

## POLE VAULT RULES

### GOVERNING BODY

PAD SIZE 19'8" X 20' 2" / COLLAR  
AROUND SIDES AND BACK OF BOX  
MARKS ALONGSIDE RUNWAY

### I.A.A.F.

19'8" X 20'2"  
6m X 6.15m

### NO INDELIBLE MARKERS

### USAT&F

19'8" X 20'2"  
6m X 6.15m

### N.C.A.A.

19'8" X 16'5"  
6 m X 5m

### NO SHOES

### H.S.

19'8" X 16'5"  
6m X 5m

POSITION OF STANDARDS  
TOWARD THE PIT  
TOWARD THE RUNWAY

80 CM  
0 CM

40-80 CM Youth  
80 CM  
0 CM

45-80 CM  
-18 INCHES

40-80 CM  
15.5-31.5 INCHES  
- 15.5 INCHES

PASSED HEIGHTS

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PASS ATTEMPT

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TAPE ON HANDS/FINGERS

NOT ALLOWED  
**MUST COVER OPEN WOUND**

NOT ALLOWED

ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

WEARING GLOVES

NOT ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

### STARTING HEIGHTS

### VAULTERS CHOICE OF ANY ANNOUNCED HEIGHT

VAULTER STEADIES BAR

NOT ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

VAULTER LEAVES GROUND  
BUT DOES NOT COMPLETE VAULT

ALLOWED

ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

5 ALIVE SYSTEM ADANDONED  
WITH LESS THAN

NOT ADDRESSED 12

9

NOT ADDRESSED

LOWERING THE BAR AFTER  
THE COMPETITION STARTS

NOT ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

NOT ALLOWED

### EXCEPT TO JUMP OFF FIRST PLACE

WARM UPS ON RUNWAY AFTER  
THE COMPETITION STARTS

NOT ALLOWED

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2 MINUTES  
ALLOWED AFTER  
ONE HOUR

1 RUN THRU  
ALLOWED AFTER  
THREE PASSES  
IN ORDER

TAPE ON POLE

TWO SMOOTH UNIFORM LAYERS NCAA and H.S. ONLY  
NCAA-TAPE FROM BOTTOM OF HAND HOLD UP,  
PLANT END UNLIMITED LAYERS, PLUS PROTECTORS

TIME RULE FOR VAULTERS

4 OR MORE VAULTERS

1 MINUTE

1 MINUTE

1 MINUTE

90 SECONDS

2-3 VAULTERS

2 MINUTES

2 MINUTES

3 MINUTES

4 MINUTES

1 VAULTER IN COMPETITION

5 MINUTES

5 MINUTES

5 MINUTES

6 MINUTES

1 VAULTER CONSECUTIVE

3 MINUTES

3 MINUTES

3 MINUTES

NOT ADDRESSED

MULTI-EVENTS

1 MINUTE

1 MINUTE

1 MINUTE

NOT ADDRESSED

MULTI EVENTS - CONSECUTIVE

3 MINUTES

3 MINUTES

3 MINUTES

NOT ADDRESSED

BAR RAISE INCREMENTS

5-15 CM

5-15 CM

5-15 CM

3-6 INCHES

TIE BREAKER INCREMENTS

5 CM

5 CM

8 CM

3 INCH

BAR SUPPORT PEGS

55 mm

55 mm

55 mm

76 mm

WARNING TIME PERIOD

15 SEC  
Hold Flag up

15 SEC  
Hold Flag up

30 SEC

SCORING SYMBOLS

CLEARED

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O

O

O

FAILED

X

X

X

X

PASSED

P OR -

P OR -

P

P