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National Archery in the Schools Program

FINAL REPORT
NASP BC

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B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION & NASP BC

The B.C. Wildlife Federation (BCWF) is B.C.'s oldest and longest lasting conservation group. Representing 43,000 members province-wide, including over a hundred hunting and angling clubs, BCWF members are on the front lines of B.C.'s wilderness. Education is a critical value for the BCWF. The BCWF aims to develop and support comprehensive educational programs to make all British Columbians aware of the value of fish, wildlife, park, and outdoor recreational resources, and to arouse in the public conscience a recognition of, and a respect for, the place of fish, wildlife and outdoor recreation in the wise, integrated use of the province's natural resources.

The National Archery in the Schools Program British Columbia (NASP BC) is a regional body of NASP® and coordinates the distribution of information and provides support to NASP® Basic Archery Instructors (BAIs) and Basic Archery Instructor Trainers (BAITs). NASP BC also coordinates tournaments and links NASP® schools in B.C. together. Through NASP BC, the BCWF aims to:

- Improve the self-confidence, motivation, concentration, and focus of NASP BC participants.
- Improve academic performance and increased attendance in Physical Education classes of participants.
- Increase student interest in hunting and shooting sports.



THE NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

HISTORY OF NASP® INC.

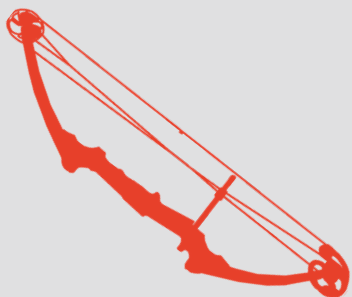
Originally developed in the United States, NASP® began as a program only for schools, but has since expanded and spans five countries and three continents. The program is now offered to schools, camps, community groups, and other organizations. The program covers archery safety, technique, concentration skills, self-improvement, and proper use of equipment. The objectives of NASP® are to improve self-confidence, motivation, concentration, focus, academic performance, and increase attendance in school.

IN THE SCHOOLS



By teaching archery as part of school curriculum (e.g. Physical Education, Math, Physics, Social Studies, Arts, and more) we are able to reach more students who would have never thought to try archery.

UNIVERSAL FIT



All NASP® archers, 3 million every year worldwide, use the same equipment (i.e. the same bow, the same arrow, the same target, etc.) and are instructed with the same 11 steps to archery success from NASP® certified Basic Archery Instructors (BAIs).

INCLUSIVENESS



Archery is a sport for all students; it does not discriminate based on popularity, athletic skill, gender, size, or academic ability. It's a different kind of team sport.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

NASP® INC.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic NASP ® Inc. cancelled the 2020 National U.S. Tournament, and has also released a statement on their recommendations on the following topics:

- Range Lane Spacing
- Equipment Management
- Scored-shooting

This press release can be viewed at: <https://www.naspschools.org/wp-content/uploads/Social-Distancing-and-NASP%C2%AE-rev-09242020-1.pdf>

BCWF & NASP BC

In response to the pandemic, we chose to cancel our 2020 Provincial Tournament to ensure the health and safety of B.C.'s communities. To better serve BAIs in B.C., NASP BC created a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for BAIs. This guide is a supplemental resource to the NASP® Basic Archery Instructor course. BAIs should use this resource in combination with their training and experience to apply new safety protocols addressing COVID-19 for their in-class archery lessons as well as their extra-curricular archery clubs and/or events. Information and recommendations from this SOP are derived from the experience of the NASP BC Manager, Chris Lim, and from documentation provided by NASP® Inc. This SOP is not an official requirement or document under NASP® training or certification and remains as a supplemental resource to be used at the discretion of individuals who have received their BAI certification from NASP® in good standing. We will continue to prioritize the safety of our archers, BAIs, Basic Archery Instructor Trainers (BAITs) and our communities as we make recommendations for best practices. Provincial health guidelines will continue to be strictly adhered to.

NASP BC TOWN HALL

On November 19th, NASP BC hosted a town hall in order to best support our BAIs, BAITs, students, and our NASP BC community during COVID-19. The town hall gave a detailed overview of the NASP BC COVID-19 SOP, including sanitization and lane spacing demonstrations, a short talk from BAI Chris Gawthorn, and a question-and-answer period. The goal of the town hall was to have a collaborative conversation about concerns and solutions for safely conducting archery courses during the pandemic. Participants came from across B.C., specifically Vancouver, Kelowna, Dawson Creek, Mission, and Chilliwack. Not only did the town hall allow BAIs and BAITs to address their concerns and questions and understand the SOP, but the event crucially connected archery instructors together for further support and collaboration.



NASP BC HIGHLIGHTS

BAI COURSES

Before bringing NASP® into an organization, teachers/instructors must first complete an 8-hour Basic Archery Instructor (BAI) course. During training, instructors are taught how to set up and operate a safe archery range, proper archery technique, and the “11 steps to archery success.” Instructors will also learn how to inspect, maintain, and repair compound bows and arrows.



IN 2020, NASP BC HAS...



Hosted **3** BAI training courses*



40 Active NASP schools



3122 youth archers



given **6** \$1000 grants to schools

*as of November 2020



FUTURE OF NASP BC

PUSH FOR COLLABORATION

- **ARCHERY PANEL**

- In order to address the needs of our NASP BC community, we are looking to host a panel to hear from various archery organizations, experts, and participants to talk about archery as a COVID safe sport

- **FORGING PARTNERSHIPS**

- NASP BC aims to collaborate with the following local and national organizations to further the success of archery among young people:
 - Archery Canada
 - Archery BC
 - BC School Sports

INCREASED ONLINE PRESENCE

- **VIRTUAL TOURNAMENTS FOR 2020-2021**

- As the future of tournaments is uncertain due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are preemptively planning to host virtual tournaments for the 2020-2021 period. These may be held regionally and hosted on the NASP website so that archers can see live scoring from the safety of their own homes and communities while competing against archers from across B.C. We will adopt this approach for our 2021 Provincial Tournament.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Our programs would not be possible without the help and support of these organizations. Thank you for inspiring the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts!

