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*National Archery in the Schools Program*

**FINAL REPORT**  
**NASP BC**

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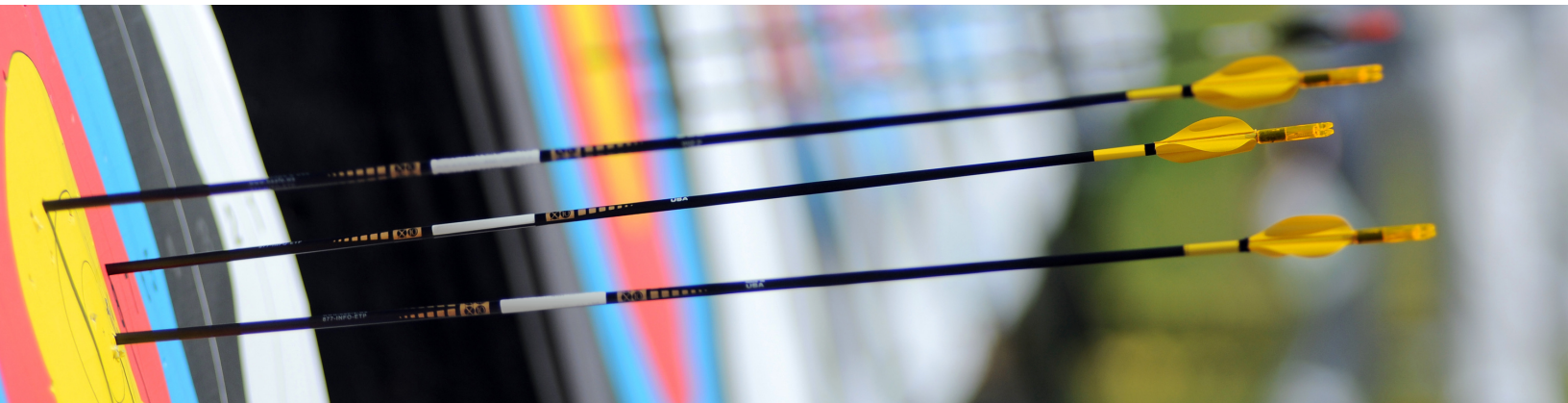
# B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION & NASP BC

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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.

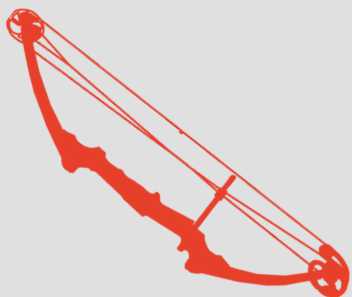
Originally developed in the United States, NASP® began as a program only for schools, but has since expanded and spans five countries and three continents. The program is now offered to schools, camps, community groups, and other organizations. The program covers archery safety, technique, concentration 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. held the 2021 National U.S. Tournament virtually, 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 state of COVID-19, we chose to hold our 2021 Provincial Tournament virtually to maintain the health and safety of B.C.'s communities and adhere to provincial health guidelines. We had 80 participants join virtually across the province, shooting and updating their scores from their own communities to avoid travel.

We also held a panel addressing the adaptations and innovations developed to bring archery to schools and communities during the pandemic. This included discussing new health and safety measures put in place by NASP® Inc., ways that we have adapted and learned from responding to the pandemic, and the general engagement in the NASP® program during this time.

Once the restrictions allowed, BAIs and BAITs resumed delivering in-person courses within their own regions. Five Basic Archery Instructor courses were run over the duration of the year. We will continue to prioritize the safety of our archers, Basic Archery Instructors, Basic Archery Instructor Trainers, and our communities by adhering strictly to provincial health guidelines as we adapt our programs in the future.



# ARCHERY DURING COVID-19 PANEL

In January 2021, we hosted a panel via Zoom addressing archery during COVID-19. We were joined by Roy Grimes, Founder and President of NASP®; Karl Balisch, Executive Director of Archery Canada; Lora-Lee Murray, President of B.C. Archery; and Serina Allison SD-71 Comox Valley's Environmental and Outdoor Learning Lead District Teacher. The panel was facilitated by Chris Lim, BCWF Youth Program and NASP® BC Manager; Kelly Halverson, BCWF Youth Program Coordinator; and Dominique Bowden, BCWF Conservation Stewardship Communications Coordinator.

The panel covered many topics, including the adaptations developed for health and safety procedures, how restrictions from the pandemic sparked innovation and creativity in the sport of archery, and ways to get more involved. The variety of panelists allowed us to gain a range of perspectives, from local communities to national and international organizations. The entire video can be viewed on our Facebook page [here](#).



# 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 2021, NASP BC HAS...



Hosted **5** BAI training courses\*



**35** Active NASP schools



**2814** youth archers



given **7** \$1000 grants to schools

\*as of December 2021



# 2022 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

## TRANSITIONING INTO 2022

We are excited be transitioning into 2022 with a hybrid approach to 2022 as we plan our next Provincial Tournament. Unlike the last two years, we will host the upcoming tournament partially in-person. We will be adopting a hybrid model to provide the best and safest experience for all participants. The in-person component will take place in the Lower Mainland, with the specific venue to be determined in early 2022.

All current health and travel restrictions will be carefully followed for everyone's safety. Those who are unable to participate in-person have the option to join virtually, similar to the 2021 Provincial Tournament. This approach will ensure that the tournament is accessible to everyone across the province.

The COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly evolving, and we are cautiously optimistic our tournament will have an in-person component. However, we are willing and able to adapt if future variants make an in-person component an impossibility.





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