

## 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/ invitational 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 (Does team stop if No Height?)

### 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
    - \* 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
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### **Intro to event**

- Welcome to the meet – Good luck
- Uniforms jewelry, watches, recording devices, personal items away
- Starting height / Increments
- Jump Rule – 6 jumps – relay rule
- Zero Point / break line
- 5 alive or not
- When in rotation / line up on runway / give (or set standards)
- 90 seconds to jump after standards set
- On return, watch pole, be courteous to others
- Another event / notify us / 10 minutes wait before bar goes up
  - (If you don't notify the bar goes up immediately)
- Coming in at 'Stay'