



West Virginia Archery in the Schools

2021 WV Archery in the Schools Virtual State Tournament Rules

Brief Summary of the Virtual State Tournament Rules

****Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, these rules are subject to change at any time. ****

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the delay in West Virginia scholastic winter sports until at least March 1, 2021, the West Virginia Archery in the Schools State Tournament will be completely virtual this year. There will be no qualifying tournament participation required for State Tournament competition. The event is open to any school with an active WV Archery in the Schools program.

The tournament system has been designed to give each school an equal opportunity to participate in the West Virginia Archery in the Schools (WV AIS) virtual State Tournament. Our hope is that it will also give schools who have not previously been involved in the state tournament the experience of shooting NASP® archery in a competitive environment.

The following rules have been created by the West Virginia Archery in the Schools program with oversight from the NASP® office. Please read them carefully. Timelines are concrete and will not be modified (unless mandated by a WV Executive Order), so please plan accordingly.

The virtual State Tournament will have the same divisions as the National NASP® Tournament format – Elementary, Middle, and High School.

Only schools (public, private, or homeschool) that teach NASP® archery (WV AIS) as part of the in-school curriculum for a minimum of 10-hours per year are qualified to compete in the virtual tournament. Additionally, the instructor(s) must have received the Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) certification and must be in good reporting standing with NASP®.

The following Divisions are part of the virtual State Tournament:

Elementary School: 4th – 5th grade

Middle School: 6th – 8th grade

High School: 9th – 12th grade

Section 1 – Virtual State Tournament Guidelines

- The WV Archery in the Schools Program will be following the 2021 NASP® National, Open & Championship Tournament Rules for all events. Click [here](#) to download a PDF copy of the rules.
- Per Governor Jim Justice, practice may begin on February 14, 2021 if school is in session.
- Register your students online at www.nasptournaments.org under “WV Archery in the Schools Virtual State Tournament” beginning on March 1, 2021.
- BAI’s must complete the NASP® In-School Commitment Form before registering for the tournament. The form is available at www.naspschools.org.
- Conduct your scored virtual State Tournament event sometime between **March 25, 2021 and March 27, 2021**.
- To submit tournaments scores, BAI’s must take **both** of the following steps by 5:00 PM on March 29, 2021:
 1. Submit scores online at www.nasptournaments.org (under WV Virtual State Tournament)
 2. Submit the score verification form and copies of scorecards to WV Archery in the Schools Coordinator, Kayla Donathan, by 5:00 PM on March 29, 2021. Forms can be submitted via mail, email, or fax. Direct submission information can be found at the bottom of the verification form.

Eligible Participants:

- Team Participation: One team per school is permitted to participate in the virtual State Tournament. Teams may have 12 to 24 archers, with at least four being the opposite gender. Summation of the teams highest 12 individual scores (with at least 4 of both genders) will be used to determine the overall team score.
 - Individual Participation: If a school does not have enough archers for a team, students may participate as individuals.
- Scores must be submitted from one designated shoot. Scores combined from numerous attempts are strictly prohibited. Any team found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.**
- If a student (or students) is absent from the qualifying event you choose for score submission, you may put them on your roster with a score of “0”. **Under no circumstance may you use the absent students’ score from another shoot. This is strictly prohibited.** Any team found breaking this rule will be immediately disqualified from the 2021 virtual State Tournament. All score cards will be verified

to ensure scores are accurate.

- Under no circumstances are archers permitted to score themselves. Archers from the same school who score each other must be under DIRECT supervision of a neutral adult.
- Coaches are not permitted to choose a “best score” for an archer. There must be an official shooting date and time for archers to shoot a single score.

Section 2 – NASP® Recommended COVID-19 Protocols

The following COVID-19 Protocols are recommended by NASP® and the WV Archery in the Schools Program:

- **Range Lane Spacing – Avoiding Shared Breath and Touching**
 - Lanes should be six feet wide with a single archer per lane; standing in the middle of the lane.
 - If archers shoot at 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.
 - Face coverings must be worn when social distancing is not able to be maintained.

- **Equipment Management – Avoiding Cross-Contamination**
 - Students should each have their own (without sharing) stringbow, armguards, gloves, and finger tabs.
 - If the archer is wearing a face covering, care should be taken that all parts of the covering are such that they will not be snagged by the string when released.
 - 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 its own 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.
 - a) Soap and water
 - b) 60% or greater alcohol wipes

- c) Bleach should be avoided on bowstrings
 - Special care should be taken to maintain safe distancing when setting up or taking down the range.
- **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 review the marked scores for accuracy.
 - 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.

Section 3 – The Virtual State Tournament Process

Schools must follow the WV Department of Education COVID map guidelines for extracurricular activities. More information can be found here: <https://wvde.us/school-reentry-metrics-protocols/>

- On the day of your scored shoot, you must conduct your event in the approved NASP® Tournament format, as outlined in the 2021 NASP® Tournament Rules.
- At the conclusion of the shoot, coaches should gather the scorecards and submit students’ scores online immediately.
- Once scores are submitted online, scorecards and verification forms must be submitted to the WV State Coordinator for review.
- Be sure to include ALL information on your score verification form. Omitting any information will cause the forms to be returned and could prevent your archers scores from counting.
- All scores must be uploaded, and verification forms must be submitted by 5:00 PM on March 29, 2021. Winners will be announced by 5:00 PM on March 31, 2021. A virtual awards ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

Section 4 - State Tournament Awards

The following awards will be presented during a virtual ceremony following the conclusion on the WV Archery in the Schools virtual State Tournament:

Team Awards:

- 1st place (elementary, middle, and high school)
- 2nd place (elementary, middle, and high school)
- 3rd place (elementary, middle, and high school)

- 1st place team (overall)
- 2nd place team (overall)
- 3rd place team (overall)

Individual Awards:

- 1st - 10th place male (elementary, middle, and high school)
- 1st - 10th place female (elementary, middle, and high school)

- 1st place overall male
- 1st place overall female

- 2nd place overall male
- 2nd place overall female

First place teams in each division are automatically qualified to attend the NASP® Eastern National Tournament on May 6-8, 2021 in Louisville, KY. Additional teams may attend with qualifying scores. The top ten male and female winners in each division also qualify to attend the NASP® Eastern National Tournament.

Section 5 – NASP® Eastern Nationals Tournament Statement

NASP has released the following statement regarding the status of the National Tournaments (as of 1/8/21):

“NASP® is hopeful that we will once again be able to conduct in-person tournaments in 2021. However, our position is that we will only hold in-person events if they can be conducted safely at full scale. We will continue to follow all Federal, state, and local COVID-19 safety protocols. If limitations are still in place due to continued risk, NASP® will not conduct live events -but will instead develop a virtual national tournament. Our top priority is the health and safety of our archers, volunteers, attendees, and staff.

NASP® will continue to monitor the situation and update our tournament status monthly or in accordance with any potential changes.”

Questions

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