West Virginia Archery in the Schools

2027 WV Archery in the Schools State Qualifying Tournament Rules

Brief Summary of the Qualifying Tournament Rules

The qualification process has changed from the previous format, so please read the rules carefully!

The tournament qualifying system has been designed to give each school an equal opportunity to qualify for the West Virginia Archery in the Schools (WV AIS) State Tournament. Our hope is that it will also give schools who have not previously been involved in the state tournament the experience of shooting NASP® archery in a competitive environment.

The following rules have been created by the West Virginia Archery in the Schools program. Please read them carefully as the qualifying format has changed. All timelines are concrete and cannot be modified, so please plan accordingly.

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

The physical state tournament scheduled for March 27, 2027, at the Charleston Coliseum and Convention Center will have the same divisions as the National NASP® Tournament format – Elementary, Middle, and High School.

Only schools (public, private, or homeschool) that teach NASP® archery (WV AIS) as part of the in-school curriculum for a minimum of 10-hours per year are qualified to compete in the tournament. Additionally, the instructor(s) must have received the Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) certification and must be in good reporting standing with NASP®.

The following Divisions are part of the Qualifying Tournament:

Elementary School: 4^{th} – 5^{th} grade
Middle School: 6^{th} – 8^{th} grade
High School: 9^{th} – 12^{th} grade

Qualifying Tournament Steps:

- Register online at www.nasptournaments.org beginning January 1, 2027.

- There is no registration fee for the tournament.

- Upon completion of your qualifying tournament/school shoot, submit your scores online under “WV Archery in the Schools State Qualifying Tournament”.

- You must use the following methods to verify scores:

- **Teams:**
    1. **Submit scores from ONE local tournament using the “Local Tournament Verification Form”**
    - **Include score cards or score print out from tournament**

- **Individuals:**
    1. Individual archer submission options:
    - Choose ONE tournament for all archers. **Submission must include “Local Tournament Verification Form” score cards or tournament score sheet**

    - Select tournament for each archer or group of individuals, **submissions must include “Local Tournament Verification Form” for EACH archer along with score cards or score sheets**

- **A copy of scores MUST be submitted with your verification form. Forms submitted without scores will be rendered incomplete and returned.**

- All shoots/tournaments must be conducted between September 1, 2026 – February 21, 2027.

- Scores are due by: February 22, 2027, at 5:00 PM. 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 on February 26, 2027.

Section 1 – Qualifying Tournament Guidelines

- Register your students online at www.nasptournaments.org under “WV Archery in the Schools Qualifying Tournament” beginning on January 1, 2026.

- Conduct your NASP® qualifying tournament event sometime between September 1, 2026, and February 21, 2027.

- BAI's must complete the NASP® In-School Commitment Form before registering for the tournament. The form is available at www.naspschools.org.

- Submit scores online by 5:00 PM on February 22, 2027. Log-on to the tournament website, www.nasptournaments.org to submit your students' scores.

Eligible Participants:

- Team Size: There is no limitation on the number of students/archers who may participate in the State Qualifying Tournament. The top 12 shooter scores (of which 4 must be 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 the opposite gender.

- Scores must be submitted from one tournament/school shoot only. Scores combined from numerous events are strictly prohibited. Any team in violation of this rule will be disqualified.

- If a student (or students) is absent from the qualifying event you choose for score submission, you may put them on your roster with a score of "0". Under no circumstance may you use the absent students' score from another event. This is strictly prohibited. Any team found breaking this rule will be immediately disqualified from the 2027 Qualifying and State Tournament. All score cards or score sheets will be verified to ensure scores are accurate.

- Individual Archers: Unlimited archers not scored as a team are permitted for the State Qualifying Tournament. The top 15 shooters male/female per division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the State Tournament

- Per the 2022 NASP® Tournament rules, 3rd grade archers are no longer permitted to participate in NASP® Tournaments.

The following NASP® Qualifying Tournament Rules are modified from the 2026 National and State Tournament Guidelines. Rules that do not apply to the qualifying process were removed
https://www.naspschools.org/wp-content/uploads/Bullseye.pdf

Section 2 - The Qualifying Process

There are two ways to qualify for the WV AIS State Tournament:

1. **<u>Local Tournament Participation:</u> Schools Registering as a Team** can only submit their scores from one local tournament held between September 1, 2026, to February 21, 2027. Schools must complete the "Local Tournament Verification Form" and submit it with a copy of your tournament scores.

2. **<u>Schools registering Individuals</u>** can submit their selected archer/archers best score from one local tournament held between September 1, 2026, to February 21, 2027. Schools must complete the "Local Tournament Verification Form" for each individual archer submission and submit it with a copy of their tournament scores.

3. <u>Qualifying School Shoot Participation:</u> If a school is unable to attend a local tournament, they may opt to shoot a scoring event with at least one other school. **Participating schools must have different BAI's/Head Coaches.** Shoots must be held between September 1, 2026 and February 21, 2027. Schools using this method must complete the "Qualifying School Shoot Verification Form" and submit it with a copy of your qualifying school shoot scores.

- **You MUST send a copy of your scores with your verification form. Forms that do not have accompanying scores will be rendered incomplete and returned to the head coach.**

- If you need a form to use for score submission, please contact Chris Scraggs.

- Any scoring event with at least one other school (with a different BAI/Head Coach) held between September 1, 2026 - February 21, 2027, can count as a qualifying event.

- On the day of your tournament/school shoot, you will conduct your event in the approved NASP® Tournament format, as outlined in the 2027 NASP® Tournament Rules

- Be sure to include ALL information on your verification form. Omitting any information will cause the forms to be returned and could prevent your archers from qualifying.

- At the conclusion of the qualifying tournament/shoot, coaches should gather the scorecards and submit students' scores online as soon as possible. If a team is participating in multiple tournaments within the designated time frame, 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/shoot. Once a coach decides on which specific tournament/shoot will be used to qualify for the state tournament, the scores and verification forms should be submitted as soon as possible.

- Reminder: Third grade archers are not eligible to participate in NASP® events.

Section 3 - State Tournament Qualification

- Bow racks will be provided for all shooters on the line. All bows must be placed on bow racks for official inspection before each flight begins. Once inspected, the bow must remain on the range unless a repair is needed and approved by a lane official.

- After each round of five arrows is shot, bows must be immediately returned to the bow racks for storing until the next round begins. Once bows are racked, students must return to the waiting area until they are alerted to "Get Bows" from the racks for the next round.

- All participating State Tournament teams will be given up to three coaching credentials in their welcome packets. These credentials must be worn around the neck of any coach in "Coaches Alley". Those without credentials are not permitted in the coaching area. A tournament employee will be checking credentials at the area entrance.

Team Qualification

- Top 8 teams in each division will be selected to participate in the 2027 State Tournament on March 27, 2027.

- Top 8 teams per division can register up to 24 students
    - Top 12 shooters will be used to determine the 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, then the next runner up will be provided the opportunity.

Individual Qualification

- Top 15 males per each division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the 2027 State Tournament.

- Top 15 females per each division (not already on a qualifying team) will be eligible to participate in the 2027 State Tournament.

- Reminder: All tournament participants will be responsible for scoring this year. Lane officials will be available to answer any scoring questions.

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

Questions

Please direct any tournament questions to:

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Mark Your Calendars!

2027 West Virginia State Archery in the Schools State Tournament

Where: Charleston Coliseum and Convention center

When: Saturday, March 27, 2027
Cost: $10.00 per archer

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

Teams: Schools qualifying as a team must send a minimum of 12 shooters of which 4 must be the opposite gender. Teams may have no more than 24 shooters. Only one team per school will be permitted.

Individuals: The top 15 shooters male/female per division (who are not already on a qualifying team) from the State Qualifying Tournament will be eligible to participate in the State Tournament.

Shooting Divisions for teams and individuals are:

Elementary School: 4^{th} – 5^{th} grade
Middle School: 6^{th} – 8^{th} grade
High School: 9^{th} – 12^{th} grade

First place teams in each division are automatically qualified to attend the NASP® Eastern National Tournament in Louisville, KY. Additional teams may attend with qualifying scores. The top ten male and female winners in each division also qualify to attend the NASP® Eastern National Tournament.

*Specific information on the WV State Tournament (rules, shooting times, etc.) will be posted on the WV DNR website after January 1, 2027.

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