



KY NASP® NEWSLETTER

February 2026



2026 KY NASP® State Championships



The 2026 KY NASP® State Bullseye and 3D Championships will once again be held at the KY Exposition Center, located at 937 Phillips Lane, in Louisville. This year's event will be held on Friday, March 13th and Saturday, March 14th. The competition will host approximately 8,000 Bullseye and 2,000 3D qualifying archers!

Info for Coaches

When you arrive... Teams need to arrive at least an hour before their scheduled flight time. Upon arriving, coaches will pick up their team packets at the registration table located at the back of the lobby, near the escalators. Payment for team registration is due at this time, so please work with your school well in advance to ensure payment may be made at the tournament. Registration for the state bullseye tournament is \$35 per archer and registration for the state 3D is an additional \$35 per archer. Teams are responsible for all archers registered at the close of registration. Substitutions do not increase your amount due. Payments for bullseye and 3D may be combined into one check **made payable to KY NASP®**. Place the school name and "Kentucky" in the memo line of all checks. Registered archers and three coaches will enter into the East Hall entrance, located behind the registration table. Packets will contain a copy of the current roster, a form for changes, scorecard labels, and the archer's scorecards. New this year - archer substitutions may now be made online! Starting on the first day of the tournament, coaches may go to their registration, select Edit Roster, and then select Tournament Day Changes. Once all changes have been made, please take time to go through the scorecards and labels to make sure they are correct. The labels will not be adhered to the scorecards, so allow time before the flight to place them on the bottom of the scorecards. Using a No. 2 pencil, please bubble in the shooter numbers or have the archers bubble in their own shooter numbers. Shooter numbers are found on the labels. Bows should be hung on the racks for inspection at least 15 minutes before flight time. Coaches need to be available during bow inspection and during the flight. Please remember at all times that everyone involved in the tournament has the same goal - the archers! This event wouldn't be possible without all the incredible effort by the coaches, parents, and volunteers, and on behalf of KY NASP®, THANK YOU!

Remember Student/Parent Waivers - A waiver must be signed by each archer and the archer's parent or legal guardian and kept on file by the coach. During the registration process, coaches have agreed to have these waivers in possession on site at the event and can/will produce a waiver upon the request of an event administrator. The document may be downloaded at <https://fw.ky.gov/Education/Documents/2025-26-Student-Parent-Waiver-State-National.pdf>

Spectator Info

Parking \$15/car or \$30/bus

Free Admission

Concessions & Vendors on site

* Food & Beverage: KEC does not allow carry in or coolers inside building.

Drink machines are located in the lobby. Food Vendors will be in the lobby and in Northwing.

Parking purchased at the gate is \$15 but allows for in/out privileges. Receipt must be presented for reentry. For parking information and advanced purchasing of passes, visit <https://parking.kyexpo.org/>. Purchase must be made at least 15 minutes prior to coming through the gate to allow time for the system to refresh.

Buses are \$30. Buses may drop off in front of the KEC but must park in Lots P or R.

NASP® Tournaments

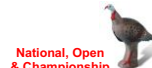
KY NASP® STATE CHAMPIONSHIP
KY Exposition Center, Louisville, KY
March 13 - 14, 2026

NASP® EASTERN NATL TOURNAMENT
KY Exposition Center, Louisville, KY
May 7 - 9, 2026

NASP® CHAMPIONSHIP TRNY
Ocean Center - Daytona Beach, FL
June 18 - 20, 2026



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Prepare Your Archers



Body and Equipment stay in their 30" throughout the shot process -

During tournaments, archers are given a 60" wide lane to share with their lane mate during the competition. This means each archer has 30". Make sure your archers are courteous to their lane mate and that their entire body, their equipment, and their quiver remain inside their lane. Invading more than their allotted space is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and places them at a risk of being disqualified. Do your archers a huge favor and have them practice staying in their own lanes. This will be enforced during the tournament.

Nocking and Drawing in a Safe Direction - Rule 4.4.1. The archer must nock, pre-draw, draw and aim in a manner that keeps the arrow pointed safely towards the target throughout the process. (Below the top of the backstop curtain, and away from the floor). KENTUCKY: All archers will follow the 11-step process described. Starting the draw before the arrow is pointed safely toward the target is prohibited.

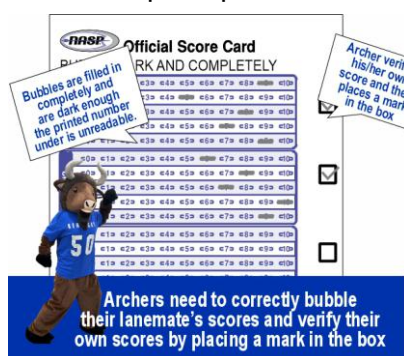
To nock the bow with the arrow pointed at the floor or to pull the bow back with an arrow nocked and pointed above or below the curtain is a safety violation. The correct procedure must be followed and will be enforced during the tournament. Correcting the behavior during a tournament is disruptive to the archer and possibly others. Please make sure every team member is nocking and drawing in a safe manner with the arrow pointed safely towards the target.

Scoring Protocol - To keep the flight running smoothly for your archers and the other archers in the tournament, please make sure they are efficient in the scoring process. Most delays happen during the scoring process and for some archers, it becomes a source of frustration. NASP® developed a new scoring protocol a few years ago as well as a video for demonstration. The video may be viewed online at <http://www.naspschools.org/learning-center/>. Please utilize this protocol during practice until the archers feel comfortable and confident in scoring. During the tournament, if an issue arises at the target where the students need help, they simply need to raise their hands to alert a lane official for help. Lane officials are more than happy to assist!

NASP® 3D Scoring Video - The scoring process for NASP® 3D is a little different from scoring on a bullseye target. After watching this video, your archers will master the 3D scorecard! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kvLoaDS7BE>



Scorecards - Many tournament delays happen at the target and involve simple mistakes on the scorecard. Archers should not only know the scoring protocol but how to fill out the scorecard in an efficient and timely manner. Practice scorecards may be downloaded [here](#). Use these during after-school practices, so the archer feels comfortable with the process. For best scanning results, the bubbles on the card should be filled in completely and dark enough for the scanner to pick up.



COACHES - We need your help! Huge delays are occurring when scorecards are not filled out properly. Please make sure:

- Shooter numbers are filled in correctly
- Correct names and lane assignments are on the label if archers are substituted or moved to another lane
- Archers fill in bubbles completely and darkened so that the number below is not visible
- Archers verify his/her own score and then place a mark in the box

Handling Arrows Properly - Well coached archers are easy to spot when it comes to proper arrow retrieval and handling! When an archer pulls all five arrows from the target, laying them at the foot of the target one at a time, the archer picks them up and evens up the points on the top of the target. The archer then places one hand on the bottom of the shaft, covering the points. The other hand is placed around the shaft, further up the arrow, near the vanes. The archer then walks back to the quiver, **with both hands holding the arrows** in front of the archer, and places the arrows in the quiver. For a visual example, please watch the safety video on the NASP® website (naspschools.org).



Coaches -

Remain Behind the Seating Area Until Range is Clear

Entering the Range - We are happy that coaches and archers want to come onto the range as soon as possible! But if archers are still on the range scoring and gathering their equipment, it creates confusion and misplaced equipment. **Please be courteous and wait BEHIND THE SEATING AREA until the announcement is made to enter the range.** Why wait behind the seating area? Because if the entryway/exit to the range is blocked by your team, the archers on the range can't exit the range.

Most of the time when a bow is missing, it is because archers came onto the range too early and an exiting archer grabbed the wrong bow off of the rack when leaving. So please, remain behind the seating area until the range is clear and the announcement is made.

Good Sportsmanship

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. NASP® officials and tournament directors have the right to make on site determination of any situation not covered by these rules. NASP® officials' decisions are final.

KENTUCKY: all coaches, archers, and parents are required to read the rules and protocol document. Coaches, archers, and parents are to be aware that arguing with NASP® officials / tournament directors is an act of unsportsmanlike conduct and could result in being removed from the event. Coaches exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct may have their BAI certification terminated and will be reported to their respective school district. All coaches are expected to hold their archers to a high standard of behavior. Inappropriate behavior from archers on the range will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct from archers may result in the archer being removed from participation in upcoming events including local, state qualifying, state and national. Inappropriate behavior from students at school hosted events should be addressed with the host admin., students school coach, school Principal and school district Superintendent.

The following are a few examples of unsportsmanlike conduct:

- 8.1. Purposefully disturbing or distracting another archer with excessive touching or talking.
- 8.2. Failure to follow lane official direction.
- 8.3. Physical or verbal abuse of any person at the event.
- 8.4. Attempts to cheat include:
 - 8.4.1. Using disallowed equipment.
 - 8.4.2. Improper call-out of arrow value.
 - 8.4.3. Improper bubbling of arrow value.
 - 8.4.4. Erasure of anything on the scorecard. Only lane officials may use erasers.
- 8.5. Behavior considered disruptive, unsafe, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate may result in disqualification and/or expulsion of the archer, coach, and observers. Examples include, but are not limited to:
 - 8.5.1. Intentional or repeated bumping of another archer or archer's bow.
 - 8.5.2. Harassing, intimidating, or threatening another.
 - 8.5.3. Encroaching beyond the archer's assigned half of the 30" in the shooting lane.
 - 8.5.4. Ignoring the L vs. R assignment in the shooting lane.
 - 8.5.5. The use of Vulgar or otherwise offensive language, or on shirts or banners.
- 8.6. Any Coach or school determined to be intentionally violating NASP® rules and protocols will be marked as ineligible for tournament participation for the season.

It is the coach's responsibility to know the rules and, to the best of their abilities, ensure that every archer abides by those rules. Safety is the number one priority of KY NASP®, followed by good sportsmanship on everyone's part. Section 8 of the rules is dedicated to sportsmanship alone! It would be a great idea to go over this section with your archers every year. Unfortunately, every year it seems more complaints are made about coaches or parents conducting themselves in an unflattering manner rather than archers. Remember, young archers are watching and learning from our behavior. Let's make sure our behavior is such that it teaches positive virtues.



\$45,000 Total State Tournament Scholarships

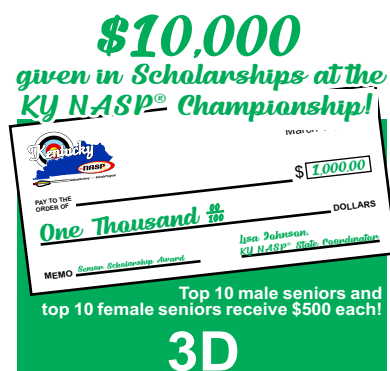
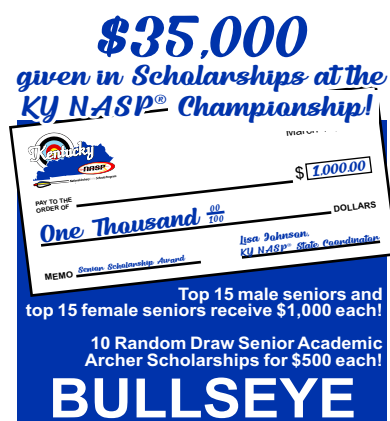
A total of \$35,000 in scholarships will once again be awarded for the KY NASP® Bullseye Tournament!

The top 15 scoring senior males and top 15 scoring senior females at the 2026 KY NASP® State Bullseye Tournament will each receive a \$1000 scholarship to the post-secondary institution they will be attending after graduation.

In addition to the senior scholarships, 10 random senior Academic Archer drawings will be held throughout the state tournament for \$500 scholarships. Participation in the tournament is required.

NEW THIS YEAR!! An additional \$10,000 in scholarships will be awarded for the KY NASP® 3D Tournament!

The top 10 scoring senior males and top 10 scoring senior females will each receive a \$500 scholarship to the post-secondary institution they will be attending after graduation.



Personal Achievement Decals

KY NASP® personal achievement decals will be available for purchase IN FRONT OF THE SOUTH PODIUM during the state tournament! Decals are available in increments of 10 points from 200 to 300 and are priced at \$1 each or \$5 for bundles of 10 (you create your own bundle!). These are vinyl decals that work great on bowcases too! Online purchase is available as well at <https://kynasp.square.site/>

Kentucky Archers Aiming to Reduce Hunger



Thank you to our
KY NASP® family
for generously
donating each year!

Kentucky National Archery in the Schools Program is partnering with Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry and Feeding America Heartland to help target hunger in our Kentucky communities. KyNASP® is asking each state tournament participating archer to bring one food item from the list below to donate at the 2026 KyNASP® State Tournament. This year, donations have been down, so any boxed or canned item of food (name brand or not) will be greatly appreciated!

Feeding America Kentucky's Heartland gathers and distributes food in 42 Kentucky counties to feed our neighbors in need through local community partnerships.

Will you join Bullseye?

Cool Bullseye decals will also be given to each donating archer as supplies last.

<https://kyhuntersforthehungry.info>
<https://feedingamericak.org>

Thank you!

After-Tournament TARGET SALE



Online sales end 3/12. Unsold targets may be purchased for \$30 during the event if available. Must pick up after last flight Saturday, approximately 5:30 on the range

Online sales will close Thursday, March 11th. Any unsold targets may be purchased during the event for \$30. To reserve and pre-purchase, please visit

<https://nasp.ticketspice.com/2026kynasp-target-sale>

The tournament uses the standard Morrell Youth Targets that have been "beefed up" for the state tournament. They are not recommended for use by a school that is practicing on them daily but more for home use or for use at a school-hosted tournament. The targets are able to be re-stuffed as needed.

Purchased target(s) will need to be picked up after the conclusion of the last flight on Saturday, March 14th at approximately 5:30 pm. When you arrive at the tournament during the competition (Friday or Saturday), please go to the South podium and you will be given the

number(s) of your target(s). Online sales refunds will only be given before March 12th. Please email Tammy Mills at Vendors.kynasp26@yahoo.com for more information or if you need to cancel your order. If you do not pick up your target(s) on Saturday, they will be donated to a school in need.

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March - KY NASP® Coach Appreciation Month



We want to show our coaches some love, so we've once again declared March as this year's "KY NASP® Coach Appreciation Month"! If you'd like to recognize your coaching staff, please send a picture (no earlier than March 1st please) with the school name and the names of the coaches to KY NASP® through Facebook Messenger.

We are also celebrating Coach Appreciation Month at the state tournament! Twelve coaches will be randomly selected and notified by text. KY NASP® has amazing coaches and we want them to know we appreciate them! *Prizes need to be claimed before the last flight on Saturday.

We Love our Academic Archers!

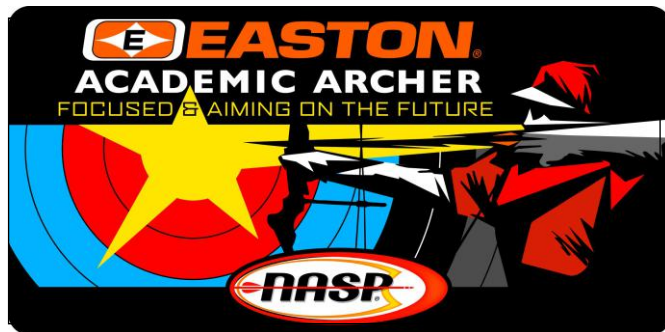
Each team registration packet (12 or more archers) will contain a neon green ticket. We're asking each coach to give the ticket to his/her most deserving Academic Archer. The Academic Archer will redeem their ticket at the Ky NASP® booth for a stuffed Bullseye(*as supplies last) and a cool bowcase decal!



Check with your coach to see if you've met the criteria to become an Academic Archer!

Make sure your qualified archers are designated as Academic Archers! **Deadline is April 1**

Coaches - give your archers the recognition they deserve! If your archers have worked hard and met the Academic Archer criteria, make sure to sign them up today! To make it easy, an indicator has been added to your archer list page to denote Academic Archers for this season. This indicator will display the AA image next to any archer who has been designated as an Academic Archer for the current school year. This will make it easier for you to identify your AA Archers. This indicator can be changed by editing the archer and checking the box for Academic Archer. AA qualifications may be found online at <https://www.naspschools.org/academic-archer/>, by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking "Academic Archer Criteria".



KDFWR Offers Archers Hunter Education Range Day at the State Tournament!

KY NASP®, in partnership with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, will be offering Hunter Education at the State Tournament. To participate, **students must complete an online Hunter Education course prior to the tournament.**

Choose from one of the following options:

nra.yourlearningportal.com (FREE)

[Recademics.com](https://recademics.com) (\$29.99) Military & First Responders Discount (\$19.99)

[Hunteredcourse.com](https://hunteredcourse.com) (\$19.95)

hunter-ed.com (\$34.95)

After completing the online course, students will need to attend and complete the range day requirement during the State Tournament. A copy of the online course certificate/voucher showing completion will be required.



Registration for Range Day:



March 13
10am - 3pm



March 14
9am - 3pm

NASP® Lane Official Training Video - Great Info for Coaches Too!

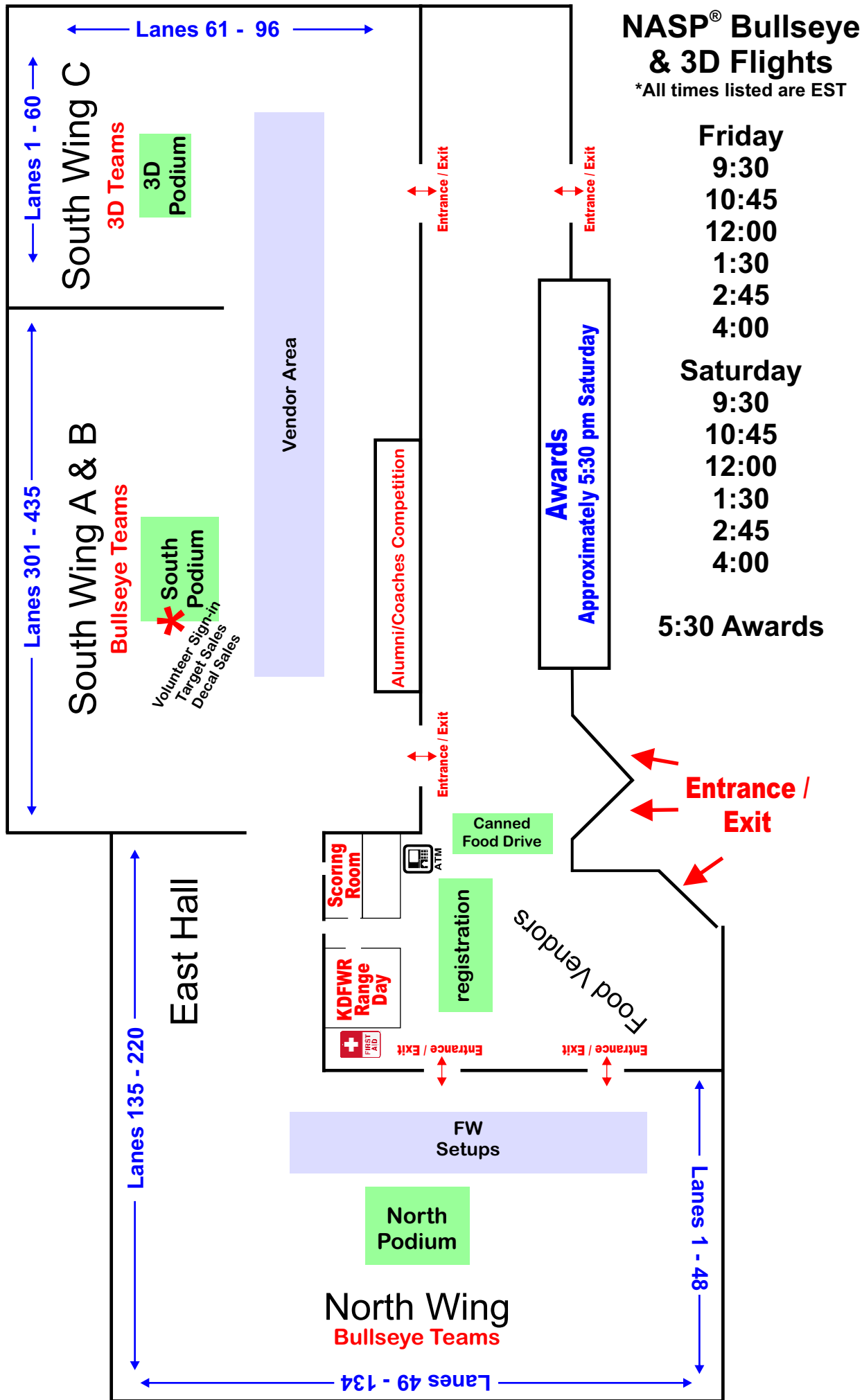


The new Lane Official Training Video is posted! The video reviews all protocols that should be used at NASP® tournaments. We strongly encourage all coaches to view the video and make sure the proper procedures are being followed by their archers. Remember, it is the coach's and archer's responsibility to know the rules and protocols.

The video may be viewed directly on YouTube at https://youtu.be/ZRDzfR_a6HY (or search NASP® Lane Official Training 2023) or in the NASP® learning center at <https://www.naspschools.org/learning-center/>

 **Click here to view now**

2026 KY NASP® State Championship Facility Layout



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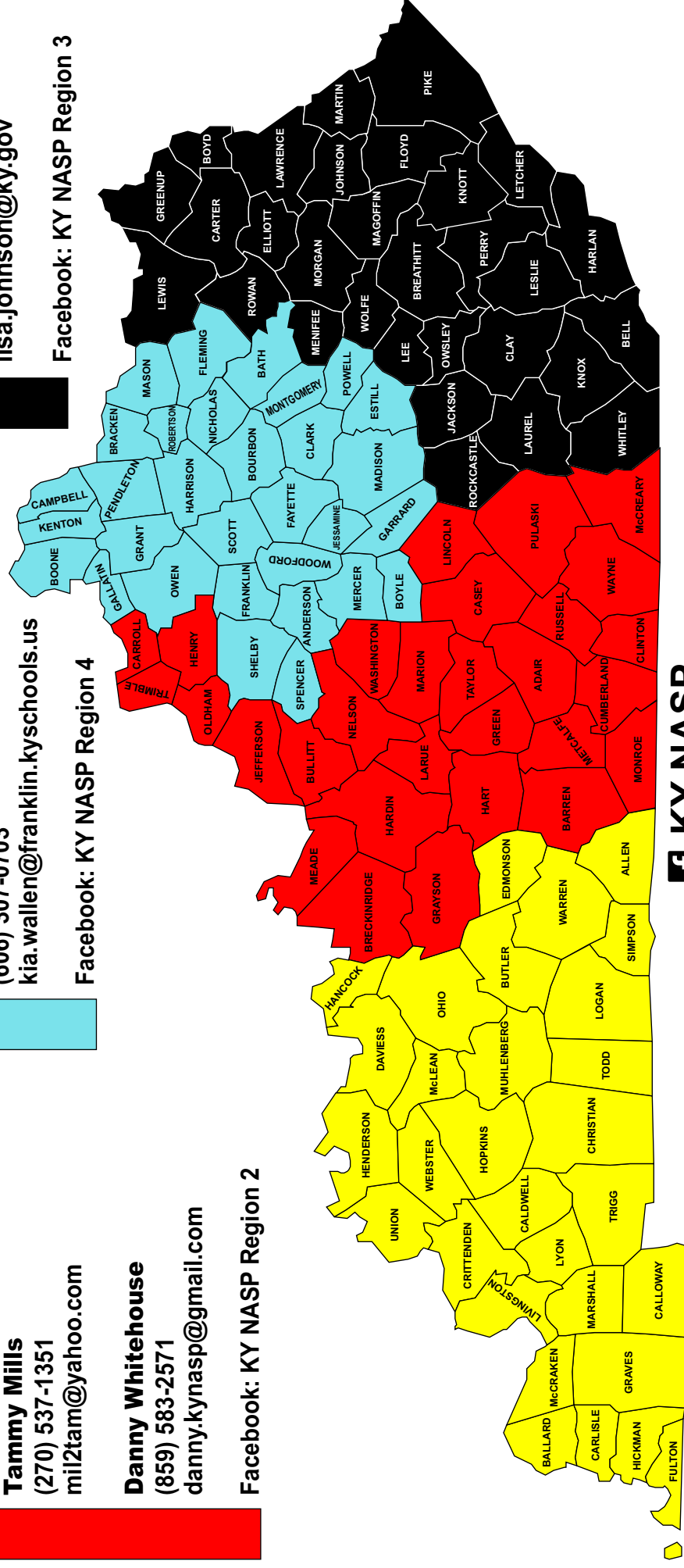
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