

Criteria for Hosting a NASP Bullseye State Qualifying Tournament

Below you will find NASP's recommendations during the current covid situation.

Social Distancing and NASP®

The following information is provided **only as recommendations** if social distancing and disinfecting practices are required by appropriate government or health authorities to protect the health of participants.

NASP® is being contacted by individuals for guidance, as they plan for the future opening of archery. NASP® has and will continue to follow the advice of state and federal health officials regarding any activities. NASP® is in no way promoting group archery activities until authorities believe it is safe to do so. As has been the case for our nearly two decades of existence, safety is our first priority.

If activities and gatherings are allowed, but with social distancing mandates, these are among the precautions that can be taken in the management of a NASP® archery range and NASP® student archers, be it for a class, practice, or tournament.

Range Lane Spacing - Avoiding Shared Breath and Touching

- Whatever safe spacing distance is required, that would also be the minimum width of lanes on the range. In other words, if 6 feet continues to be the recommended safe distancing, lanes should be 6 feet wide with a single archer/lane standing in the middle of the lane.
- If archers shoot the same target during a flight, only one archer at a time should go to the target line to score and retrieve arrows.
- The waiting line should also be marked and managed to maintain safe distancing.

Equipment Management - Avoiding Cross-Contamination

- Students should each have their own, without sharing, personal Stringbow, when learning and practicing the *Eleven Steps to Archery Success*. The same would hold true if the archers are using armguards, gloves, or finger tabs.
- If the archer is wearing a face mask, care should be taken that all parts of the mask are such that they won't be snagged by the string when released. Bowhunters routinely shoot while wearing face masks.
- When retrieving or returning bows to the bow rack, only one archer should be at the bow rack at a time. If the range has multiple bow racks, they should be spaced according to social distancing requirements to allow multiple archers to pick up and return bows.
- Each archer's bow should be on it's on hook with no sharing of bow or hook unless disinfected between archers.
- Shared bows and arrows should be regularly disinfected. To disinfect, the CDC indicates, "Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work". Except caustic agents such as bleach should be kept off the bowstring.

- Soap and water
- 60% or greater alcohol wipes
- Bleach should be avoided on bowstrings.
- Special care should be taken to maintain safe distancing when setting up or taking down the range if students help.

Scored Shooting - Avoiding Cross-Contamination

- Each archer should have a scorecard on their own scoreboard. The opposing archer (adjacent lane) will record the competitor's arrows, lay the scoreboard/card on the target line, and the archer will observe for accuracy and mark scores.
- The approval box of each arrow line should be checked by the scoring archer after the archer who shot the arrows agrees with the score.
- To avoid handling each other's cards, they should be unsigned and collected by a gloved official or handed in by the archer who handled the card.

If your school approves NASP lessons and practices to commence the following are the traditional guidelines and timelines for state qualifying purposes. All the info listed below is subject to change as we move forward. Please understand we will do our best to keep you up to date with any changes as they come about.

Teams:

A school/team can attend as many state qualifying tournaments as they want. The best team score that they shoot from any of the qualifying tournaments will be used to determine their team ranking as compared to all other schools in their division. The top 12 schools in each division will advance to the state tournament. Scores on an individual shoot with a team will also count towards an individual score for qualifying purposes. Teams that place in the top 12 in their division will be able to register in tier one for the state championship.

Individuals:

While the State Qualifying Tournaments are designed specifically for teams, they are also important for individuals. An archer can qualify for the State Tournament by shooting a qualifying score at a state qualifying shoot. This will primarily be for schools that do not have enough students to make the minimum team size of 12 students. It is important to remember that if you have 20 middle school students shoot a qualifying team score you will not be allowed to shoot any middle school students as individuals. Only a school that has less than 12 students at a division will be able to register individuals. The top 30 individuals in each age division and each gender (30 boys/30 girls) will qualify for the state tournament. (Elementary, Middle and High) Individuals in the top 30 will be able to register in tier one for the state championship.

NOTE* If your school does not place in the top 12 in their division, they are still able to register during tier two and attend the state tournament. Tier two is first come first serve. You are only guaranteed a spot at states if you are in the top 12 teams (per division) or top 30 individuals(per division/gender).

General Info:

Schools will be permitted to bring more than one team to a qualifier competition however only one team from that school and age division will be permitted to attend the state tournament. An example would be if North Middle School took two teams (Team A and Team B) to shoot at a state qualifying match and team B shot a higher school only team B would be eligible to qualify to attend the state tournament.

Maintaining the integrity and quality of our tournaments is very important to us. To make sure the high standard we have set remains in place, The PA NASP State coordinator and the Pennsylvania Game Commission staff may spot check tournaments to make sure all criteria is being followed. If a tournament is encountered that is not fulfilling all requirements, the tournament will automatically lose its state- qualifying status. This makes it very important that all coaches know and understand the criteria to make sure the tournaments they attend are not in violation of any of the rules.

If you are interested in hosting a state qualifying tournament, you can go to <http://nasptournaments.org/> and complete the forms to host a NASP Pro tournament. Schools that host a tournament are expected to charge an entry fee to cover their costs for the tournament which include, target faces, score cards, \$1 fee per archer score processed by NASP and any other cost such as awards or food.

Official Criteria

A PA NASP Bullseye State Qualifying Tournament Must.....

- Be held between November 1st 2020 and February 28th 2021. (All scores MUST be uploaded by Noon ET on March 1st to be considered)
- Follow the official Regional/State tournament rules.
- Open Flight Selection at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament. (to allow everyone an opportunity to see the listing and sign up)
- Have a minimum capacity for a minimum of 48 archers. (example 5 flights of 10 archers each)
- Allow a period of time (minimum of one day) for Pennsylvania schools to register before archers/teams from other states are allowed to register.
- Have a standard range setup
 - Lanes must be 5 feet wide with lanes and centers clearly marked on the shooting lines.
 - 2 quivers per target are required
 - Target line, shooting lines and waiting lines must be present and properly spaced.
- Have a minimum of one range official per 5 targets
 - Range officials must be adults and non-students.
 - The Announcer can count as one of the officials if they are also working at the targets while students are scoring.
 - All range workers and announcers must watch the Lane Official Training video at <http://naspschools.org/resources/>
- Make sure each target has 2 archers from different schools when possible.
 - If both archers at a target are from the same school, a range official must score the target.
 - If only one archer is at a target, the range official must score the target.
 - If both archers at a target are from the same school or there is only one archer at a target, the range official cannot be affiliated with the school the archer(s) attends.
 - All archers must shoot on the same range(s). Schools cannot offer flights at “different” times or locations and restrict those flight to certain groups. For example.... They cannot allow XYZ elementary school shoot in their own gym and use those scores.
 - The intent is to make maintain the integrity of our tournaments.
- Use official 80cm FITA faces. Paper faces must be replaced at least every other flight or if requested by an archer prior to the beginning of a flight. (Order forms for target faces, score cards and other items can be found here. <http://www.pgc.pa.gov/Education/NationalArcheryInTheSchoolsProgram/Pages/NASPStateTournament.aspx>)
- Use the <http://nasptournaments.org/> and NASP_Pro.accdb software
- Use official scorecards and scanner. (A scanner can be loaned from the PGC for an event. Email request must be made to toholmes@pa.gov two weeks in advance. Scanners are first come first serve and are not guaranteed to be available)
- Post the results at <http://nasptournaments.org/>
- Pay \$1 per archer (who shoots) to NASP. A printable invoice will be available online after scores are uploaded. (this includes the use of the software)

It is very important to understand that if your school does not attend a State Qualifier during the above time window your school cannot attend the Pennsylvania NASP State Tournament.