



NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

2012 Alabama NASP State Championship

When: **Thursday, April 5, 2012**

Competitive Flight Schedule – there will only be 2 archers in each lane per flight. If your archers share bows these archers must be registered for different flight times.

- Flight 1: 9:30 AM
- Flight 2: 10:30 AM
- Flight 3: 12:30 PM
- Flight 4: 1:30 PM
- Flight 3: 2:30 PM
- Awards ceremony - 4PM
- Times are subject to slight changes by tournament officials as circumstances dictate

Teachers should select flight times upon registration. Flight times will be assigned on a first come first serve basis so early registration is advisable. We request that all schools within 80 miles of Birmingham register their students for the 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM flight so that schools that have greater distance to travel won't have to leave so early. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Shooters must be ready to go to their lane assignment 15 minutes before their assigned shooting time. To meet this line-up time requirement, schools should arrive at the tournament registration desk at least 1 hour before their shooting time. Schools and/or participants that arrive after their scheduled flight time will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

Where: Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center, Birmingham, AL

- Directions to the Tournament Site @ <http://www.outdooralabama.com/education/archery/busses.pdf>

Who: NASP Regional Winning Teams & Individuals, plus qualifying teams and individuals

- 1st place Elementary (4th-6th), Middle (7-8th), and High School (9-12th) teams from regional tournaments.
- Teams with the next highest scores across the state until the State tournament is full (~1130 participants).

Team & Individual Registration: Registration Opens March 14 - and Closes March 30, 2012

- Registration will be available on-line.
- The registration fee is \$25/student payable by check to the Alabama Conservation Natural Resources Foundation in advance (Mail to: Marisa Lee, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36130). (Each participant will receive 5 arrows to take back to their school as part of the registration fee. If the \$25 registration fee is **TRULY** a hardship for the school we will give the **SCHOOL** (not individual) an option to only pay \$15 per student and then that school will not receive arrows to take back to their school.)
- Registration window: **March 14 – March 30, 2012.**
- Early Registration- before **March 28th** includes a t-shirt.
- After **March 30** you will not be permitted to add additional students for competition, however, substitutions will be allowed the day of the event.
- There will be no refunds.
- Lane changes will not be permitted after **the March 30th** cutoff date.
- T-shirts will be available on site for purchase.

- Concessions will be available at the tournament by the BJCC vendor on a cash basis.

Tournament Rules:

I. Participation

- NASP Schools: Every competitor must attend a school offering NASP lessons as part of the in-school curriculum.
- 4-12th Grade Students: Only students who are in grades 4-12 by the date of the tournament may participate.
- Team Size: NASP archery teams may contain 12 to 24 students, at least 4 of which must be of the opposite gender.
- Shooting "Up": A student, who by grade is in a younger Division (elementary or middle school) may shoot "up" for a team in an older Division if that student is from the same school or same school district and the student's school also offers the NASP as an in-school curriculum.
- Single Gender and Small Schools: Schools unable to field a NASP archery team because they are too small or of a single gender may:
 1. Single Gender: If the school is all male or female, opposite gender participants must come from schools in the same city, county, or school district.
 2. If the school contains fewer than 125 students (combination of grades 4-12) the team may be comprised of students from other participating small (< 125 students) NASP® schools in the same city, county, or district.

II. Equipment

Only equipment specified for use in the *National Archery in the Schools Program* may be used in the tournament.

- NASP Bows: Only the stock (original), unmodified Genesis™ bow may be used.
 1. Only thread knots or heat shrink nock locators will be permitted (1 or 2). If two nock locators are used the arrow nock must be placed between them. Brass nock locators are prohibited. Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available at 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 camo lines serving as sight marks. Tape or paint placed to cover sight marks must remain in place throughout the competition. 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 approximate length.
 5. The cable guard, guard slide, wheel, cam, bearings, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified.
 6. An archer's bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. but the bow must remain sight-mark-free.
 7. The arrowrest must be original and unmodified. The rest arm missing the plastic sleeve is allowed.
 8. All bows must be on bow racks for range official inspection before shooting begins.
 9. Except for malfunction, bows must remain downrange of the waiting line once shooting begins.
 10. The bow's draw weight must remain unchanged after the 1st non-practice arrow is shot at 10 meters.
 11. **Except for major malfunction the same bow must be used throughout the competition.**
 12. **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. The single line format is unsuitable for bow-sharing.

- NASP Arrows:

For regional events: Only the stock unmodified Easton 1820 arrows approved for NASP may be used.

- a. Only the official and unmodified NASP arrow.
- b. Arrow nocks may be the NASP glue-on or push-in nock.
- c. Arrow points must be the NASP standard; glue-in, cone shaped and weighing 60 grains.
- d. Arrow vanes must be soft plastic, 2.5-3.0" long and no more than .4-6" in height and attached to the shaft with a straight off set of approximately 1.5 degrees. Only 3 vanes may be on the arrow.
- e. Personal arrows may have vanes marked for purposes of identification. The arrow shaft may be marked, crested, or taped above the mid-point (towards the nick) for purposes of identification.
- f. A readily accessible supply of replacement arrows MUST be on hand.

For State Championship: New arrows will be provided on site, participants may not use their own arrows.

1. Tournament officials will provide 5 arrows (and replacements if needed) in each archer's floor quiver. Push-in nocked arrows will be provided at this tournament.

C. Accessories:

- a. Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers.
- b. "No-glove" finger protecting devices may be placed on the bowstring.
- c. 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).
- d. Archers may wear arm guards.
- e. Finger or wrist slings are allowed. Wrist slings may be attached using the stock 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.
- f. Mechanical release aids are prohibited **except as pre-approved for physically challenged archers.**
- g. "Sims" vibration dampeners on the bow limbs are allowed.

- D. At the discretion of tournament official, any bow, arrow or accessory may be subjected to a thorough inspection, including dismantling. Anyone found using disallowed equipment or modifications will forfeit awards and be disqualified from the rankings. Disqualification may affect their team's rank.

III. Competitive Format

A. 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"

B. Range Set-Up:

1. Target faces (paper) will be the standard NASP 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 faces (paper) will be attached to the butts approximately 4-6 inches above the floor.
4. The target line will be approximately 2 yards or meters from the target butts.
5. There will be 10 (32' 10") and 15 meter (49' 2") shooting lines.
6. The waiting line will be at least 4 yards or meters beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
7. **A "Coaches Alley" will be delineated between the waiting line and spectators.**
8. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the Coaches Alley.
9. Approximately 113, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be used with 2 archers assigned per lane per flight.

C. Safety and Coaching Issues

1. Coaches, parents and students not shooting in the current flight MUST stay behind the low drape curtain during competition.
2. Archers shooting LH must shoot a LH bow. Archers shooting RH must shoot a RH bow.

D. Arrows 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.
4. Shooter and quiver must remain in their half of the assigned lane when at the shooting line.
5. Archers must remain on their feet and off their knees when at the target scoring and pulling arrows.
6. Archers may either pull their own arrows, or ask the scorekeeper to pull their arrows for them. Archery not pulling arrows must be safely behind the target line while arrows are being pulled.
7. Points must be covered with one hand and shafts grasped just below the vanes with the other when carrying arrows.
8. 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.
9. The archery must pre-draw, draw, and aim in a manner to keep the arrow pointed away from the floor.

E. Order of Shooting:

1. Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
2. Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows 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.
4. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials.
5. A dropped arrow will be left on the floor and replaced by a range official.
6. An arrow that reaches the target-line without hitting the target is considered a shot rather than a dropped or bounced-out arrow and will be scored zero points.
7. After shooting the last arrow the archer must immediately rack the bow and return behind the waiting line.

F. Scoring:

1. All arrows must be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched to avoid affecting the score of un-scored arrows remaining in the target.
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 line is awarded the higher ring value.
4. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "0" points.
5. An arrow that skips off the floor and strikes the target is scored where it lands.
6. An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce-out.
7. An arrow that "robin-hoods" another arrow receives the value of the arrow in the target.
8. The "X" ring in the center of the 10 scoring ring is simply scored as a 10.
9. Team scores are the summation of the team's highest 12 individual scores – with at least 4 archers of both genders.
10. Each score card must be signed by the archer at the conclusion of shooting and scoring.
11. Only the student archer and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.
12. Adult scorers will be assigned an adjacent pair of shooting lanes to score targets, one adult scorer will call arrows while the other records the score.
13. Judges will be assigned for every 8-10 lanes.
14. Judges will inspect equipment for compliance before shooting begins.
15. Judges will call disputed arrows (when called upon by adult scorers).

16. Judges will assure adult scorers and archers must sign the score card at the end off the flight, before leaving the range.
17. Disqualification may occur if an archer takes the scorecard to the coach or other unofficial person(s).
18. Judges will gather signed scorecards at the conclusion of each flight and leave them **AT THE TARGET**.

IV. Awards

- a. 1 team trophy is awarded to each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in each division.
- b. Each 1st thru 3rd place teams' members will also receive a medal. (Top 12 shooters)
- c. Trophies and medals are awarded to 1st-3rd place individual boys and girls in each division.
- d. Individual boy and girl champions will be a genesis Bow.

V. Dress Code – NASP tournaments are an extension of the educational experience

- a. It is important that students remain safe and comfortable. Therefore, all student archers must wear close-toed shoes. (Bare feet and sandals are not allowed EVEN IF allowed by the school dress code)
- b. All coaches should make sure their student archers adhere to their school's dress code at the tournament.
- c. Behavior considered disruptive, unsafe, or otherwise inappropriate at the event may result in expulsion.
- d. **Sportsmanship:** Archers are expected to respect others. Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification and removal from the event. Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators are also expected to remain respectful of others. Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct could result in removal from the event. If a coach, assistant coach, volunteer or spectator disrespects, threatens or inappropriately touches a lane official or tournament judge they will be immediately disqualified from the event and will be escorted out of the facility and not permitted re-entry.