

Pole Vault Officials Duties

Plan arrival time

- At least ½ hour before the start of a dual meet
- At least 1 hour before the start of a relay meet

Check in at Meet Site

- With referee (Dual) or Meet Director (Relay Meet)

Get meet information

- Dual Meet
 - Get clipboard (if provided)
 - Get measuring tape
 - Get Score sheet(s) for PV competition
- Relay Meet
 - Get event information
 - * Starting time of event
 - * Order of jumping (boys/girls) and/or Division
 - * Opening heights for boys/girls
 - * Pick up clipboard(s) and measuring tape

Inspect Pole Vault

- Runway and planting box
 - Look for dangerous conditions
 - Coaches / Spectators sufficiently clear of area
- Landing Pit and surrounding area
 - Does it meet specified dimensions? (Rule 7, Sect 5, Art 8)
 - * 19'8" across the back of the pit
 - * 20'2" from front to back
 - Are the mats and cover secure?
 - Are the surrounding hard surfaces covered with at least 2" of dense foam or suitable materials?
- Report any problems to the referee / meet director

Inspect the Pole Vault Standards

- Do they roll smoothly?
- Do they go up and down easily?
- Are there at least 2 crossbars?
- Is there a device to lift/place the crossbar?
- Set and mark zero point (both sides)
 - * mark 15.5" from zero point (lowest possible distance)
 - * mark 31.5" from zero point (highest possible distance)
- Report any problems to the referee / meet director

Organize your gear

- Meet materials
- Personal items

Check in the competitors

- Get names and competing schools (Dual)
- Collect cards (relays, invitationals, etc)
 - separate boys and girls
 - seed by heights (lowest to highest)
- Check in poles
 - Athletes name – athletes weight – pole(s) being used
 - Check for coaches signature
 - Check pole markings
 - * older poles require a 6” mark
 - * newer poles – use the factory labels

Verify your paperwork

- Athletes name
- Schools entered (especially for meets contested by divisions)

Clear Runway of jumpers (warm-ups)

Before Competition begins, call athletes together and review rules

- New state rules
- Opening heights
 - verify the height the athlete will enter the competition
- Clarify the jump rule
 - Unlimited – dual meets
 - 6 jump rule – relay meets
- 90 seconds after setting standards to vault