

Policy XXI – Archery Playdowns

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A. CATEGORIES & ELIGIBILITY

1. Participation in the HCAA archery playdowns is open to all eligible students in **grades 6-12**.

Grade 5 (and younger) students are NOT eligible to take part in the HCAA archery playdowns.

2. There will be **three age categories** for both **males and females**:

Bantam

- Grade 6 to 8. For the 2015-2016 school year, they need to be born in 2001 or later. If they were born in 1999 or 2000, they must compete in the Junior category.

Junior

- Grade 9 & 10. For the 2015-2016 school year, they need to be born in 1999 or later. If they were born in 1997 or 1998, they must compete in the Senior category.

Senior

- Grade 11 & 12, and still considered eligible for senior activities by SHSAA policy and HCAA Bylaw IX. For the 2015-2016 school year:
 - o if they started taking grade 10 credit courses in 2012-2103 (or earlier), they are NOT eligible.
 - o if they were born before Sept. 1, 1996, they are NOT eligible.

B. RULES & COMPETITION FORMAT

1. Rules and scoring shall be those as set out in the **NASP rulebook**.
2. In competition, each participant will shoot and score 30 arrows:
 - 3 rounds of 5 arrows each at 10m
 - 3 rounds of 5 arrows each at 15m

Each competitor will be allowed **one practice round** of 5 arrows before the 10m scoring round and **one practice round** of 5 arrows before the 15m scoring round.

3. Two archers will shoot at one target.
4. Results will include:
 - o **Individual standings/results** in six categories – Bantam Boys, Bantam Girls, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Boys, Senior Girls
 - o **Team standings/results** in three categories – Bantam, Junior, Senior

5. **Team standings** at both Pre-Districts (if held) and the District Championship will be based on the highest combined score of **SIX archers** from one school in one age category, where a minimum of **two scores must be from each gender**.
6. **Tie-breaking** will be as per NASP rulebook:
 - The archer/team with the higher number of “tens” scored ranks higher
 - If still tied, the archer/team with the higher number of “nines” scored ranks higher
 - Continue through “eights”, “sevens”, etc. until ties are broken.
7. **Dress code:**
 - Closed toe shoes must be worn
 - No jewelry that dangles or can dangle can be worn
 - Nothing can be worn on the hands/wrist other than arm guards and finger tabs
 - Tops (especially hoodies) must not have draw strings on the neck
8. Each team must be accompanied by an NASP certified and Board/Band approved coach.

C. PRE-DISTRICTS/DISTRICTS

1. **Bids to host** will be solicited by the HSD ASA on behalf of the HCAA. *For 2016, the District Championship will be held on Sat. April 16 (this is the day after a HSD non-instructional day).*
2. Pre-Districts will only be held if the number of entries and the capacity (or lack of capacity) of the District host facility dictates the need.
3. If Pre-Districts are held, the intent would be to have no limit to the number of entries from any school in any category. However, the HCAA reserves the right to limit the number of entries from each school in each category if it makes for a better competition (e.g. time-wise).
4. If two Pre-Districts are held, the number advancing in each category will be determined based on the capacity of the District host facility. For example, if the District Championship host can accommodate 8 stations (16 shooters at a time), it would be possible to advance the top 13 (plus ties) in each category from each Pre-District. If the District Championship host can accommodate 6 stations (12 shooters at a time), it would be possible to advance the top 10 (plus ties) in each category from each Pre-District.
5. If no Pre-District is held, the intent would be for the District Championship to have no limit to the number of entries from any school in any category. However, the HCAA reserves the right to limit the number of entries from each school in each category if it makes for a better competition based on the number of entries and the capacity of the District host facility. This shall be done by having each school submit an official score for each potential entrant done formally at a practice. This will allow a cut line to be created.

6. Archery is not an SHSAA sponsored event, and as such, the HCAA District Championship is an end unto itself.

HCAA competition is in no way related to NASP Provincials or Nationals.

7. Hosting responsibilities: The host must provide the following:
 - Targets
 - Netting
 - All safety considerations
 - Competition arrows
 - Creation of the schedule (in consultation with the ASA) and communication of the schedule to the teams involved.
 - A designated head official (typically the commissioner) and one floor official per six shooting stations.
 - Canteen is optional (see “Expenses” section).

D. AWARDS

1. At Pre-Districts (if held):
 - a gold medal will be presented to the top scorer in each of the six individual categories
 - a plaque will be presented to the top scoring team in each of the three team categories
2. At Districts:
 - A gold medal will be presented to the top scorer in each of the six individual categories
 - A silver medal will be presented to the runner-up in each of the six individual categories
 - a District Championship pennant will be presented to the top scoring team in each of the three team categories

E. EXPENSES

Hosting – the host of each HCAA event may ask the HCAA for a \$100.00 hosting grant to offset hosting costs (e.g. damage to arrows). However, if the host chooses to run a canteen, they will waive this grant and use the canteen profits to offset hosting costs.

Transportation, supervision and accommodation arrangements/bookings/costs for Pre-Districts (if held) and Districts are the responsibility of the individual school and its coach. Refer to your Board’s policies to determine which costs can be recovered through Board-sponsored funding.