaged shaft end of the arrow shaft.
3. Only NASP standard size soft plastic vanes are permitted.
4. There may be only 3 vanes on the arrow.
5. Arrow points must be the NASP standard, glue-in, cone shaped and weighting 60 grains.
6. **Arrow Supplies:** Tournament officials will provide 5 arrows (and replacements as needed) in each archer’s floor quiver. Personal arrows may be used but they must meet the standards outlined above and be uniquely marked to identify the archer’s arrow. Arrows will not be permitted behind the waiting line or laid upon the range floor during flights.

C. Accessories:

1. Archers may wear finger tabs, gloves, or tape to protect draw-hand fingers. Archers may wear armguards to protect the bow arm. Finger and wrist slings are allowed but may not be attached to the bow by bolts, screws, wire or brackets. The use of mechanical release aids or stabilizers is **not** allowed.
2. Sims vibration dampening devices may only be attached to the limbs of the bow.
3. No additional equipment can be attached to the bow

III. COMPETITIVE FORMAT

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

- a. 5+ whistles for an emergency
- b. 2 whistles to “get bow”
- c. 1 whistle to “shoot”
- d. 3 whistles to “go get arrows”

B. Range set-up:

1. Targets will be 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
2. Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
3. Target line will be approximately 6 feet (two yards or meters) from the target butts.
4. There will be 10 and 15 meter shooting lines.
5. The waiting line will be approximately 4 meters beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
6. A spectator line will be placed behind the waiting line and all spectators must remain behind this line.
7. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
8. Approximately 35, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be delineated in the Expo multi-purpose building with 4 archers assigned per lane per flight.
9. Each shooting lane will have 2 "A" and 2 "B" shooters assigned per shooting time.
10. 2 of the lane's 4 shooters will be from one school and 2 from another school.

C. Order of Shooting:

1. Each archer will shoot 1 practice *end* of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
2. Each archer will shoot 3 *ends* of 5 arrows (total of 15 arrows) at 10 meters for score.
3. Each archer will shoot 1 practice *end* of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
4. Each archer will shoot 3 *ends* of 5 arrows (total of 15 arrows) at 15 meters for score.
5. “A” shooters will shoot and retrieve an *end* and then “B” shooters will shoot and retrieve.
6. Time limit per *end* will be 2 minutes beginning with the 1 whistle "shoot" command.

Scoring General Information:

1. We would like for every coach to provide practice in scoring for the students before the tournament. Practice scorecards will be made available for student archers to practice with before the Tournament. This should prevent some of the stray marks on the card and expedite our tallying time.
2. All arrows must be scored before any arrow or the target face is touched to avoid affecting the score of un-scored arrows remaining in the target.
3. Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,&1. An arrow touching the line is awarded the higher ring value. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "0" points. The "X" ring in the center of the 10 scoring ring is scored only as part of the 10 ring in this tournament. ("X" counts are not tabulated.)
4. The highest possible individual score is 300 points.
5. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again at the direction of the range officials.
6. If Tournament officials decide to use official adult scorers, archers will record arrow value as determined and directed by these official scorers.
7. If Tournament officials decide to allow student archers to score their arrows, BOTH archers must agree on the arrow's value before recording the official score.
8. Each score card must be signed by the "A" and "B" archer at the conclusion of the shooting and scoring.
9. Only the student archer and the tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.

Scoring for Elementary:

1. Lane judges will be available to assist with Elementary students scoring. There will be one lane judge for every three - five Elementary Lanes.
2. Unless otherwise necessary, Elementary Students will score their own arrows (with lane judge assistance).
3. Arrows touching or cutting a scoring ring line will be given the higher score.
4. Judges will inspect equipment for compliance before shooting begins.
5. Judges will call disputed arrows (when called upon by student scorers).
6. Judges and archers will sign the score card before leaving the range.
7. Judges will deliver the signed score cards to the target group leader at the end of shooting times.

Scoring for Middle and High School

1. All Middle School and High School students will call and score their own arrows.
2. One student should call the arrows while the other student (from a different school) records the scores, double check the scores and then switch. Students should record their own scores on their cards and verify each others scores. Remember only one archer should pull arrows at a time while the other is behind the target line. **Do not touch or pull arrows until all scoring is complete.**
3. The score cards must be completed by the students and have two student signatures when finished; Archers must sign their own score card and sign the other student's score card in their lane. Each score card **MUST** have two signatures. If another archer is not available a lane judge will assist and sign the archer's card.
4. Arrows touching or cutting a scoring ring line will be given the higher score.
5. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will assign a team of scoring judges for every 7 lanes.
6. Judges will inspect equipment for compliance before shooting begins.

Scoring for Middle and High School (continued)

7. Judges will call disputed arrows (when called upon by an archer).
8. Judges will assure scorers and archers sign the score card before leaving the range.
9. Judges will deliver the signed score cards to the target group leader at the end of shooting times.

All School Divisions – Do not touch or remove your arrows until the scores are recorded. If there is a scoring dispute do not touch or remove any arrows until the score has been resolved. A resolution can not be reached once the arrow is moved or removed.

AWARDS

Virginia NASP State Tournament Awards:

1. First, second, and third place team awards will be presented to the highest scoring teams in the Elementary (4-6), Middle (7-8), and High School (9-12) Divisions. One Team trophy will be presented to each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in each Division. Each 1st thru 3rd place teams' members will also receive a medal.
2. **Team scores will be the sum of the 12 highest scores (must include 4 opposite gender scores)** shot by archers from each school in each division during the tournament. The top School from each division will automatically qualify to attend the NASP National Competition.
3. Individual awards will be presented to the top **5 boys and 5 girls** in each of the three Divisions.
4. An over-all champion boy and girl will be determined. (see below)
5. The school with the overall highest score will take home the Virginia NASP State Champion Trophy to display at their school for one year.

“Overall champion shoot-off”:

To showcase the day's top shooters and to increase excitement for spectators, an overall champion shoot-off will be conducted at the conclusion of the flight shooting and before the awards presentation.

1. The top 3 scoring boys and girls from each Division will be invited to participate.
2. The format for this shoot-off will be as follows:
 - Each student will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters for practice/warm-up.
 - Each student will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters for score.
 - The highest scoring 3 boys and 3 girls will move to the next round.
 - These 6 shooters will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
 - The highest scoring 2 boys and 2 girls will move to the final round.
 - These 4 shooters will shoot 1 end of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
 - The highest scoring boy and girl will be declared Virginia's Over-all Champion male and female archers.
 - The “X”-ring will be in play throughout these rounds with the number of “X”s used to break ties.
 - In the event the score and the number of “X”s are identical for any shooters in any round, those shooters will shoot one arrow each. The arrow closest to the center of the “x” will be the victor.

FAQ

Archery Tournament Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register the students from my school?

- Step 1 –Starting December 12, 2008 the registration form will be available on line to download at www.dgif.virginia.gov or www.HuntFishVA.com Locate “Upcoming events” and click the NASP 2009 State Tournament link.
- Step 2 – read over the tournament information and registration form.
- Step 3 –Fill in the contact information, coach’s name, division, school name and student archers’ information.
- Step 4 – Select a flight time. Flights will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Professional courtesy in consideration of travel distance is appreciated.
- Step 5 – Send completed registration form for your team. Complete all of the information, first name, last name, gender, grade, **and shirt size** of each participating student and names and shirt sizes of coaches along with school information. Students will be assigned shooting lanes based on registrations and flight time selections. Information containing lane assignments, directions, and other information will be e-mailed to each registered school. (Parking for all school buses is free).
- Step 6 – Review payment information and submit registration either by mail or email. For email, submit completed registration to: Karen.Holson@dgif.virginia.gov or mail to: Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries, Outdoor Ed – NASP Tournament, Richmond, VA 23230
- If submitting your registration by email, registration should be mailed to above address. Payment for the NASP 2009 State Tournament will be collected on site the day of the tournament.
- Complete and submit your registrations before January 30, 2009.
- *Schools registering must have received NASP training from the VA Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and include NASP as a component of their school curriculum. Program certification will be verified through DGIF Outdoor Education files.*
- Once your completed registration is received, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

Additional questions:

What constitutes a team?

For the purpose of registration, a Team refers to a group of between **16 and 24** students shooting in the same division. The Team must have at least 5 boys and 5 girls. **To align with the National format a team score will be the top 12 team member’s scores, which must include at least the top 4 opposite gender scores.**

Tournament Frequently Asked Questions continued:

What is an attending school?

The attending school is the school in which the student is actually enrolled.

What is a division?

There are three divisions in this archery tournament, Elementary 4-6, Middle 7-8, and High School 9-12. Team and individual competitions will occur within these three divisions.

What is a flight?

A flight is a shooting time. There will be three shooting times or flights during this tournament. Students should be in their assigned lanes and ready at:

Flight A @ 9:00 Flight B @ 12:00 Flight C @ 3:00

The actual flights will begin at:

Flight A @ 9:15am Flight B @ 12:15pm Flight C @ 3:15pm

What is a lane set?

A lane set consists of two students who will shoot in a lane together on the day of the tournament. A lane set from one school will be paired with a lane set from another school to form a shooting lane. Lane sets will be created as registrations are received and flight times selected.

What if my flight preference is unavailable?

Flights are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you need more positions for your team than are available on a particular flight you will have to register your team in a different flight. If your school is bringing a group of individual archers, they can register in different flights as space permits. Reserve positions in a flight as soon as possible to make sure that you will have the opportunity to participate at the tournament. Remember, positions are available first come, first serve.

What are 'shooter A' and 'shooter B'?

Within a lane set, shooter A will shoot first and shooter B will shoot second.

Announcements will be made 15 minutes prior to each flight informing coaches and archers to report to their assigned lanes. Archers will hang their bow on the bow rack close to their assigned lane. Coaches will remain behind the waiting line. Archers should have their scorecards with them. Prior to the start of each flight, all archers for that flight will be directed to walk to their targets and place their scorecard on the appropriate band board. There will be an "A" and "B" band board for each target.