

POLE VAULT OFFICIALS' DUTIES

HEAD JUDGE

1. Obtain all necessary information & equipment from meet management, and set up the vaulting area (see Preps Sheet).
2. Assign other officials to their positions, and review their duties with them. Ask for questions.
3. Supervise inspection of the crossbar, pit, standards, zero settings and markings, and measuring devices.
4. Check performance boards and the timing device; or arrange for stopwatch timing, warning flags, and relay of settings info.
5. Brief athletes on rules and the conduct of the event (see Briefing & Rules Sheet).
6. Check and keep the area around the pit clear of people and obstructions which could present safety hazards.
7. Periodically check the placement of the pit relative to the back of the box; make adjustments as necessary.
8. Supervise the competition, determine and indicate successful or failed attempts with red or white flag.
9. Supervise the measurement of all record heights, along with the Pit Coordinator and Chief Field Referee.
10. Confirm results, resolve ties (lowest # jumps at tied height; lowest total # failures; jump-off) NCAA: 7-1-6; USATF: 181.15.

FLIGHT COORDINATOR

1. Check-in all athletes. Get opening heights and initial standards settings and advise the 2nd Recorder.
2. Manage the athletes' warm-ups – bar heights & settings when desired; end warm-ups 5minutes before event start.
3. If 15 or more vaulters in the competition, use the "five alive" system; notify athletes when they will be coming into the competition (as soon as one athlete has cleared the height or failed a third time and been eliminated). Abandon five-alive when: USATF – 12 or fewer vaulters remain in the competition after conclusion of jumping at any height; NCAA - 8 or fewer vaulters remain at a given height; notify the Chief Judge, 2nd Recorder, and athletes of this change.
4. Notify the Pit Coordinator of the standard settings for the next vaulter.
5. Record: passed (P), cleared (O), and failed (X) on the event sheet for each athlete's attempt.
6. As a vaulter exits the pit, call out the order of jumping for next three vaulters: "xxxx" *Up*; "xxxx" *On Deck*; and "xxxx" *On Hold*. When the pit is ready, again call the next vaulter "Up."
7. Notify the Chief Judge, Pit Coordinator, & athletes of height changes. Notify timer of consecutive attempts.
8. Observe athletes and report infractions of rules to the Chief Judge - electronic devices, coaches, crossing the track, etc.

CROSSBAR AND STANDARDS JUDGES

1. Inspect the crossbar to ensure that end pieces are properly aligned on the bar.
2. Quickly place crossbar on pegs, ensure bar is steady & snug against the standards, marked side is facing the vaulter.
3. Stow bar raisers out of the way of vaulters and runners.
4. Move the standards to the appropriate setting for the next vaulter.
5. When measuring heights, set the standards at zero. After raising standards, be sure that they're fastened securely.
6. Catch a pole only to protect yourself; watch out for a falling bar, quickly clear the bar or pole if they'll interfere with runners.

RECORDER

1. Coordinate with the Flight Coordinator as necessary to be certain of the identity of each vaulter.
2. Record passed (P), cleared (O), or failed (X) on the event sheet for each athlete's attempt.
3. Coordinate with the Flight Coord and the 2nd Recorder regarding competition results, as each height is concluded.

PIT COORDINATOR

1. Assist the Chief Judge with the pit, crossbars, zero setting, & standards. Note actual height indicated on the standards for the opening height, and the increments above that for all increases. Measure and set the measuring device for the opening height.
2. For each attempt, check that standards are properly set, check the crossbar to ensure that the end pieces are properly aligned on the bar; the marked side is facing the vaulter; and the bar is steady and snug against the standards.
3. Inform the Chief Judge that the pit is safe and ready, or remove the cone to indicate same.
4. Assist the Chief Judge in watching vaulters for violations of the rule regarding hands on the crossbar.
5. Measure the bar (6-1-17; 181.2): Initially, and after every increase in height; every time a new bar is put into use, and every time the standards are displaced; and for records – initially, and each time bar is touched
6. Periodically check actual placement of the standards and the settings tape - ensure the zero settings match plane of the back of the box; periodically check placement of the pit relative to back of the box, make adjustments as necessary.

TIMER

1. Start the clock when the cone is removed or the official steps off the runway; do not stop the clock until the head judge raises a red or white flag.
2. Raise a yellow flag overhead when there are 15 seconds left; lower it quickly as time expires.