National Archery in the Schools Program

2027 NASP® National Bullseye Participation and Qualification Rules

Registration dates & hotel information will be posted at www.naspschools.org under events.

NASP® Western National: April 22 - 24, 2027, Mountain America Center, Sandy, UT

NASP® Eastern National: May 6 - 8, 2027, Kentucky Fair and Expo. Center, Louisville, KY

NASP® Championship: June 17 - 19, 2027, Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, FL

The Archery Way

Competing with Honesty and Integrity

As archers, we strive to shoot our best while competing with integrity. Honesty is an expectation, sportsmanship and composure, an obligation. We encourage others and understand our responsibility to self-officiate and protect the field with an overall goal of bringing the archery way into everyday life.

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NASP® Bullseye Participation and Qualification Rules

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) National Rules are the governing rules for the Western and Eastern National and Championship tournaments. NASP® states within the United States and other NASP® countries have the freedom to manage their programs within these rules. Although the NASP® National Rules are the minimum guide for states and countries to follow when conducting NASP® tournaments, each state or country may add to or increase the NASP® rules to fit local requirements. Standard safety protocols and operating principles create a familiar field for NASP® students, so they are prepared and understand what is expected at each NASP® event**.**

NASP® relies heavily on Coordinators that manage the program within their respective jurisdictions and will continue to do so for determining eligibility of all schools within their jurisdictions under these rules.

New for 2027: Except for inconsequential language edits, rule changes are in yellow highlights. We strongly suggest reviewing the entire rules document annually to be familiar with all details.

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The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP®) Sanctioned Events Pledge.

Our staff and volunteers pledge to do their very best to provide a safe, enjoyable experience for all the archers and guests. We have a zero-tolerance policy for any behavior that puts the archers, guests, staff, or volunteers at any risk. These include but are not limited to; verbal abuse of anyone, physical assault, threats of violence, or any inappropriate language or behavior. At minimum, anyone engaging in such behavior will be asked to leave the tournament venue and property.

Special Note Concerning Distance Learning: The school of *enrollment* determines a students' NASP® school. If schools are allowing students to participate in distance learning through on-line education to maintain their progress and grades, those students are still members of the school in which they are enrolled.

1. **NASP® Participation** - All State, Provincial, and National Tournaments/Championship.
   *To maximize the number of students who will discover their aptitude and interest for archery, NASP® is an **in-school** program. NASP® emphasizes team participation to maximize the number of students who will participate and to promote positive social interaction among students and faculty.*

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1.1. **Definition of an active NASP® School:** A NASP® school is one that teaches NASP® in school as a part of the normal school day and adheres to the training, equipment, safety requirements, and operating principles established by NASP®. *NASP® safety protocols must be followed by all NASP® schools and teams to preserve the experience for current and future students.*

1.1.1. School lessons must be presented by NASP® certified faculty or volunteers.

1.1.2. At least one coach of the team must be NASP® certified.

1.1.3. Only NASP® certified teachers or coaches may register student archers for tournaments.

1.1.4. Equipment requirements and range protocols must be followed.

1.1.4.1. Only the standard Genesis™ bow & Easton 1820 arrows may be used during NASP® class or on a NASP® range.

1.1.4.2. NASP® range specifications and design must follow protocols provided in the NASP® Basic Archery Instructor's course.

1.1.4.3. Failure to follow these protocols will make the school ineligible to participate in NASP® tournaments. Failure to follow safety protocols such as bows, arrows, and curtain use, may also result in de-certification of the NASP® certified teacher or coach.

1.2. **In School Requirement:** Every archer must attend (be enrolled in) an active NASP® school. An active NASP® school conducts NASP® lessons during normal school hours in accordance with the NASP® operating principles.

1.2.1. The student's school of primary enrollment, where they receive the majority of their in-school educational lessons/hours, determines the student's "school".

1.2.2. Students must be enrolled in an active NASP® school to participate in NASP®.

1.2.3. NASP® lessons must be conducted as part of the in-school curriculum, a minimum of 10 hours per school, per year.

1.2.4. In-school lessons are the priority of NASP®. Ideally these lessons should be thorough enough for the students to enjoy a safe and motivational experience.

1.2.5. Classroom lessons must include at least the following subject material.

1.2.3.1. Determining eye dominance.

1.2.3.2. Stringbow® used to teach Eleven Steps to Archery Success®

1.2.3.3. Safety Orientation and shooting of bows and arrows on a NASP® range.

1.2.6. Examples of how this might occur include:

1.2.6.1. At least 10, different archery classes of 1 hour each – daily for 2 weeks, twice weekly for 5 weeks, etc.

1.2.6.2. 5 classes per day of 1-hour each, for 2 different days.

1.2.7. When a school agrees to meet or exceed the requirements mentioned above, each school year, even if not every student in the school takes the archery class, EVERY student in the school is considered eligible for NASP® tournaments. It is expected that even those who do not take the in-school instruction, will be provided safety and shooting form instruction if they join the FOLLOW-UP archery club or team before they attend a NASP® tournament.

1.2.8. Participation in NASP® tournaments is at the discretion of the school Administration. The school must be aware of and approve of students participating in NASP® tournaments.

1.2.9. Prior to participating in any NASP® competitions during a school year, the head coach for a school's team (or other coaches associated with the school for tournament purposes) will be required to log in to the School Manager for the school and acknowledge that they understand the in-school teaching requirements and commit to making sure all those requirements are met. They must also report hours and student numbers annually.

1.2.10. After-school-only archery programs or clubs **are not** eligible for any NASP® events, nor can they be considered a NASP® program.

1.3. **Divisions within NASP® Schools:** NASP® divisions are defined as…. Elementary School division, grades 4 and 5; Middle School division, grades 6, 7, and 8; High School division, grades 9, 10, 11, 12.

1.3.1. If schools have similar names but are 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 may not mingle shooters on teams.

1.3.1.1. Except: If elementary grades (4th & 5th) are not in the same school the schools where the two grades are found may combine students to form an elementary school team if both are NASP® schools. Example: this could be a school with K-4 and a school combined with a 5-8 or 5-12 school.

1.3.1.2. Except: If middle school grades (6-8) are not in the same school the schools where the three grades are found may combine students to form a middle school team if both are NASP® schools. Example: this could be a K-6 school combining with a 7-8 or 7-12 school.

1.3.1.3. Except: If high school grades (9-12) are not in the same school the schools where the four grades are found may combine students to form a high school team if both are NASP® schools. Example: this could be a school with 9-10 combining with an 11-12 school.

1.3.1.4. Where divisions are split between schools the enrollment numbers of both schools apply to eligibility of the small school rule.

1.3.1.5. When forming a competitive team for any NASP® division, schools must include grades of enrollment within the division they intend to compete in.

1.4. **Homeschool:** A student who is attending homeschool may participate though the following ways.

1.4.1 A homeschool, homeschool group or homeschool co-op may have individuals trained as BAI's and request to be an active NASP® program in their state, through their state NASP® Coordinator.

1.4.2 If an established (Formal) homeschool group or Co-op that comes together in one location to meet all or part of their required educational lessons to a group of homeschool students has enrolled in their state NASP® and provides in-school NASP® archery lessons during normal educational hours, by a NASP® certified instructor, and meets and reports their numbers according to the requirements of sections 1.1 and 1.2. above, they may form a team in accordance with the standard operating principles outlined in sections 1.1. and 1.2. above. The same standard required of all schools to be an active NASP® program.

1.4.3 If an established (Formal) Homeschool group or co-op wants to join with another group utilizing the small school rule, both must be active NASP® programs and they must submit a request to their state NASP® Coordinator for approval.

1.4.4 A homeschool student, virtual school student, or on-line student may participate with their zoned public school that they would normally be enrolled in, with the approval of the school administration. In accordance with state laws.

1.4.5 A homeschool, virtual, or on-line student requests to be a part of their local NASP® school and the administration of their zoned public school denies their participation, then an adult must be associated with the school they are attending, become certified as a BAI and offer a minimum of 10 hours of NASP® instruction to that student during regular educational hours and report that training annually. Once the BAI agrees to provide this annual training, that student may participate as an individual, or join a Co-op as outlined in 1.4.2.

1.5. **Vocational, Career, early College or Technical schools:**

1.5.1. If the students attending these schools are from an active NASP® high school, remain enrolled in their high school of origin and graduate from that original school, then they may participate with that school.

1.5.2. If the students attending these schools are no longer enrolled in their school of origin and will not graduate from that high school but from the school they are now attending, then the school they are currently attending/enrolled in must be an active NASP® school for them to participate.

1.6. **Eligible Grades:** Only students who are in grades 4-12 may participate.
   1.6.1. A student at any NASP® school who has graduated early during the current school year may, at the discretion of the school Principal, participate.
   1.6.2. A student who no longer attends an active NASP® school due to having moved, being promoted, etc. is ineligible to participate until/unless the student's new school joins NASP® and may then only represent their NEW school. Except for situations described in sections 1.4.3. and 1.4.4.
1.7. **Number of Archers Per Team:** NASP® archery teams must contain 12-24 students, at least 4 of which must be of the opposite gender.
1.8. **Single Gender School:** If a school is a single gender school, the school shall compete as a single-gender-only school unless eligible to combine with another school under the small school rule (section 1.8). The coach should contact the State Coordinator for their state to set the single gender indicator for the school. Once set, the team score for the school/division is determined by summing the top 12 scores for the team with no consideration of gender.
1.9. *** Small School:** If a competitive division within a NASP® school (Elementary 4th – 5th, Middle 6th – 8th or High 9th – 12th) has a total student enrollment of less than 150 students, the team for that division may add students from other competitive divisions within their own school or from one other eligible school/division, in the same city, or county, or school district, or one adjacent County.
   1.9.1. Any school that meets the less than 150 student total enrollment, per division (Elementary, Middle, High) will first submit school names, of the schools involved, and the total student enrollment numbers per NASP® division for the divisions or school that they plan to combine with, to their state NASP® Coordinator for approval.
   1.9.2. Small schools may add students from a nearby active NASP® school even if that school is over the 150-student threshold.
   1.9.3. A competitive division within a school with 150 students (or more) enrolled may <u>not</u> add archers to their team from another school or division.
   1.9.4. If a student shoots up for a higher division team (as allowed by 1.9.), that student will be competing for team rank in that older division but retain individual rank according to the archer's actual grade.
   1.9.5. Unless utilizing this "small school rule" or 1.4.3. and 1.4.4., students may only shoot on a team at the NASP® school they attend (are enrolled in).
   1.9.6. A request to "shoot-up" must be submitted using the Small School Request screen in School Manager in advance to the state/provincial Coordinator schools involved to be approved.
   1.9.7. Any request to "shoot up" or combine with another school in accordance with Section 1.9. must be done prior to the school's first team tournament of the year. Once registered in a tournament that setting may not change for the duration of the season.
1.10. **Archer Ineligibility:**
   1.10.1 If a school administration deems a student unsuited to represent the school, NASP® will abide by the decision.
   1.10.2 If a student archer is disqualified for any reason at a provincial, state, or regional tournament, the student is ineligible to participate in any NASP® competition until such time the student has regained good standing in his or her state or province. The NASP® coordinator would alert the national office of such disqualification.

2. **NASP® Eastern and Western National Tournaments and Championship Tournament Registration Protocol.**

2.1. In addition to # 1.1 - 1.12. above
2.2. **Eastern and Western NASP® Nationals**

2.2.1. Qualification tiers will be established for each event
2.2.2. Team and Individual qualifications for NASP® National tournaments are only possible through participation in NASP® approved state tournaments.
2.2.3. Team and Individual qualifications for the NASP® Championship tournament are determined by participation in one of the two NASP® Bullseye National tournaments.
2.2.4. A qualified team (school/division) may register to participate in one but not both national tournaments.
2.2.5. A qualified individual may register to participate in one but not both national tournaments.
2.2.6. Individual scores from one national event cannot be added to team scores from another national event.
2.2.7. Participation is not guaranteed in any national level event.

2.3. Substitutions are permitted for these events. Substitutes may be students that did not participate in the state (or national) tournament, but they must meet the criteria defined in section 1.
2.3.1. Individuals must shoot in their actual division for National and Championship tournaments unless the school meets the requirements specified in 1.8.
2.3.1.1. If by meeting the requirements of section 1.8. an individual that shot in a higher division at the state or provincial tournament may shoot "down" in their actual division for National and Championship tournaments.
2.3.2. If a school sent multiple teams to the state tournament, they may recombine archers from these teams for nationals. **Not applicable to entire school districts/systems.**
2.3.3. If a school sent multiple teams to the national tournament, they may recombine archers from these teams for the Championship tournament. **Not applicable to entire school districts/systems.**

2.4. A school may register as many teams as they have qualified at their state tournament If the state in question allows multiple teams from the same school to participate.
2.5. NASP® teams and individual archers may only participate in a NASP® state tournament in the state where their school is located.
2.6. **The NASP® Championship Tournament**
2.6.1. Details and information concerning the Championship will be provided later.
2.6.2. Tournament format, registration information, schedule of times and tiers, TBA.

3. **Individual Scholarship Shoot-Off:** The Scholarship shoot-off takes place prior to the awards at the Championship tournament in June. The coaches of qualifying archers will be notified via email.
3.1. The combined over-all top 5 male and top 5 female archers (including ties) from Eastern and Western nationals qualify.
3.2. Each will shoot a practice end of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
3.3. Each will shoot a 5-arrow scoring end at 15 meters.
3.4. Scholarship award levels will be based upon the order of elimination among these contestants.
3.5. **2026 Scholarship information will be posted at www.naspschools.org under tournaments.**

4. **National level awards:**
4.1. One team trophy will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in each of 3 divisions.
4.2. Each 1st through 3rd place team's members + up to 6 coaches will also receive a medal.
4.3. Plaques, and medals will be awarded to 1st - 5th place individual male & female archers in the elementary, middle & high school divisions. Individuals tied for 1st through 5th place will receive duplicate awards.
4.4. Individual male and female champions in each division will be awarded a Genesis Bow.
4.5. Tournament Overall and Runner-Up Champion male and female archers will also be recognized.
4.6. Additional prizes may be awarded to teams and individuals as they are available.

5. **Grand Champion Award**

5.1. The Grand Champion Award will be presented at the NASP® Championship Tournament award ceremony.
5.2. Awards will be presented to the top male archer and the top female archer.
5.3. The winning composite scores are based on each archer's scores from the following tournaments: NASP® National Tournament, NASP® 3D National Tournament, NASP® Championship, and the NASP® 3D Championship.

6. **NASP® All-American Academic Team:** The final scores from the Eastern and Western NASP® National will be combined. The top 24 scoring archers in each division from those combined scores, who are registered with NASP® as Academic Archers, will be named to the *NASP® All-American Academic Team".*
   6.1. Academic Archers are registered by their teacher according to criteria provided on the NASP® website. Academic Archers must be registered before Midnight Eastern Time, April 1 each year.
   6.2. The Academic Archer indicator box must be checked on the National Tournament registration, for All-Academic Team eligibility. **We assign this responsibility of cross checking the archer's AA status to the teacher or coach.**