

POLE VAULTER'S WEIGHT VERIFICATION FORM

TO ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS - Member schools will be required to process the Pole Vaulter's Weight Verification Form listing each student participating in the pole vault event. This form is to be on file in the Athletic Director's Office prior to a pole vaulter's first interscholastic competition.

School _____

	<u>Name of Vaulter</u>	<u>Weight*</u>	<u>Pole Rating</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

*Includes full competition uniform and footwear

Date _____ Signature of Principal _____

Date _____ Signature of Athletic Director _____

Date _____ Signature of Coach _____

NOTE TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Please review the following National Federation rules regarding the pole vault event:

- Rule 6-8-22: Taping of any part of the hands or fingers shall not be permitted unless there is an open wound that must be protected by tape. Taping of the wrist is permissible. Gloves are not permitted; however, the use of a forearm cover to prevent injuries is permitted. Competitors may use chalk or an adhesive or similar substance such as rosin on the hands or directly on the pole during competition.
- Rule 6-8-15: The competitor's weight shall be at or below the manufacturer's pole rating. The manufacturers must include on each pole: the pole rating that shall be a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in a contrasting color located within or above the top hand hold position; a 1- inch circular band indicating the maximum top hand-hold position with the position being determined by the manufacturer. Prior to competition, the coach must verify that all of the school's pole vaulters and poles meet these requirements.
- Rule 6-8-16: A competitor shall not use a variable weight pole, a pole which is improperly marked or a pole rated below the competitor's weight, or any other equipment that is not legal during warm-up or competition.
PENALTY: Disqualification from the event.
- Rule 6-8-17: Prior to warm-up, the field referee or head field judge shall inspect each pole to be used in the competition to verify that the poles are legal equipment as per Rule 3-10-1. This includes checking the placement of a top hand-hold band, numerical pole ratings a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in a contrasting color located within or above the top hand-hold band, and the proper binding of adhesive tape of uniform thickness when used. The binding shall not be on or above the top hand-hold band.
- Rule 6-8-27h: It is a foul if the competitor grips the pole above the top hand-hold band.

PLEASE MAKE COPIES - THIS FORM SHOULD BE KEPT ON FILE AND COMPLETED EACH SCHOOL YEAR

