Academic Archer Criteria

<u>The National Archery in the Schools Program establishes NASP® *Academic Archer* program to promote and recognize academic excellence among 2.4 million NASP® student archers – Now sponsored by Easton Technical Products!</u>

The status of being recognized nationally as a "*NASP® Academic Archer*" was discussed and the 2015 NASP® advisory recommended that the designation should involve the following:

- The NASP® *Academic Archer* program is an <u>optional</u> program, available only to participating NASP® schools – participation is a <u>local</u> decision and in accordance with existing local school policies.
- NASP® BAI certified teachers/coaches can enter eligible students into **nasptournaments.org** for *Academic Archer* status using their BAI number.
- All students that fully participate in an in-school NASP® archery class or participate on the school archery team at a recognized NASP® school **<u>and</u>** meet local academic criteria for recognition, are eligible to be entered for Academic Archer status.
- The NASP® advisory offered the following guidelines if no local school criteria exist for *Academic Archer* recognition:
    - The Student should be/have been a full participant in their school's "**in-school**" NASP® archery class during the time period where academic recognition and recommendation is considered.
    - *Academic Archers* can also be members of the school archery team (if one exists) during the time period where academic recognition and recommendation is considered.

    - The Student should have no D's or F's (or equivalent), in order to qualify as a NASP® *Academic Archer.*
    - The designated *Academic Archer* should maintain a grade point average that establishes them well within existing school GPA criteria for high academic scholarship.
    - When no school academic recognition criteria exists, the local NASP® coach should consult and collaborate with the school principal to establish such criteria, <u>before</u> designating students with *Academic Archer* status.
- The *Academic Archer* program is independent from any/all forms of tournament participation.
- **<u>Each student that is entered/registered into nasptournaments.org as a NASP® *Academic Archer*, will be automatically registered for a chance to win 1 of 10 free Genesis bows and specially marked Easton arrows - which will be given away each year by NASP®. Names of winners will be announced prior to the national NASP® tournament.</u>**
- Each *Academic Archer* may be provided with a certificate suitable for framing at the local NASP® banquet or school sponsored student academic recognition ceremony according to local practices.
- NASP® teachers/coaches can also designate <u>eligible</u> students for *Academic Archer* status when utilizing **nasptournaments.org** for any NASP® tournament – See **nasptournaments.org** for instructions regarding designating for NASP® *Academic Archer* status when registering.
- The NASP® advisory also suggested that an optional recognition symbol be established for participating NASP® *Academic Archers*. NASP® and our partner Electronic Awards have developed a low cost, iron-on shoulder patch that can be purchased by any school. To order the iron-on shoulder patches click here: **http://naspschools.org/instructors/**
- Patches are inexpensive and can be purchased in bulk for team applications.
- **<u>Reminder</u>** – all decisions on designating students with *Academic Archer* status are local decisions and should involve collaboration between the NASP® educator and the principal of the school.
- Without existing school criteria, NASP® recommends that schools follow the recommendations of the NASP® advisory.
- National NASP® will support any/all local NASP® *Academic Archer* status designations and will recognize NASP® *Academic Archer* designees as a group at each flight of the NASP® National Tournament.
- NASP® will promote the *Academic Archer* program on the naspschools.org web site, social media and industry media outlets.