POLE VAULT RULES COMPARISON

GOVERNING BODY
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EQUIPMENT/FACILITIES

Pad surface (L x W x H) 8 m x 6 m x 0.8 m 6.15 m x 6 m x 0.813 m 6.5 m x 6 m x 0.813 m 20' 2" x 19' 8"

Box collar required No Youth - box collar per ASTM std req'd. All others - "suitable padding" req'd Yes, per ASTM standard Yes, per ASTM standard

Crossbar length 4.48 - 4.52 m 4.48 - 4.52 m 4.48 - 4.52 m 14' 8" - 14'10" (4.47-4.52 m)

Crossbar end pieces Circular or semi-circular w/1 smooth flat surface Circular or semi-circular w/1 smooth flat surface Circular or semi-circular w/1 smooth flat surface Circular or semi-circular w/1 or 4 flat surfaces

Distance between pegs 4.28 - 4.37 m 4.30 - 4.37 m 4.30 - 4.37 m 13' 8" - 14' 8" (4.16-4.48 m)

Bar support peg length Max 55 mm Max 55 mm Max 55 mm Max 3" (76 mm)

ATHLETE MATTERS

Marks beside runway 1 or 2 marks; no chalk/indelible marks 1 or 2 marks (Youth-3); no chalk/indelible marks 1 or 2 marks, 7x15cm max; no shoes Allowed; Games Committee decision

Electronic devices & viewing video images Not allowed for athletes in the competition area Not allowed for athletes in the competition area Not allowed during event competition Allowed only in unrestricted areas & coaches boxes

Tape on pole Uniform layers grip end, OK at bottom Uniform layers grip end, OK at bottom Uniform layers grip end, OK at bottom Uniform layers grip end, OK at bottom

Tape on hands/fingers Allowed Allowed Not addressed Not allowed

Wear gloves, substance on hands/pole Allowed Allowed Allowed Not addressed

TIMING FOR ATTEMPTS

Time expiration - warning method Clock, or hold up yellow flag w/15 seconds left Clock and hold up yellow flag w/15 seconds left, at end drop flag, verbal Clock, or hold up yellow flag w/15 seconds left, at end drop flag Not addressed

Open - 4 or more athletes 1 Min 1 Min 1 Min 1 Min

Open - 2-3 athletes 2 Min* 2 Min* 2 Min* 3 Min

Open - 1 athlete 5 Min* 5 Min* @ 5 Min* if has won event 5 Min if has won event

Open - Consecutive jumps 3 Min 3 Min 3 Min (within a ht. only) 3 Min - within a height

Combined events - 4 or more 1 Min 1 Min 1 Min 1 Min

Combined events - 2 or 3 2 Min* 2 Min* 2 Min* 3 Min

Combined events - 1 athlete 3 Min* 3 Min* 3 Min* 5 Min

Combined events - consecutive 3 Min 3 Min 3 Min 3 Min

1st attempt in competition - 1 min. @ Add 1 min. if attempt at world record or record relevant to the competition

CONDUCTING THE EVENT

Warm ups at venue after competition starts Not allowed Open: not allowed. Master & Youth: After 3 passed hts, 1 run-thru, w/o bar After 1 hour, w/o bar, at entry height - 2 min. for each athlete, not combined After 3 consec. passed hts, 2 min. per athlete, w/o bar, at entry height, may combine

Athlete arrives after competition starts Start at current height - if entered Start at current height - if entered Can't compete Can't compete

Athletes excused competing in another event Not addressed For one trial at a time may jump out of order. If not at venue, call "up" & record "pass" after time expires May jump out of order. If not at venue and round is otherwise complete, call "up"; record "pass" after time expires, & raise bar May jump out of order in prelims & finals; max absence time set by Games Cmte

Passes Pass height Pass height Pass attempt(s) Pass attempt(s)

Use of 5 alive Not addressed Not addressed Games Cmte decision-may use if >20 in competition, abandon when 9 or fewer Games Cmte decision-may use if >20 in competition, abandon when 8 or fewer

Standards positioning (from zero line) 0-80 cm 0-80 cm (Youth 45-80) 45-80 cm 18-31.5 inches (45-80 cm)

Athlete steadiest bar Not allowed with hands Not allowed with hands Not allowed Not allowed with hands or arms

Athlete leaves the ground but does not complete the vault Allowed Allowed Allowed Aborted run-up allowed

Increments - Open Min. 5 cm, never increase Min. 5 cm, never increase 5-15 cm, never increase Games Committee

Increments - combined events 10 cm 10 cm, Youth 15 cm 10 cm Games Committee

1st place lies: Where to start; increments to raise & lower At next ht in progression after tied height; 5 cm At next ht in progression after tied height; 5 cm At next ht in progression after tied height; 5 cm At next ht in progression after tied height, 3 inches

Score sheet markings Make; Miss; Pass O; X; Dash O; X; Dash O; X; Dash O; X; P

Addt'l USATF markings:

Did not start: DNS Did not finish: DNF Disqualified: DQ No valid trial/no height: NM

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