

Pa NASP Family,

I wanted to touch base on this year's Pennsylvania State tournament. As we all know things have not changed a lot from the last update as far as state restrictions and mandates. This inevitably means that we will not be holding an in-person state tournament this year. We will be hosting a virtual event however. In an effort to provide students the opportunity to participate we needed to be a little creative. As you all know schools across the state are bouncing from in person learning too virtual weekly and sometimes daily. This makes it difficult for many students to be able to shoot their bows at all. Pennsylvania NASP has partnered with many archery retailers across the state to help students in these situations. The archery retailers shown on the [NASP Map](#) have agreed to allow students who may be virtual learning to come to their ranges and shoot a score to be entered into the state tournament. These retailers will have all NASP equipment on hand for students that use their schools normally. Students will only be able to shoot one qualifying score for the state virtual tournament. Below are the details for competing in the state tournament.

- The NASP Virtual Tournament will run from March 1st to March 31st 2021
- Registration is open now.
- Students can shoot a qualifying score from school, home, local archery clubs or any participating archery retailer.
- Archery retailers not shown on the NASP Map may be willing to provide range time as well but may not have NASP equipment on hand.
- If you plan on using a retailer's range or club range please call them ahead of time to confirm lane space is available. You will also need to report your Name, School and Score to the shop before leaving.
- Coaches or BAI's will be responsible for uploading their students score to the NASP tournaments website.
- Individual and team scores can be uploaded.
- This virtual event is based on the honor system and it is expected for everyone to only shoot one score and upload that score. (Coaches you may want to set a tournament date and have your students all shoot their scores on that day if possible)
- Scholarships will be awarded in two ways. All students who post a score will entered into a random draw for scholarships, score does not matter. Secondly students may write an essay about an archery related topic. Essays will be judged by a panel and scholarships awarded as well. Essays can be submitted to shootingsports@pa.gov with NASP Essay in the subject line.
- Virtual Tournament scores will be posted on the NASP tournaments website. These scores will be used for Nationals tier registration in the event it still happens.
- There will be no charge for entry into this tournament.
- It is not required for students to shoot in a state qualifier to participate in the state tournament this year.
- A school must be enrolled in the NASP program with an active BAI to participate. (Make sure your school is reporting its teaching hours)
- To upload scores coaches/BAI's will need to manually enter each students score along with the number of 10s.
- Schools may still host in person or virtual state qualifiers if they are permitted. Scanners may still be loaned out by request.
- Awards will be mailed to schools after the conclusion of the tournament.

- Eagle Sportz (T-shirt vendor at states) will be offering tournament shirts for sale through this link. <https://www.eaglesportz.com/store/pennstatearchery2021> PA NASP receives a portion of these sales which funds our scholarships for next year's event so any purchases help the program each year.

While we realize this is a little different format than what we are used to but our goal in this is to keep our students shooting their bows during these difficult times. We want to thank all our coaches, teachers and parents for continuing to provide archery instruction and assistance over the past year. We look forward to reading all your essays! Feel free to take some selfies and post them to our PA NASP Facebook page in the month of March whether at your school, club or local archery retailer!

We will do our best to work through this process as this is new to all of us.
Good luck and have fun!