

POLE VAULT RULES

GOVERNING BODY	IAAF	USATF	NCAA	NFHS
LANDING SURFACE	6 m x 6 m x 0.8 m	6m x 6.15m x 0.813 m. 19'8" x 20'2" x 32"	6m x 5m x 0.813m 19'8" x 16'5" x 32"	6 m x 5 m 19'8" x 16'5"
CROSSBAR LENGTH	4.48-4.52 m	4.48-4.52 m	4.48-4.52m	4.52 m (14'10")
DISTANCE BETWEEN PINS	4.30-4.37 m	4.30-4.37 m	4.30-4.37 m	4.16-4.48 m (13'8"-14'8")
BAR SUPPORT PEGS	55 mm	55 mm	55 mm	76 mm (3")
MARKS ALONGSIDE RUNWAY	1 or 2 Markers No Indelible Marks	1 or 2 Markers No Indelible Marks	1 or 2 Markers 7x15cm max NO SHOES	ALLOWED
ELECTRONIC DEVICES	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
POSITION OF STANDARDS TOWARD LANDING AREA	0-80 cm	0-80 cm 40-80 cm Youth	45-80 cm 18-31.5 inches	40-80 cm 15.5-31.5 inches
PASSES	PASS HEIGHT	PASS HEIGHT	PASS ATTEMPT	PASS ATTEMPT
TAPE ON HANDS/FINGERS	NOT ALLOWED EXCEPT TO COVER OPEN WOUND	NOT ALLOWED	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
WEARING GLOVES	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
VAULTER STEADIES BAR	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
VAULTER LEAVES GROUND BUT DOES NOT COMPLETE VAULT	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED
5 ALIVE SYSTEM ABANDONED	NOT ADDRESSED	12 or fewer	Fewer than 9 at height	NOT ADDRESSED
WARM UPS ON RUNWAY AFTER THE COMPETITION STARTS	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED MASTERS/YOUTH: 1 RUN THRU AFTER 3 PASSED HEIGHTS	2 MINUTES ALLOWED AFTER ONE HOUR w/o BAR	1 RUN THRU ALLOWED AFTER 3 CONSEC. PASSED HEIGHTS w/o BAR
LATE ARRIVAL AFTER THE COMPETITION STARTS	START AT CURRENT HEIGHT IF ENTERED	START AT CURRENT HEIGHT IF ENTERED	CAN'T JUMP	CAN'T JUMP
TAPE ON POLE	TWO SMOOTH UNIFORM LAYERS NFHS ONLY. IAAF, USATF, AND NCAA DO NOT HAVE RESTRICTION ON TAPE LAYERS. PLANTING END UNLIMITED LAYERS.			
TIME RULES				
4 OR MORE VAULTERS	1 MINUTE	1 MINUTE	1 MINUTE	1.5 MINUTES
2-3 VAULTERS	2 MINUTES	2 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	4 MINUTES
1 VAULTER	5 MINUTES	5 MINUTES	5 MINUTES	6 MINUTES
CONSECUTIVE JUMPS	3 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	NOT ADDRESSED
COMBINED EVENTS - 4 OR MORE	1 MINUTE	1 MINUTE	1 MINUTE	1.5 MINUTES
COMBINED EVENTS--2 or 3	2 MINUTES	2 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	
COMBINED EVENTS--1 VAULTER	3 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	
COMBINED EVENTS--CONSECUTIVE	3 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	3 MINUTES	NOT ADDRESSED
BAR RAISE INCREMENTS	5-15 cm	5-15 cm	5-15 cm	
COMBINED EVENT INCREMENT	10 cm	10 cm	10 cm	
TIE BREAKER INCREMENTS	5 cm	5 cm	5 cm	3 inches
WARNING TIME PERIOD	15 seconds Hold Up Yellow Flag	15 seconds Hold Up Yellow Flag At end, drop flag and verbal	15 seconds Hold Up Yellow Flag	NOT ADDRESSED
SCORING SYMBOLS				
CLEARED/FAILED	O/X	O/X	O/X	O/X
PASSED / DID NOT JUMP	P or --	P or --	P	P