



## NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM



### 2009 Alabama NASP State Championship

When: **Tuesday, February 10, 2009**

- Flight 1: 9:30 AM
- Flight 2: 12:30 PM
- **Flight 3: 2:30 PM**
- Awards ceremony - 4PM
- Times are subject to slight changes by tournament officials as circumstances dictate

Teachers should select flight times upon registration. Flight times will be assigned on a first come first serve basis so early registration is advisable. We request that all schools within 80 miles of Birmingham register their students for the 9:30 AM flight so that schools that have greater distance to travel won't have to leave so early. We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Shooters must be ready to go to their lane assignment 15 minutes before their assigned shooting time. To meet this line-up time requirement, schools should arrive at the tournament registration desk at least 1 hour before their shooting time. Schools and/or participants that arrive after their scheduled flight time will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

Where: **Birmingham Jefferson Convention Center, Birmingham, AL**

- Directions to the Tournament Site @ <http://www.outdooralabama.com/education/archery/busses.pdf>

Who: **NASP Teams & Individuals**

- Elementary (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>), Middle (7-8<sup>th</sup>), and High School (9-12<sup>th</sup>) teams.

**Team & Individual Registration: Registration Opens December 1- and Closes February 6, 2009**

- Registration will be available on-line.
- The registration fee is \$15/student payable by check to the Alabama Conservation Natural Resources Foundation in advance (Mail to: Marisa Lee-Sasser, 64 North Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36130).
- Registration window: **December 1 – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**
- Early Registration- before **January 26<sup>th</sup>** includes a t-shirt.
- Registration **after January 26<sup>th</sup>** will not include a t-shirt.
- After **February 6<sup>th</sup>** you will not be permitted to add additional students for competition, however, substitutions will be allowed the day of the event.
- There will be no refunds.
- Lane changes will not be permitted after **the February 6<sup>th</sup>** cutoff date.
- T-shirts will be available on site for purchase.
- Concessions will be available at the tournament by the BJCC vendor on a cash basis.

## Tournament Rules:

### I. Participation

- A. NASP Schools: Every competitor must attend a school offering NASP lessons as part of the in-school curriculum.
- B. 4-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: Only students who are in grades 4-12 by the date of the tournament may participate.
- C. Team Size: NASP archery teams may contain up to 24 students, at least 4 of which must be of the opposite gender.
- D. Shooting "Up": A student, who by grade is in a younger Division (elementary or middle school) may shoot "up" for a team in an older Division if that student is from the same school or same school district and the student's school also offers the NASP as an in-school curriculum.
- E. Single Gender and Small Schools: Schools unable to field a NASP archery team because they are too small or of a single gender may:
  1. Single Gender: If the school is all male or female, opposite gender participants must come from schools in the same city, county, or school district.
  2. Small Schools: If the school contains fewer than 100 students (combination of all grades) the team may be comprised of students from other participating NASP schools in the same city, county, or district.

### II. Equipment

Only equipment specified for use in the *National Archery in the Schools Program* may be used in the tournament.

- A. NASP Bows: Only the stock (original), unmodified Genesis™ bow may be used.
  1. Only thread knots or heat shrink nock locators will be permitted to be used. Brass nock locators are prohibited. Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available at [www.nasparchery.com](http://www.nasparchery.com).
  2. 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 camo lines serving as sight marks. Tape or paint placed to cover sight marks must remain in place throughout the competition. Any bow identified by a range official as having possible sight marks will be "zip-tied" making it impossible to shoot and must be removed by the archer or the archer's coach and either replaced or the sight marks properly covered. The tournament will not be delayed as such bows are corrected. Range officials will not cover sight marks. **It is important that archers and coaches check every bow for compliance before their flight time.**
  3. The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.
  4. The bowstring and cables may be "after-market" but of the same approximate length.
  5. The cable guard, guard slide, wheel, cam, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified (except an archer's bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, etc. as long as no sighting advantage is gained).
  6. The arrowrest must be original and unmodified.
  7. Only original, unmodified cam and wheel bearings may be used.
  8. All bows must be on bow racks for range official inspection before shooting begins.
  9. Once shooting begins no bows may be taken behind the waiting line, without range official direction or approval, until the flight concludes.
  10. **Loaner Bows**: Archers are encouraged to bring their own NASP bows. A very small number of "loaner" NASP bows will be available in the case of equipment failures.
- B. NASP Arrows: Only Easton Arrows marked with the Genesis™ or NASP logo may be used.
  1. Arrows will be provided on site, participants may not use their own arrows.
- C. Accessories: Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers. "No-glove" finger protecting devices may be placed on the bowstring. Archers may wear arm guards to protect the bow arm.

Finger or wrist slings are allowed but may not be attached to the bow by bolt, screws, wire or brackets. Mechanical release aids are not allowed. "Sims" vibration dampeners on the bow limbs are allowed.

- D. All bows, arrows, and accessories used by participants in the scholarship shoot-off may be subjected to a thorough inspection by tournament officials. This inspection, which could include dismantling, will take place after the shoot-off. Anyone found using disallowed equipment or modifications will forfeit their awards and be disqualified from the rankings. Disqualification could affect the ranking of their entire team.

### III. Competitive Format

- A. Whistle Signals: NASP whistle commands will be used to operate the range --- Range officials will use this language to instruct archers. (we won't use "fire" or "firing line" in the future – because that isn't what we teach)

1. 5+ whistles for an emergency
2. 2 whistles to "get bow"
3. 1 whistle to "shoot",
4. 3 whistles to "go get arrows"

- B. Range Set-Up:

1. Targets will be the standard NASP 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
2. Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
3. The target line will be approximately 6 feet from the target butts.
4. There will be 10 and 15 meter shooting lines.
5. The waiting line will be 10-15 feet beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
6. Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
7. Approximately 113, 5 foot wide shooting lanes will be used with 4 archers assigned per lane per flight.
8. Each shooting lane will have 2 "A" and 2 "B" shooters assigned per shooting flight.

- C. Order of Shooting:

1. Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows at 10 meters and then shoot 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows (15 arrows total) at 10 meters.
2. Each archer will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows at 15 meters and then shoot scoring 3 ends of 5 arrows (15 arrows total) at 15 meters.
3. Archers will have 2 minutes to shoot each 5-arrow end.
4. Range safety rules will be the same as the NASP program and will be adhered to by all.
5. "A" shooters will shoot and retrieve an end and then "B" shooters will shoot and retrieve.
6. In the event of a tie, the number of "X's" will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, we will go to the number of 9's, then 8's, etc, until a winner can be established.
7. Bounce-outs will be shot immediately after the 3<sup>rd</sup> end of each shooting distance.

- D. Scoring:

1. All arrows must be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched to avoid affecting the score of un-scored arrows remaining in the target.
2. Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1. An arrow touching the line is awarded the higher ring value. An arrow that isn't in a scoring ring is awarded "O" points. The "X" ring in the center of the 10 scoring ring is scored only as a part of the 10 ring in this tournament -- ("X" counts are not tabulated).
3. The highest possible individual score is 300 points.
4. An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again at the direction of range officials.
5. Team scores are the summation of the team's highest 12 individual scores – with at least 4 of both genders.
6. Scannable (bubble-type) score cards are used in this tournament.

7. Each score card must be signed by the "A" and "B" archer at the conclusion of shooting and scoring.
8. Only the student archer and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.
9. Adult scorers will be assigned an adjacent pair of shooting lanes to score targets.
10. These adult scorers will call arrows while the other records the score.
11. Arrows touching a scoring ring line will be given the higher score.
12. A pair of scoring judges will be assigned for every 12 lanes.
13. Judges will inspect equipment for compliance before shooting begins.
14. Judges will call disputed arrows (when called upon by adult scorers).
15. Judges will assure adult scorers and archers sign the score card before leaving the range.
16. Judges will pick up and deliver signed score cards to the scoring table at the end of shooting times.

#### **IV. Awards**

- 1 team trophy is awarded to each of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each division.
- Each 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams' members will also receive a medal. (Top 12 shooters)
- Trophies and medals are awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place individual boys and girls in each division.

#### **V. Dress Code**

1. All participants are requested to wear collared shirts or full length standard t-shirts (t-shirts in school colors with logos would be ideal).
2. All participants are prohibited from wearing tank tops, cropped t-shirts, cut-off jeans or short-shorts – no exceptions
3. Hair and jewelry should not cause safety concerns.