



KY NASP® NEWSLETTER

October 2025



2026 State and National Schedule

2026 NASP® Bullseye & 3D

Tournament Dates

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 Convention Center
Daytona Beach, FL
June 18 - 20, 2026

The 2026 state and national level tournament schedule has been set! We know that coaches are trying to plan their archery schedule for the year, which can sometimes be a tough task. While the decision of when to begin holding practices is completely up to the coach and/or school administration, it may be based on several different factors. Available practice facilities, other sports, or avoiding archer burnout are just a few issues that can affect that decision. Figuring out that timeline can be tough so we want to provide as much information as possible.

Mark Your Calendars!

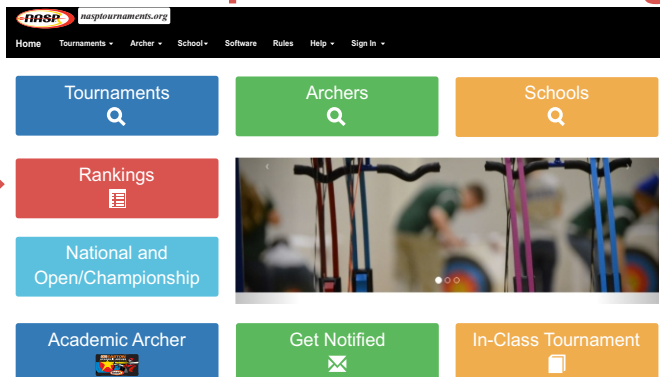
All teams and individuals wishing for a chance to advance to the KyNASP® State Championship Tournament on March 13-14, 2026 must compete in at least one state qualifying tournament between December 5th, 2025 and February 14th, 2026. Teams and individuals will be ranked during this time based on their best state qualifying score.

Bullseye Qualifying Scores: High school team scores of 3100 or more, middle school team scores of 3000 or more, and elementary team scores of 2500 or more will have the opportunity to register for the 2026 KyNASP® State Bullseye Tournament.

Individuals not part of a qualifying team in high school with a state qualifying tournament score of 285 or higher, middle school with a state qualifying tournament score of 275 or higher, elementary school with a state qualifying tournament score of 265 or higher will have the opportunity to register for the 2026 KyNASP® State Bullseye Tournament. (Rankings can be found at www.nasptournaments.org by clicking on the red "Rankings" button.) Please reference the KY NASP® tournament rules for detailed registration information. www.fw.ky.gov/nasp

KYNASP® 3D Rules and Qualifying Scores will be announced soon!

www.nasptournaments.org



Click here for team & individual rankings

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Registration for the state bullseye and 3D tournaments will be handled through the nasptournaments.org website. Participation is not guaranteed. Flight positions are limited as the size of the state tournament is based on a fixed number of participants).

Hosting State Qualifiers



Teams and individuals will be ranked during the season based on their best state qualifying score. Based on this ranking, the team or individual is given a tier, a specific date and time that they may register for the state tournament. The higher the team's top state qualifying score, the higher the tier and the more likelihood of obtaining the requested flight time. Teams and individuals must participate in at least one SQ to qualify for state, but participation at state is limited by space.

All NASP® tournaments are required to meet all safety and range requirements, but SQ tournaments have additional specifications that

must be met. The tournament must also be approved by the state coordinator by December 1st. If you'd like to host a SQ tournament, please download the "Official Criteria for Hosting a KY NASP® State Qualifying Tournament" or the "Official Criteria for Hosting a KY NASP® 3D State Qualifying Tournament" at www.fw.ky.gov/nasp. The documents outline all of the requirements and include the form that must be submitted.

2026 KY State and National NASP® Rules Posted

The state and national bullseye rules are now finalized and posted! The NASP® 3D rules are being finalized and will be posted as soon as possible. No major changes from last year's rules are expected. As always, modifications made to the national rules are highlighted in yellow. The state document, which applies to all KY NASP® tournaments (including local competitions, state qualifiers as well as the state tournament), highlights KY specific rules in blue. Coaches and archers are expected to know and abide by all the rules. Why risk disqualification? The first step to knowing the rules is to read the rules. Not only is it a great idea to share these documents with archers, but the archers are expected to know and understand the rules as well.

Rules Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Coordinator to clarify the rule! They are always happy to help and would much rather discuss a rule before a violation occurs than try to fix the problems it creates after the fact, especially during a tournament. Your regional coordinators are very knowledgeable regarding the rules - reach out to them at any time.

If there is a violation at a tournament involving a safety issue, please let the host know immediately. If it is a tournament rules concern, please discuss the issue with the proper contact at the tournament, which may be the Lane Official, the Range Manager, or the tournament host. There should always be a copy of the rules at the tournament, but keeping a copy handy is always a good idea. If there are other issues regarding the tournament that are not resolved, please contact the host school's administration. If you still have questions or need a rule clarified, feel free to contact your regional or state coordinator.



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KENTUCKY RULE: Coaches/Archers/Parents are responsible for following and understanding the rules.

Certified PE teachers Offered BAI Certification at No Cost

To show our appreciation to certified PE teachers wishing to implement the NASP® program, KY NASP® is offering to cover the cost of the Basic Archery Instructor Training! Certified PE teachers may go online at www.naspbai.org, click on "View Class Schedule", select Kentucky from the drop-down menu, and view all of the upcoming BAI classes being offered in Kentucky. Once registered for a class, the teacher may simply bring a letter to the class from the Principal of the school stating that the certified PE teacher being trained will be implementing the NASP® curriculum during the school day at some point during the school year. After-school coaches may want to check with the school administration now to make sure the current certified PE teacher is trained.

Meeting the 10 hour In-school Requirement

While approximately 150,000 Kentucky students participate in archery during school, 16,000 of those archers compete in after-school tournaments. KY NASP® would love to see every school and every eligible student given an opportunity to be introduced to the lifelong sport of archery. To assist in this goal, NASP® has guidelines for the in-school curriculum that must be followed in order for any archers from a school to compete in NASP® tournaments.

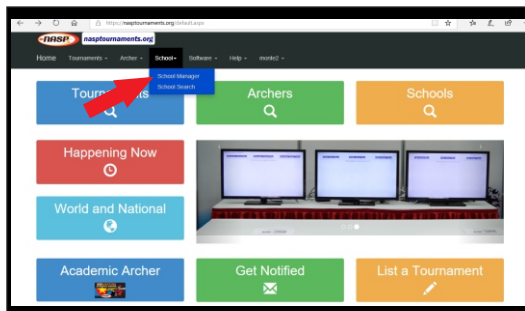
What are the in-school requirements?

- NASP® lessons must be conducted by a certified BAI (preferably the PE teacher) as part of the in-school curriculum (preferably in PE class), a minimum of 10 hours per school year.
- Classroom lessons must include at least the following subject material:
 - Determine Eye Dominance
 - String Bow® used to teach Eleven Steps to Archery Success®
 - Safety Orientation and shooting of bows and arrows on a NASP® range

When can the hours of instruction be completed?

- A school may implement the 10 hours of in-school instruction at any point during the school year as long as it is completed by July 1.

To ensure that after-school coaches are aware of this rule, a feature was added to the tournament registration process.



After logging in at www.nasptournaments.org, coaches must click on the “School” button in the black bar at the top and in the drop-down menu, select “School Manager”. On this page, the coach then selects any schools that he/she may be associated with during the upcoming school year. On the School page, the coach must click on the “2025-2026 In-School Requirement Commit Now” button. A new page will appear, explaining the

1. Will at least 10 hours of NASP® lessons be taught at this school, in class, during the official school day, as part of the class curriculum for that class by a certified NASP® instructor?

2. Will these lessons include:
1. Teaching Eye Dominance
 2. Teaching Making a String Bow
 3. Teaching the 11 Steps to Archery Success
 4. Allowing the students to shoot the Genesis bows

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3. Will the lessons be taught in the school's Physical Education classes?

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4. Please identify the NASP® certified BAI (Instructor) that will be leading these lessons.

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5. Is the BAI selected above the official teacher assigned to this class (not just for the archery lessons)?

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6. What is the name and email address of the school's Principal? (If this is a homeschool and you do not have a Principal (lead), please use your name and email address).

Please make sure that both the classroom teacher and school administrator are aware of this requirement and can answer these questions when/if asked.

Please note that falsifying any information on this report will result in the permanent loss of your NASP® certification.

☐ I certify that the above information above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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requirements and asking the coach to commit to making sure that the in-school instructor will be completing the instruction during the school year.

New this year, using the information provided by the head coach, the Principal will be notified of the commitment. This online commitment will replace the previously required Principal Verification Letter.

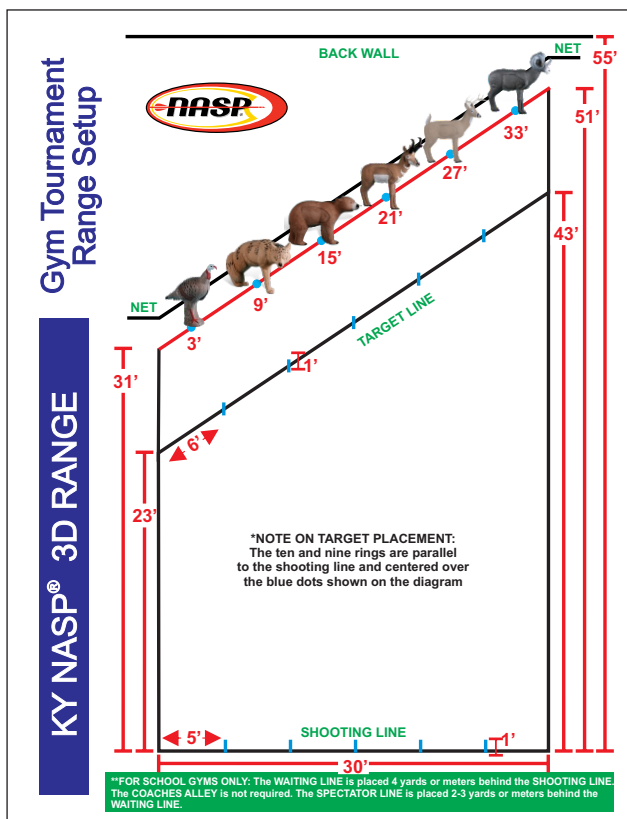
If a school attempts to register for any competitions before making this commitment, an error message and a link to the “Commitment Page” will appear. **At the end of the year, if any archers from the school have competed and the in-school lessons were not taught, the coach will lose his/her BAI certification and the school will be marked ineligible to compete the following year. If this happens, school administrators would have to work with the State Coordinator to meet specific requirements to be reinstated.**

Student/Parent Waiver Required for Competition

Coaches must collect waivers from each archer that competes during the '25-'26 season in KY NASP® bullseye or 3D tournaments. The waivers must be signed by the parent/guardian and contain the archer's name, address, and the name of the school where the archer is enrolled. The waivers should be collected and held by the coach throughout the season and have them accessible at each tournament. The same waiver may be used for SQ, State, and National level tournaments. The form may be found online at www.fw.ky.gov/nasp.

A screenshot of the 2025-2026 Student/Parent Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement form. The form includes sections for the participant's information, the parent/guardian's signature, and the school's signature. It also contains a section for the coach's signature and a section for the school's signature. The form is titled "2025-2026 Student/Parent Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement" and "National Archery in the Schools Program".

KY NASP® Range Lines for a Gym Setup

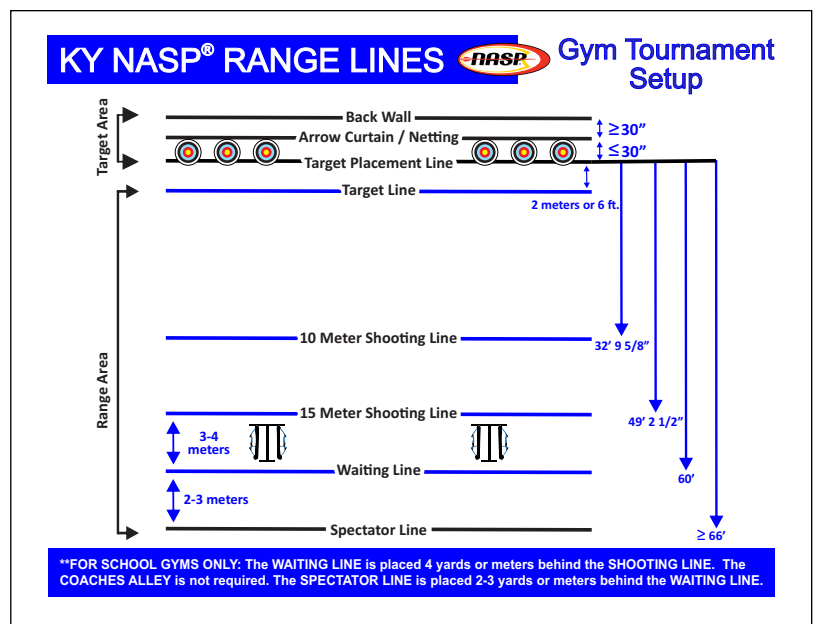


We know that a school gym isn't as spacious as the facility used for the state tournament and many schools are unable to host a tournament using the official range lines. With safety being the ultimate priority, we've modified the lines to come up with a solution used only in gyms too small for the full setup.

The WAITING LINE is placed 4 yards or meters behind the SHOOTING LINE.

The COACHES ALLEY will not be required and the SPECTATOR LINE is placed 2-3 yards or meters behind the WAITING LINE.

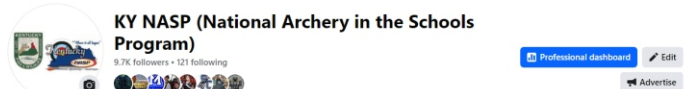
Gym Tournament Setup range layouts are available for download at www.fw.ky.gov/nasp



Follow Us on Facebook!

The KY NASP Facebook page is a great resource for coaches, parents, and archers! Share it with your team so that parents can stay updated on all things KY NASP®. Rules, tournament information, KY NASP® news, and team / archer features can all be found posted on the page. We also love to see posts of teams participating in community service or events. Our archers and coaches are awesome and we like to share that.

We've got big things planned for this year and they will all be posted on Facebook! Join us today!



NASP® Lane Official Training

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This video is so informative, we'd like you to not only use it for your tournaments but as a resource for all coaches, parents, and archers as well!

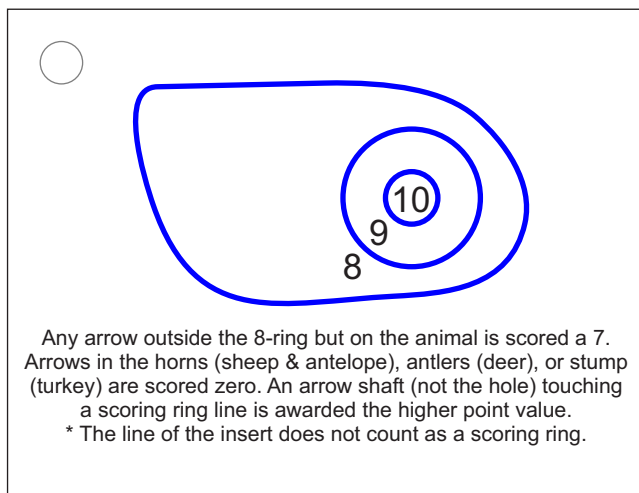
KY requirement: All range workers and announcers are required to watch the Lane Official Training video at www.fw.ky.gov/nasp and Scoring Protocol video at <https://www.naspschools.org/resources/learning-center>.

3D Shooter Cards Available Online

We've produced updated NASP® 3D Shooter Cards including left and right-facing animals with scoring rings highlighted. These cards allow archers to have a visual reference for their aiming point on each animal. The cards are allowed for use on the NASP® 3D range. However, they must be kept on their person (they may not be laid on the floor or attached to the bow). Print and assembly instructions are included in the download.



A bonus card explaining proper scoring values is also included!



Download available at
www.fw.ky.gov/nasp

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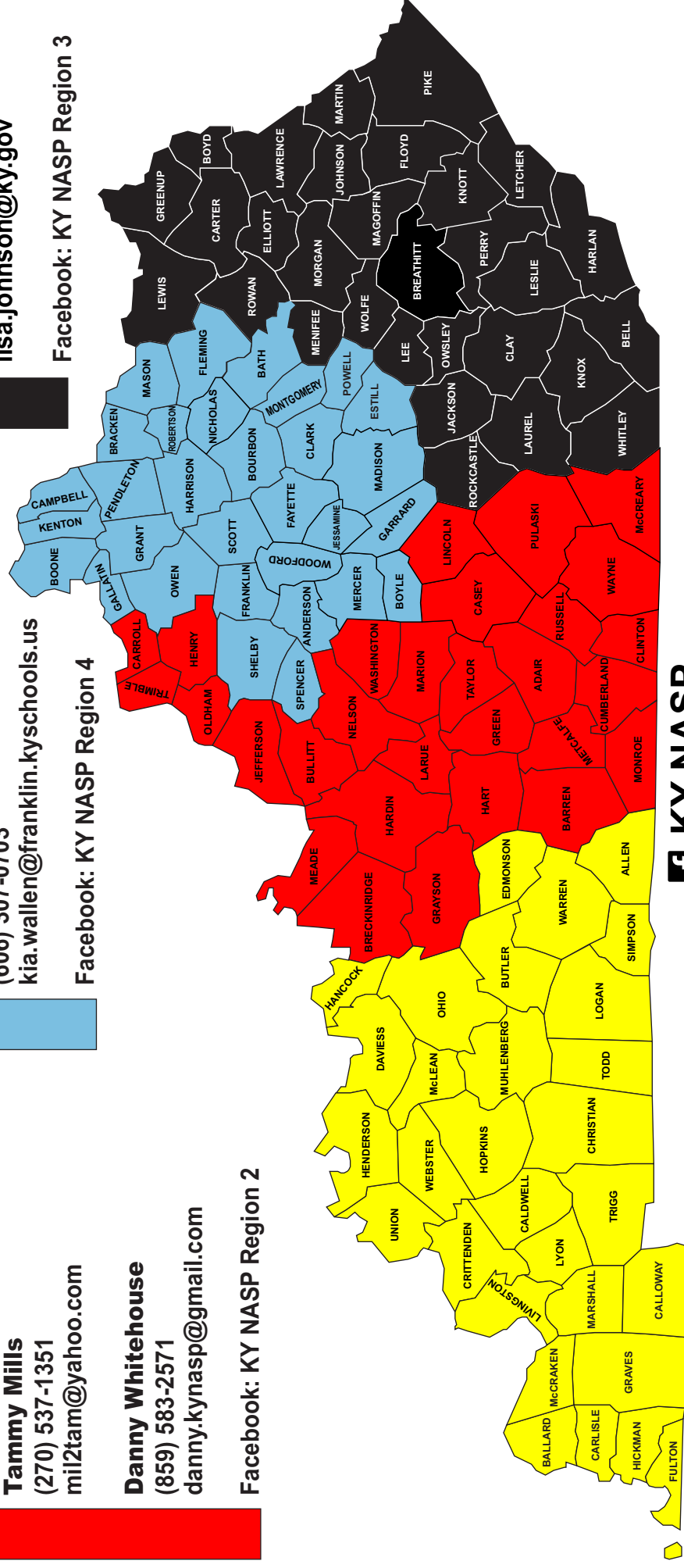
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