Equipment

Only equipment specified for use in NASP® may be used in the tournament. NASP® equipment has been selected to be as universal-fit as possible to make administration of the program most suitable for in-school teaching. The program would be too complicated if multiple bows, arrows, and accessories were allowed. Tournaments follow in-school program design.

- If after the 10-meter practice end begins an archer is found to be using disallowed equipment, the archer is subject to disqualification.

- **Bows**: Only the stock (original) unmodified *GenesisTM* bow may be used.
  - All bows must be on bow racks for range official inspection before shooting begins.
  - The *Genesis Mini* is allowed for use.
  - A non-compliant bow must be removed from the competition by the Head Coach until it is restored to a compliant condition before competition begins or resumes.
  - Only tied on or heat shrink nock locators may be used.
    - There may be up to one nock locator above and below the arrow nock.
    - If using two nock locators the gap between them must be < 1-1.5 nock widths.
    - Instructions for tying on a nock locator are available at www.nasparchery.com.

- The bow must be sight and sight-mark free.

- Tape or paint to cover sight marks will be applied to the face of the sight window at a point starting at the top of the bow’s grip and running at least 6 “ up the face of the sight window towards the top limb.
  - Camouflage bows may be used, but the face of the sight window must be covered to prevent camouflage lines serving as sight marks.
  - The inside of the sight window must be kept free of any raised edges.
  - Tape or paint used to cover sight marks must remain throughout the competition.
    - Archers and coaches should comply with this rule before their flight time.
    - If sight marks are discovered the archer will be asked to have this performed.

  - The bow must be free of draw stops or stabilizers.
  - The bowstring and cables may be ‘after-market’ but of the same approximate length.
  - The standard cable guard, grip, slide, wheel, cam, bearings, riser, and limbs must be original and unmodified.
  - A bow may be personalized by painting, stickers, et cetera, but be without sight-marks.
  - The arrow rest must be original and unmodified. The rest arm sleeve may be original, absent, or replaced with heat shrink tubing similar to the original rest arm sleeve.
  - Except for malfunction, bows must remain downrange of the waiting line once shooting begins.
  - The bow’s draw weight must remain unchanged throughout the flight after the 1st scored arrow is shot at 10 meters.
  - Except for major malfunction the same bow must be used throughout the competition.

**Arrows**: Only the original unmodified Easton aluminum 1820 arrows approved for NASP® may be used.

- If the archer provides personal arrows they must be official, unmodified NASP® arrows.
- If personal arrows are used, a readily accessible supply of replacements must be on hand.
- Arrow nocks may be the NASP® glue-on or push-in nock or both.
- Arrow points must be the NASP® standard; glue-in, cone shaped and weighing 60 grains.
- Arrow vanes must be 3 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.
  - NEW: New Archery Products (NAP), the maker of the Genesis bow arrow rest, has developed a replacement vane system for NASP®. This system will be permitted in NASP® schools and tournaments. It meets our dimension specifications outlined...
above. It is called “NASP® SPEEDFLETCH (patents: 7,955,2901 & 6,142,896). This vane system will have the NASP® logo marking the index vane.

- Personal arrows must have vanes marked for identification. The arrow shaft may be marked, crested, or taped above the mid-point (towards the nock) for identification.

**Accessories: Very few accessories are allowed in NASP®**

- Archers may wear finger tabs, tape, or gloves to protect draw-hand fingers.
- 'No-glove' finger-protection devices may be placed on the bowstring but these must be without locator buttons or discs.
- 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).
- Archers may wear arm guards and chest protectors.
- Archers may wear eye patches or glasses.
- Finger or wrist slings are allowed. Wrist slings may be attached using the bolt that comes with the strap. The bolt must be made of steel or plastic and must only protrude one inch or less beyond the bow's accessory hole.
- Mechanical release aids are prohibited except as pre-approved solutions for physically challenged archers.
- Vibration dampening devices may not be placed on any part of the bow. Note: Although previously allowed in NASP® they must be removed from bows used in the program and its tournaments. They are an unwarranted expense unaffordable for some schools and students.
- At official discretion, any bow, arrow, or accessory may be subjected to inspection, including dismantling and weighing. Anyone found using disallowed equipment or modifications will forfeit awards and be disqualified. Disqualification may affect their team's rank.

**Competitive Format**

NASP® competitions are designed to be extensions of the in-school curriculum. Tournaments emphasize safety, sportsmanship, and indoor application.

**Range Set-Up**

- Target butts will be placed directly on the floor similar to the height of school butts.
- Targets faces (paper) will be NASP® 80 cm FITA face with 10 scoring rings.
- Target faces will be attached to the butts approximately 4-6 inches above the floor.
- The target line will be approximately 2 yards or meters from the target butts.
- There will be 10 meter (32' 10") and 15 meter (49' 2") shooting lines.
- The waiting line will be at least 4-5 yards or meters beyond the 15 meter shooting line.
- A 'Coach’s Alley' will be delineated between the waiting line and spectators.
  - Only two coaches from each team may be in the coach’s alley.
  - Coaches in the alley must wear credentials provided at registration (wrist strap, etc.)
  - For teams, at least one coach must be immediately available and located with his or her team while the team is shooting in case issues must be resolved. Coaches must display positive sportsmanship while in this alley.
- Spectator seating will be placed as close as possible behind the waiting line.
- Shooting lines will support a minimum of 5 foot wide shooting lanes accommodating 2 archers per lane.
  - The shooter’s label will indicate with “Left” or “Right” which half of the 5’ wide shooting lane each archer is assigned.
    - Crowding across the middle of the lane is considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - Shooters occupying a lane will be from different schools where possible.
Solo shooters will be combined where possible to promote integrity.

Whistle Signals: NASP® whistle commands will be used to operate the range.
- 5+ whistles for an emergency
- 2 whistles to 'get bow'
- 1 whistle to 'shoot'
- 3 whistles to 'go get arrows'

Arrow Handling and Movement About the Range: NASP® safety rules must be followed.
- Archers must walk when moving about the range.
- Archers must have one foot on each side of the shooting line with 'bows on toes' before shooting begins.
- The tournament-provided arrow quiver must be placed ON the shooting line in FRONT of the archer.
- Shooter and quiver must remain in their half of the assigned lane when on the shooting line.
- 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 from the target.
- Archers must remain standing on their feet and off their knees when pulling arrows.
- Arrow points must be covered with one hand and shafts grasped below the vanes with the other hand when walking with arrows.

Order of Shooting
- The archer must nock, pre-draw, draw and aim in a manner keeping the arrow pointed safely towards the target, below the top of the backstop curtain, and away from the floor at all times.
- Archers will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 10 meters.
- Archers will shoot one practice end of 5 arrows and 3 scoring ends of 5 arrows at 15 meters.
- Archers will have 2 minutes to shoot each 5-arrow end.
- Dropped arrows will be left on the floor and replaced by a range official.
- An arrow that bounces off the target may be shot again as instructed by range officials.
- An arrow that reaches the target line without hitting the target is considered a shot rather than a dropped or bounced-out arrow and will be scored zero points.
- If an archer is unable to safely use the equipment and follow range protocols that archer may be removed from the competition.
- If the archer’s draw weight and draw length aren’t sufficient to perform on par with other archers in the tournament the archer may be removed. Generally this is indicated by arrows that repeatedly fail to reach the target and/or stick in the target butt.
- After shooting the last arrow the archer must immediately leave the shooting line, rack the bow, and return behind the waiting line. This is NASP®-specific range management protocol.

Scoring:
- All arrows should be scored before any arrow or the target's face is touched.
  - Moving the target face to affect an arrow’s score is a violation
  - Moving or pushing an arrow into the target face to affect an arrow’s score is a violation.
- Beginning in the center of the target, scoring rings are 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, & 1.
  - An arrow touching a scoring ring line is awarded the higher point value.
  - An arrow outside all scoring rings is awarded ‘0’ points.
  - The 'X' ring in the center of the 10 is simply scored as a 10.
  - An arrow that 'robin-hoods' another arrow receives the value of the arrow in the target.
  - An arrow that skips off the floor and imbeds in the target is scored where it sticks.
  - An arrow that skips off the floor and bounces off the target is treated as a bounce out.
- Scannable (bubble-type) scorecards will be used. Archers should practice with this type of scorecard before coming to the tournament.
Scoring: Both archers should walk to the target in their lane to score their arrows.
- Only archers and tournament officials will be allowed downrange of the waiting line.
- Both archers’ scorecards will be on the same score board.
  - One archer will stop at the Target Line while the other archer approaches the target.
  - The archer at the target calls out the score of his or her own arrows while the archer behind the Target Line records (bubbles) the score in pencil. Arrows remain in the target.
  - Archers will then reverse roles, the other calling his or her own arrows while the other archer bubbles. Arrows remain in the target.
- If archers cannot agree on an arrow’s score, a range official must be asked for the final decision.
- After both archers are satisfied that arrow values have been accurately recorded, they may then approach the target, one archer at a time, and pull their arrows. Recorded scores are considered final at this point. The waiting archer must remain safely behind the Target Line.
- Only range officials may have erasers at the targets. If the archer needs a score erased the official will perform the task. The lane official will document such action on the back of the scorecard.
- At the conclusion of the flight both archers must sign the scorecard.
- Range officials will gather signed scorecards after each flight at the target.
- Disqualification may occur if an archer takes the scorecard up-range of the 10 meter shooting line or to the coach or other unofficial person(s).
- If an archer observes another recording a false score a range official must be alerted.
- Summation of the team’s highest 12 individual scores, with at least 4 of both genders will comprise the team score.

Ties will be broken
- **Individual Ties**
  - First by the computer by comparing total score, then # of 10's, 9's, 8's, and so on.
  - If necessary a shoot-off will take place prior to the awards ceremony. KEEP YOUR BOW NEAR BY! Archers absent for tie breaking will be awarded the lower rank.
  - Tied individuals will shoot a 5-arrow warm-up end at 15 meters.
    - Then a 5-arrow end competitive end at 15 meters.
    - If the tie persists, a single arrow shot from 15 meters, closest to the middle of the target’s center will break the tie.
- **Team Ties**
  - Tied teams will select archers from their teams.
    - These archers from each team will shoot a 5-arrow warm-up end at 15 meters and then a 5-arrow scoring end at 15 meters.
      - Scores of team members will be compared to break the tie.
      - If the tie persists archers! from each team will shoot a single arrow at the same target. The arrow closest to the center of the target will win the tie.

Dress Code NASP® tournaments are an extension of the educational experience
- It is important that students remain safe and comfortable. Therefore, all student archers must wear close-toed shoes. (Bare feet and sandals are disallowed)
- Use of personal music playing devices, ear buds and headphones are prohibited on the range.
- Ear plugs to block distractions are permitted as long as the archer remains able to hear and follow range commands.
- Behavior considered disruptive, unsafe, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate may result in disqualification and or expulsion of the archer, coach, and observers.

**Protest Procedure**
- A committee will be designated to receive and resolve official protests.
- Coaches may visit the Coaches Review Room following the conclusion of each flight.
- Only the officially registered coach of the team or individual may register a protest.
- A protest must be received by the committee within 30 minutes following flight conclusion.
- Protests may concern an archer or team score or equipment compliance.
- Video or other photographic evidence regarding the protest will not be considered.

**Sportsmanship:** Archers, coaches, volunteers, and spectators are expected to respect others. Acts of unsportsmanlike conduct will result in disqualification and or removal from the event.
- These are a few examples of unsportsmanlike conduct:
  - Purposefully disturbing another archer with excessive touching or talking
  - Failure to follow lane official direction
  - Physical or verbal abuse of any person at the event
  - Using disallowed equipment
  - Attempts to cheat

The “Spirit Award” has gradually given rise to more and more “noise” to attract the attention of judges. While we appreciate the enthusiasm of students and coaches we must protect competitors from excessive distraction while they shoot. Also, those observing sometimes are frustrated when noise for noise-sake seems rampant. Therefore, we are changing the “Spirit Award” to the “Sportsmanship Award”. Features of a team winning this award could include:
- Team apparel, Team I.D., and Unity
- 4-H Club pride
- Respect for fellow archers
- Respect for Range Officials
- Unanimity among team members and coaches for sportsmanship
- Encouragement of team members and competitors