

ARCHERY PROGRAM BY-LAWS

The MQHAD Archery program is governed by the MQHAD Executive Committee and managed by a Director as named in the MQHAD Constitution and Bylaws.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration is to be conducted in September and October according to the MQHAD by-laws. Fees for archery are \$80.00. Late fees will be added for registrations that are past the closing date. Following NASP guidelines only students in grades 4th-8th can participate in any NASP related program. NASP being defined as the National Archery in the Schools Program.

EQUIPMENT CHECK OUT AND CHECK IN PROCEDURES

MQHAD will have available NASP Genesis bows and arrows for any archer to use. It is not a requirement of the program for any student to purchase their own equipment to be able to compete on the school team. All bows will be assigned to an archer at the beginning of the season. These bows will be securely held on site at MQH while not being used in practice or a tournament. For the purposes of competitions, a BAI certified MQH team coach will transport all school bows and arrows to each competition.

TEAM ASSEMBLY, COACH SELECTION AND PLAYER DISTRIBUTION

Team assembly will commence shortly after registration has ended and conducted by the Archery Director with help from other committee members as needed. This includes defining the teams per grade or across grades. After the sign-up period has finished children will not be placed on a team unless spots are available as determined by the director of that sport and approved by the Executive Committee.

1. New Parishioners will be an exception to this rule at the convenience of the Director and the Coach
2. A late registrant may not be placed on a Middle school competitive tryout team without attending the scheduled player evaluations

The Archery director will act as head coach for both the elementary and middle school teams. Assistant archery coaches will be assigned by the director as needed and as participation numbers dictate. All coaches are required to be BAI certified, Virtus compliant and to have attended the PLAC (Play Like a Champion) program. Coaches are also required to be in compliance with the Athletic Department code of conduct and can be asked to step aside and let someone else coach if issues are described to the board which can be detrimental to the MQH archery program. Proper judgement by the athletic board including potentially the President and Vice President (The President of the MQHAD is the Parish Pastor and Vice President is the School Principal as described in the MQHAD Constitution and By-Laws) will be needed to determine if coaches should be instructed to follow the guidelines better or if actions are needed to address the situation by finding another coach.

Priorities and options for team assembly:

1. Archers will compete on an elementary or middle school team representing MQH if enough archers are enrolled in the program to form a team as describe in the [Kentucky NASP State Rules and Qualifier Protocols](#).
2. If a team cannot be formed according to state NASP guidelines, each archer will then be registered and compete as an individual under Mary, Queen of Heaven School.

LEAGUE AND TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

The MQH archery team will be allotted funds to register for 5 tournaments. Tournaments chosen for which these funds are used is at the discretion of the archery director. All registration for tournaments will be done by the archery director. If a team or individual qualifies to advance to either the state or world tournaments, the MQHAD executive committee may choose to fund these additional tournaments.

1. Teams can contribute additional funds to participate in tournaments outside of the funding standards.
2. Funding standards is not transferable between teams
3. Teams are allowed to fund raise for their specific team to play in additional tournaments.

Tournaments not funded by MQHAD **during the regular season:**

1. The regular season is defined as the time between the first practice to the last tournament an archer qualifies for within the NASP tournament bracket. The NASP tournament bracket consists of Regionals, State and Worlds. The time frame can include an archer advancing on an MQH elementary or middle school team or advancing as in individual.
2. If interest is available for individuals to participate as a team in a tournament which is not a part of the archery teams specific regular season schedule, the Archery Director may choose to register the team at his/her discretion. A minimum of 5 interested archers must commit to attending said tournament. These tournaments will be paid for by the individual themselves and MQH takes no financial responsibility for funds which are not paid. An MQH team coach must be present during the competition. An example of this type of tournament is a holiday tournament such as a Thanksgiving or Christmas competition held while on school break, additionally this type of tournament may include a tournament in which the team IS NOT already competing on that specific weekend. These tournaments will be limited to Region 8 schools.
3. During regular season competitions, tournaments will be limited to those in which the entire team is competing, no individual archer shall be registered singularly.

Tournaments not funded by MQHAD **outside of the regular season:**

1. Completion of the regular season is defined as the point in time when an archer is no longer advancing within the NASP tournament bracket as part of an MQH team or as an individual. The NASP tournament bracket consists of Regionals, State and Worlds.
2. An archer may be registered for a maximum of 2 extra tournaments beyond the end of the regular season at the discretion of the archery director. These tournaments will be funded by the individual themselves with MQH having no financial responsibility for funds not paid. Tournament registration priority will be those tournaments within the boundaries of Region 8 and it is preferable to have a group of archers attend a chosen tournament rather than one individual. An archer must have their own personal equipment to compete in these additional tournaments. An MQH team coach shall be present at these tournaments. A BAI certified parent does not qualify, to replace a team coach.

PRACTICE SCHEDULING

Practice schedules will be defined towards the end of the registration period by the archery director. Since archery immediately follows girls' volleyball and coincides with basketball, gym scheduling will be coordinated with both the volleyball and basketball directors. All volleyball teams get to complete their regularly scheduled practices/seasons. Once volleyball is over for all teams, the archery practice schedule should be set with coordination of basketball.