

6th ANNUAL 2012 TENNESSEE STATE NASP TOURNAMENT

When: Monday and Tuesday, April 2 - 3, 2012

2 Flights on Monday
5 flights on Tuesday (actual number of flights may change if registration numbers warrant)
Flight times will be scheduled after registration closes February 29, 2012. It will be March 1 – 16.
Award Ceremony will be at approximately 5 pm on Tuesday, April 3

Where: MTSU's - Miller Coliseum Murfreesboro, TN

Directions to the Tournament Site @ www.mtsu.edu/~tmc
This event is open to the public and free of charge.

Who: All Schools Participating in the NASP

Teams

comprised of 16 - 24 students with at least 5 of the opposite gender
Elementary (4th-6th)
Middle (7-8th),
High School (9-12th)

Individuals

we will allow up to 15 individuals from a school who cannot field a team to compete as individuals in their respective division
male & female in Elementary, Middle, and High School Divisions

**ONLY ONE TEAM PER DIVISION FROM EACH SCHOOL WILL BE ALLOWED
(No Exceptions)**

Registration: Teams & Individuals: Registration Opens January 2 - and Closes February 29, 2012

There is no registration fee.

Each registered archer and up to 2 coaches from each registered team will receive a souvenir t-shirt.

There will be 2 archers with their own bows in each lane per flighteach from different schools.

Team Coach must pick up registration packet at the ticket office at least 1 hour before their scheduled flight time.

**Practice for every archer will be provided as follows: 1, 5-arrow end at 10 meters and 1, 5-arrow end at 15 meters during the competitive flight.
There are no practice-only flights.**

Qualifying Scores for NASP Teams & Individuals for the Nationals NASP Tournament to be held in Louisville KY, May 11 and 12, 2012 is as follows:

- 1st place Elementary (4th-6th), Middle (7-8th), & High School (9-12th) teams from each state tournaments
- Teams with qualifying scores (qualifying score = sum of the top 12 archers with at least 5 of the opposite gender)
 - Elementary School qualifying score is 2,800 points
 - Middle School qualifying score is 2,900 points
 - High School qualifying score is 3,000 points
 - The first place team in each division from every state is qualified regardless of their team score.
 - Male & female individuals placing 1st - 5th in 4th, 5th, & 6th grades or in the Middle & High School Divisions.
- 12 or more of the archers must have been on the team that qualified for nationals at their state tournament.

Tournament Rules:

I. Participation – Only students who attend NASP® schools may participate

- A. NASP® Schools: Every competitor must attend a school offering NASP® lessons as part of the curriculum.
- B. 4-12th Grade Students: Only students who are in grades 4-12 by the date of the tournament may participate.
- C. A student below 4th grade 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.
- D. Competitive Divisions: Elementary: 4th-6th grades. Middle: 7th & 8th grades, High: 9-12 grades.
- E. A student at a NASP® school that has graduated during (i.e. early) the current school year may, at the discretion of the coach, be registered to participate.
- F. Team Size: NASP® archery teams must contain 16-24 students, at least 5 of which must be of the opposite gender.
- G. 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.
- H. Unless 'shooting up', students may only shoot for a team at the NASP® school they attend.

- I. A school may register as many teams that qualify at their state tournament.
- J. Single Gender or Small Schools: If the school is single gender, opposite gender participants may come from other NASP® schools in the same city, county, or school district. **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.**

Interpretation of Elementary Students in 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades:

What do G. and H. above mean to 4-5th grade students who attend an elementary school without 6th graders and to 6th graders who attend a middle school without 4-5th graders?

The 4-5th graders may not shoot on an elementary team with the 6th graders because they don't attend the same school – violates rule H. The 6th graders may not shoot on an elementary team with the 4-5th graders because they don't attend the same school – violates rule H. Being an elementary feeder school to a middle school does not qualify for an exception to these rules.

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 9th grade and 10th-12th 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 “G” above.

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.
 - a. Only thread knots or heat shrink nock locators will be permitted to be used. The bow string may have 1 or 2 nock locators. 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
 - b. 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. **It is important archers and coaches check every bow for compliance before their flight time.**
 - c. The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.

- d. The bowstring and cables may be “after-market” but of the same approximate length.
- e. The cable guard, slide, wheel, cam, bearings, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified.
- f. An archer’s bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. as long as sighting aids are not created.
- g. The arrow rest must be original and unmodified. A missing rest arm sleeve is permissible.
- h. All bows must be on bow racks for range official inspection before shooting begins.
- i. Bows may not be taken behind the waiting line without range official approval once shooting begins.
- j. The bow’s draw weight must remain unchanged after the 1st non-practice arrow is shot at 10 meters.
- k. **Loaner Bows:** Archers are encouraged to bring their own NASP® bows. A very small number of “loaner” bows will be available in case of equipment failures. Our single line format is unsuitable for bow-sharing.

B. Arrows: Only arrows and arrow components approved for use in the NASP® National Tournament may be used.

- a. The only arrows permitted for use in this tournament are the unmodified, Easton aluminum 1820 Genesis arrows. If providing your own arrows, they must be this official and unmodified NASP® arrow.
 - i. Arrow nocks may be the NASP® standard which is glued on a swaged end of the arrow shaft.
 - ii. Or the arrow may be the next generation NASP® Genesis 1820 arrow by Easton with the original push-in nock and blue or gold aluminum shafts
 - iii. Arrow points must be the NASP® standard; glue-in, cone shaped and weighing 60 grains.
 - iv. Arrow vanes must be soft plastic, 2.8” long and no more than .5” in height and attached to the shaft with a straight off set of approximately 1.5 degrees. There may only be 3 vanes on the arrow.
 - v. Arrow vanes may be marked for purposes of identification.
 - vi. The arrow shaft may be marked, crested, or taped above the mid-point (towards the nock) for purposes of identification.
 - vii. **Arrow Supplies:** Tournament officials will provide 5 arrows (and replacements as needed) in each archer’s floor quiver. **The new arrow in a.ii above will be the arrow provided for use at this tournament.** Personal arrows may be used but must meet standards outlined above (a.i. or a.ii), be uniquely marked to identify the archer’s arrow, and placed in provided floor quivers.

C. Accessories: Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. “No-glove” finger-protection devices may be placed on the bowstring. 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). Archers may wear arm guards. 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. Mechanical release aids are not allowed. "Sims" vibration dampeners on the limbs are allowed.

- D. All bows, arrows, and accessories used by participants may be subjected to inspection, including dismantling at the discretion of tournament officials. Anyone found using disallowed equipment or modifications will forfeit their awards and be disqualified from the rankings. Disqualification may affect their team's rank.

III. Competitive Format

A. Range Set-Up

- a. Targets faces (paper) will be NASP® 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
 - b. Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
 - c. Target faces (paper) will be attached to the butts approximately 4-6 inches above the floor.
 - d. The target line will be approximately 2 yards or meters from the target butts.
 - e. There will be 10 (32' 10") and 15 meter (49' 2") shooting lines.
 - f. The waiting line will be at least 4 yards or meters beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
 - g. A "Coaches Alley" will be delineated between the waiting line and spectators.
 - h. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
 - i. Approximately 60, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be used with 2 archers assigned per lane per flight in the arena
 - j. Approximately 40, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be used with 2 archers assigned per lane per flight in the warm-up arena.
 - k. Shooters occupying a lane will be from different schools where possible.
- B. 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"
- C. Arrows Handling and Moving About the Range:** NASP® safety rules must be followed.
- a. Archers must walk when moving about the range.
 - b. Archers must have one foot on each side of the shooting line with "bows on toes" before shooting begins.
 - c. The tournament-provided arrow quiver must be placed ON the shooting line in FRONT of the archer.

- d. Archers must remain standing when at the targets scoring and pulling arrows.
- e. 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.
- f. Points must be covered with one hand and shafts grasped just below the vanes with the other when carrying arrows.
- g. 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.

D. Order of Shooting

- a. Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows at 10 meters and then shoot 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows (15 arrow total) at 10 meters.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials.
- e. A dropped arrow will be left on the floor and replaced by a range official.
- f. 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 NASP® desire that its tournaments continue to be an extension of the educational experience enjoyed by its participants. It is important that students remain safe and comfortable. Therefore:

- a. All student archers must wear close-toed shoes. (bare feet and sandals are disallowed)
- 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.

F. Scoring:

- a. All arrows must be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched.
- b. Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.
- c. An arrow touching the lines is awarded the higher point value.
- d. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "0" points.
- e. The "X" ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
- f. An arrow that "robin-hoods" another arrow receives the value of the arrow in the target.
- g. An arrow that skips off the floor and strikes the target is scored where it lands.
- h. An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce-out.

- i. Summation of the highest 12 individual scores, with at least 4 of both genders will comprise the team score.
- j. Scannable (bubble-type) scorecards will be used. Archers should practice with this type of scorecard before coming to the tournament. Sample cards may be downloaded @ www.archeryintheschools.org
- k. 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 he shot while the other bubbles in the score of these arrows.
 - iii. Archers will then reverse roles with the other calling arrows she shot while the other bubbles.
- l. If archers cannot agree on an arrow's score, a range official must be asked to make the final decision.
- m. The Scorecard must be signed by the archer and lane-mate at the conclusion of shooting and scoring.
- n. Range officials will gather signed scorecards at the conclusion of each flight **at the target**.
- o. Disqualification may occur if an archer takes the scorecard to the coach or other unofficial person(s).
- p. Only the student archer and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.

IV. Awards

- 1 team trophy will be awarded to each of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams in each division.
- Medals will be awarded to 1st – 5th place individual boys and girls in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades.
- Medals will be awarded to 1st – 5th place individual boys & girls in the Middle & High School Divisions.
- Overall individual boy and girl champions will be awarded a Genesis Bow.

V. Protest Procedures

- A. Protests may concern scoring or equipment compliance.
- B. A committee will be designated to receive, consider, and resolve official protests regarding the tournament.
- C. Tournament officials will be in the "Coaches Review Room" at least 45 minutes following conclusion of every flight.
- D. Coaches are encouraged to visit the "Coaches Review Room" following each flight before results are deemed final.
- E. Only the officially registered coach of the archery team or individual may file a protest.
- F. The coach may not be accompanied by the archer, a parent, or anyone other than a registered coach unless requested by the committee.
- G. A protest must be received by the committee within 45 minutes following the conclusion of each flight.

- H. Video or other photographic evidence regarding the protest will not be considered.
- I. Decisions made by the protest committee are considered final.

VI. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency reserves the right to modify, remove or add items as needed.