



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Natural Resources is accepting online registration for the 10th Annual State NASP Archery Tournament!

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: The tournament is for students enrolled at schools actively participating in the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) during the school day.

WHEN: The tournament will take place Saturday, March 12, 2016 and Friday, March 11, 2016, if needed.

WHERE: Central Michigan University, Student Activity Center, 200 East Broomfield, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859. The 2016 NASP State Tournament guidelines which can be found at www.michigan.gov/archery will explain the rules of the tournament.

HOW TO REGISTER: Register your school for the NASP State tournament. **Registration opens November 23, 2015.** Please go to <http://nasptournaments.org> and click on Michigan and Log In to Register. The **registration deadline** is February 28, 2016.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00 per shooter

TOURNAMENT T-SHIRTS: Schools may order State Tournament T-Shirts for as little as \$2.25 per student. The order form is located at www.michigan.gov/archery.

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What is the NASP State Tournament all about?

The primary focus of the National Archery in the Schools Program is teaching students in grades 4-12 the basics of shooting target archery as part of the in-school curriculum. As students learn NASP target archery shooting skills they also learn how to be very safe archers. A result of the positive teaching techniques used in the NASP, student archers enjoy the activity and many, for the first time in their young lives, experience success in an athletic endeavor.

A NASP tournament exactly mimics the safety features of the classroom archery lessons. Students at the tournament will be very familiar and comfortable with the activity because the range rules, equipment and shooting techniques will be identical to that used in the classroom lessons. The biggest difference at the tournament will be, in most cases that the venue is larger and the students will meet and compete with many new acquaintances.

Why should your school participate in the state tournament?

For some student archers the tournament is a practical demonstration that archery can be even more enjoyable outside the classroom. Many students become more interested in archery when they have an opportunity to compete, like other athletes in other sports. Participation in a NASP tournament brings that goal to fruition for these students. Finally, it is logical that the more frequent and varied the student's archery activities, the more likely they are to adopt archery as a personal, life-long pursuit.

Who can participate? Every NASP Student Regardless of their Gender and Ability!

A NASP tournament is for every student who has participated in the in-school NASP lessons during the current tournament year. NASP Rules for **PARTICIPATION- All State, Provincial, National, and World Tournaments/Championships**

To maximize the number of students who will discover their aptitude and interest for archery NASP® is an in-school program. Because of this 77% of NASP® students first shot archery while taking lessons at their school. NASP® emphasizes team participation in order to maximize the number of students who will participate and to promote positive social interaction among students and faculty.

1.1. Every archer must attend a public, private, charter, magnet or home school offering NASP® curriculum during standard school hours.

1.1.1. After-school-only archery programs or clubs are ineligible.

1.1.2. The school principal's name & telephone # will be provided during registration.

1.1.3. NASP® may choose to contact the principal to confirm.

Guiding Principles: Maintaining the Focus on Kids Enjoying Success

The NASP, even during a competition, offers an activity that students of all genders, abilities, and backgrounds can participate in. Competition at the tournament is a fun and safe learning activity for the developing student archer. However, the competition is not as important as continuing the positive experience of archery for as many students as possible.

2016 Michigan NASP State Tournament Guidelines

Where applicable, the State of Michigan NASP follows the NASP National and World Tournament Rules which serves to eliminate any discrepancies for teams/individuals qualifying for the National and World tournaments. For detailed rule descriptions, please refer to the 2016 NASP National and World Tournament Rules located at www.michigan.gov/archery.

New Rules for 2016:

- A student who no longer attends a NASP® school due to having moved, promoted, etc. is ineligible to participate in this tournament until/unless the student's new school joins NASP® and may then only represent their NEW school.
- A student who is home-schooled may only participate if the home school has enrolled in the state or province's NASP® and provides NASP® archery lessons by a NASP® certified instructor. *Please refer to the 2016 National Rules for additional homeschool rules.*
- If questions arise regarding the validity of a student's home school status, NASP® may require proof that the home school is registered.
- If the school contains fewer than 150 students (combination of grades 4-12) the team may be comprised of students from other participating NASP® schools in the same city, county, or school district. Eligible NASP® schools can join together until a total of 150 NASP® eligible students (combination of grades 4-12) are met.
- All bows must be on bow racks for range official inspection before shooting begins. Once inspected, the bow must remain on the range unless a repair is needed and approved by a lane official.
- The Genesis Mini, Pro, and GenX are not allowed for use in NASP®.
- Arrow vanes must be 3 soft plastic, 2.5-3.0" long and no more than 0.4-0.6" in height and attached to the shaft with a straight off set of approximately 1.5 degrees. Vanes may be of any brand or shape but must be within the listed dimensions.
- Potential special accommodations for physically challenged archers are evaluated on a case by case basis.
- While accommodation of the challenged archer is important, other competitors must not be impacted by the accommodation. Commonly allowed situations include:
 - Wheel chairs are permitted if needed.
 - In the case of hearing or visually impaired archers, a coach or parent may provide assistance at the shooting line. A lane official must be alerted before shooting begins.
 - Mouth tabs are permitted for archers whose physical challenges make drawing the bowstring impossible.
 - Archers who use crutches may shoot from a chair or have coach assistance to stand.
 - An archer's score may only be counted toward the team score for a single team. The score will also be used to determine the archer's individual placement.

Grade Level Divisions

State NASP tournament teams must be comprised of students separated by grade divisions as follows: Elementary (4-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12). Some schools support all grades or grades using two divisions. This means that your school could register teams in multiple divisions for the tournament. A student may shoot up a grade level but not down. In other words, a 7th grader could be on the high school team but not compete for the middle school team. All-star teams comprising members from multiple schools violate NASP Tournament Guidelines.

Special Considerations:

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 150 students (combination of grades 4-12) the team may be comprised of students from other participating NASP® schools in the same city, county, or district.

Home Schools: Individual home schooled students may compete as individuals in NASP tournaments in their appropriate division; Elementary, Middle, or High School. Home schooled students may form teams of 12-24 students to compete in NASP tournaments as long as all the students come from home school programs that present NASP lessons by certified NASP instructors. All home school team members must come from either the same home school association or if no association exists, from the same public school district or county. EXCEPTION: Some home-schooled students receive Physical Education from public or private schools.

If the home-schooled student receives NASP® lessons while attending classes at a NASP® public or private school that student may participate for the home school or the school where the archer receives NASP® classes IF the schools agree. The home-schooled student is ineligible if archery lessons are after-school only.

Team Size

Team size per grade level division must be between 12-24 students with at least 4 of the team members being of the opposite gender. If you do not have enough students to form a team you may register individuals. Schools may enter more than one team per division.

Equipment: Only equipment specified for use in the NASP® may be used in the tournament.

1. **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 (1 or 2). Brass nock locators are prohibited and must be removed prior to the tournament. 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 sight 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.
 - 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, grip, slide, wheel, cam, bearings, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified.
 - f. An archer’s bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. but the bow must remain sight-mark free.
 - g. The arrow rest must be original and unmodified. The rest arm sleeve may be absent.
 - h. All bows must be on bow racks for range official inspection before shooting begins.

- i. Once shooting begins no bows may be taken behind the waiting line, without range official approval.
- j. A non-compliant bow must be removed from the competition by the Head Coach until it can be restored to a compliant condition before competition begins or resumes.
- k. Except for malfunction, bows must remain downrange of the waiting line once shooting begins.
- l. The bow's draw weight must remain unchanged after the 1st scored arrow is shot at 10 meters.
- m. Except for major malfunction the same bow must be used throughout the competition.
- n. The standard bow grip must be present and unmodified.
- o. All bows are subject to inspection at any time. This includes dismantling, weighing, axle to axle, brace height measuring & any other necessary measure deemed necessary by range officials.
- p. If after the 10-meter practice end begins an archer is found to be using disallowed equipment, the archer is subject to disqualification.

2. 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.
- b. Arrow nocks may be the NASP® standard which is glued on a swaged end of the arrow shaft.
- c. 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.
- d. Arrow points must be the NASP® standard; glue-in, cone shaped and weighing 60 grains.
- e. 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. There may only be 3 vanes on the arrow.
- f. 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 nock) for purposes of identification.
- g. If personal arrows are used, a readily accessible supply of replacements must be on hand.
- h. Throughout the competition archers may use any approved NASP® aluminum arrows whether all push-in or glue-on nocks or a mixture of both.

3. Accessories:

- a. Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers.
- b. “No-glove” finger protection devices may be placed on the bowstring but these must be without a ‘Kisser or Locator Buttons or Discs’.
- 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 solutions for physically challenged archers.
 - g. "Sims" vibration dampeners on the bow limbs are allowed.

Competitive Format

1. Range Set-Up:

- a. Targets will be the standard NASP® 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
- b. The target line will be approximately 2 yards or meters from the target butts.
- c. There will be 10 and 15 meter shooting lines.
- d. The waiting line will be at least 4 yards or meters beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
- e. A 'Coaches Alley' will be delineated between the waiting line and spectators.

2. 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".

3. Pulling Arrows:

- 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. Archers must remain standing when at the targets scoring and pulling arrows.
- d. 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.
- e. Archers must cover points with one hand and grasp the shaft below the vanes with the other when carrying arrows.
- f. 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.
- g. The archer must pre-draw, draw, and aim in a manner to keep the arrow pointed towards the targets and away from the floor.

4. 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. This will be repeated at 15 meters.
- b. Archers will have 2 minutes to shoot each 5-arrow end. An alert should be provided near the conclusion of each end.
- c. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials.

- d. An arrow that reaches the target line without hitting the target is considered a shot and will be scored zero points.

5. Scoring:

- a. The maximum score an individual archer can achieve is 300 points. The maximum score a team can achieve is 3600 points. While all of the team members shoot on tournament day, only the top 12 individual final scores, including at least 4 final scores of the opposite gender, are summed for the overall team score.
- b. All arrows must be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched.
- c. Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.
- d. An arrow touching the lines is awarded the point higher value.
- e. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "0" points.
- f. The "X" ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
- g. An arrow that "robin hoods" another arrow receives the value of the arrow in the target.
- h. An arrow that skips off the floor and imbeds in the target is scored where it sticks.
- i. An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target, is treated as a bounce-out.
- j. Both archers should walk to the target in their lane.
- k. Both scorecards will be on the same score board.
- l. One archer will call arrows he shot while the other bubbles in the score of these arrows.
- m. Archers will then reverse roles with the other calling arrows she shot while the other bubbles.
- n. If archers cannot agree on an arrow's score, a range official must be asked to make the final decision.
- o. The Scorecard must be signed by the archer and lane-mate at the conclusion of shooting and scoring.
- p. Range officials will gather signed scorecards at the conclusion of each flight at the target.
- q. Only the student archer and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.

6. Tiebreakers:

In the event of a tie, the equal scoring archers will shoot immediately after the scores have been announced in a sudden death shoot-off. After flipping a coin to determine who will shoot first, 1 arrow will be shot at the same target. The arrow from the highest scoring archer will advance. If the archers score an equal value, then a second arrow shall be shot. If the second arrows tie again in value, then a third arrow shall be shot and the closest arrow to the center of the target, shall determine the winner. In each shoot-off, there is a 20 second time limit from the time the whistle is blown.

7. Observer seating:

The tournament will be much more enjoyable for the shooter and others if accommodation is made for spectators. Archers will also observe other shooters while they await their flight or after they've shot. Family members and school

administrators will also be interested in watching the competition. Charging admission to your school shoot is a great way to raise money for your archery club.

8. Staff Required:

- a. Range Officer: One person provides shooter instructions by whistle commands. If the venue is noisy, a public address system will be needed for this person to communicate with the archers.
- b. Lane Supervisor: One person to inspect equipment before shooting begins, resolve scoring questions, coordinate bounce-out shooting, change targets when needed, collect score cards, replace bent arrows, etc.
- c. Score Keeper: If score cards are to be hand-tallied, calculators will be useful to accomplish this task so the data can be sorted to reveal overall team score and individual placement.

9. Awards:

- a. Individual Awards: Individual awards will be presented to the top five male and female archers within each age division. Additionally, both the male and female with the highest individual score statewide regardless of age and grade level division will be awarded the following:
 - Genesis Pro Compound Bow
 - The top male and female archer in the state will also receive an invitation to represent the State of Michigan in the National NASP tournament to be held May 12-14, 2016 in Louisville, KY.
- b. Individual participation certificates can be found by clicking on the link http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10369_42169_43703---.00.html for the format you prefer: PDF or PowerPoint.

10. Team Awards:

Each school which has a team place first in an age division (Elementary (4-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12)) will receive a trophy. The first place team with the highest overall score per age division (Elementary (4-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12)) in the state will also receive an invitation to represent the State of Michigan in the National NASP tournament to be held May 12-14, 2016 in Louisville, KY.

11. National Tournament Bids:

- a. Individual Qualifier: There are no qualifying scores for individual archers. The top 10 male and female archers statewide who place in 1st thru 10th in 4th and 5th grades and 1st thru 10th place in both the Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12) divisions will automatically qualify for the National Tournament.
- b. Team Qualifier: The 1st place team (reporting the highest team score per age division) will automatically qualify for the National Tournament regardless of their team score. If the 1st place team per age division declines the tournament bid, the automatic bid will be offered to the next highest scoring team in that age division.
 - Once the highest scoring team per age division has received the automatic bid, additional teams will be permitted to attend the

national tournament (space permitted) with minimum qualifying team scores of:

- 2,649 - Elementary School
 - 2,999 - Middle School
 - 3,099 - High School
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- Tier 1: 1st place teams by Division and 1st-10th place individuals by Division & Gender
 - Tier 1: Past male and female individual Overall National & World Champions.
 - Tier 2: Team scores greater than 2,999 (Elementary), 3,199 (Middle), and 3,299 (High)
 - Tier 3: Team scores greater than 2,849 (Elementary), 3,099 (Middle), and 3,199 (High)
 - Tier 4: Team scores greater than 2,649 (Elementary), 2,999 (Middle), and 3,099 (High)