



NCS MOC/Area Meet Pole Vault Procedures

(Time and location of Inspection Area is up to the Area Meet Management). Meet of Champions inspection area is at the Northwest end of the track. Coaches will submit the CIF/NCS Pole Vault Sign-In Verification form to the meet official. Meet attendants will help athletes carry poles onto the track and into the Inspection Area if necessary. For the Meet of Champions, Athletes should report to the Inspection Area during the Reporting Period as stated in the MOC Bulletin. Athletes reporting after the reporting time has expired may not be allowed to compete.

Each athlete will be asked to present all the poles they would like to take on the field (this includes warm up poles). Each pole will be inspected to ensure it conforms to the "Manufacturer Pole Rating and Identification Guidelines". Officials will check for proper hand hold band and manufacturer's label. They then will check with pole weight/rating against the coach's verification form to ensure the pole weight rating and vaulters weight are in sync (Rule 7-5-3 and Notes).

Each approved pole will be marked as such. Rejected poles will be taped together and marked with the athletes' school and placed in the impound area for pick up after the event.

Warm up on the field:

After an athlete's poles have been inspected and moved to the staging area (adjacent to the inspection area), athletes are free to leave the inspection area. They may go into the stands or they may warm up OFF THE COMPETITION FIELD. Evans Baseball Diamond is the designated warm-up area. No poles are allowed in this warm up area.

Athletes will be told when to return to the Inspection Area to be escorted with their poles onto the competition field for warm up on the runway. Warm ups will continue as published in the bulletin. A bungee will be set at a designated height at designated times. The Athlete does not have to jump with the bungee in place. They may request that it be removed, however, they may not request that it be placed at a different height.

Competition:

During the competition, the official may verify that each vaulter is using an approved pole by checking the pole against their Pole Vault Verification Form. If at any time an athlete is found to be jumping on an illegal pole, that vaulter will be disqualified.

The meet will run in a 5 alive rotation until there are 9 competitors left in competition at the beginning of a new height. It will then be run in full flight rotation until conclusion.

When an athlete is called to the runway, prior to each jump, the vaulter will set their desired standard setting within the correct range on the indicator at the end of the runway. Time starts when standards are set. If an athlete must be reminded to set the standard indicator, or if they request advice from their coach on standard settings after they have been called up, the timing official will start the timer. Timer will raise yellow flag and verbalize time warning at 30 seconds remaining.

Coaches Box:

2012 will be a trial year for the "Coaches Box" on the field of competition. At the end of this year, the policy will be reviewed. If deemed to have a negative impact on the meet, coaches will not be allowed on the field for 2013.

Coaches (one per school) with proper identification (wrist band or coaches field pass) will be allowed on the field of competition. Coaches will be invited on the field once the athletes have been escorted out for warm ups. Coaches are to remain in the Coach's Box during warm ups and competition. Coaches may

leave coach's box for personal needs however, they must exit the field promptly and directly and return directly to the coach's box and may not speak to any athlete that is still in competition. The coach may not offer coaching to any athletes involved in other events while they are on the field of competition. Coaches are not allowed to mark steps, help find poles, etc.

Prior to start of competition coaches must submit the Weight Verification Form. This form is used to ensure the pole weight rating and vaulters weight are in sync

The setting of the standards is the athlete's responsibility. At no time will the pit crew answer to the coaches box regarding the setting of the standards nor will they correct standards based on a coach's request. If a coach distracts the pit crew with instruction on where to place the standards, they will be warned the first time and escorted off the field the second.

Additionally, if any coach displays unsportsmanlike conduct, is disruptive or distracting to any athlete, official or other coach on the field, that coach will be escorted off the field and will not be allowed to return to the coach's box for the duration of the 2 day meet. If any coach has a grievance, that coach must follow meet procedure and file said protest off the field of competition.

Please note the rule in the MOC Bulletin regarding no use of electronic devices on the field of competition.

Attachment #1 – Manufacturers Pole Ratings

UCS Spirit: All top hand hold labels are pink with white numbered weight ratings on the label. The bottom of the hand hold label is located 6" from the top of the pole. If the bottom of the pink hand hold label is closer than 6" from the top of the pole it would mean either the label has been moved or the pole has been cut - either of which renders the pole illegal for use. The engravings above the top hand hold label information must match the weight on the top hand hold label and length of the pole. Pole measurements are Metric. (Updated 1/2012 per Steve Chappell, UCS Spirit)

Gill Products (Pacer / Pacer FX / Pacer Carbon / Carbon FX / Mystic / Ms. Stic / Ms. Stic Carbon / Mystic Carbon / Skypole / Skypole Carbon): Some top hand hold labels are white with orange numbered weight ratings on the label. Newer labels are yellow. All hand hold labels are located at the very top end of the pole. (There is no required location of the top hand hold label). The engraving or paper informational label should be visible and readable and will match all information (weight and length) on each pole. The placement of the engraved/serial number may vary as much as 12+ inches from the top of the pole. Yellow labels, regardless of the age of the pole, will have information that matches the information embedded in the pole. On poles manufactured 2003 and later, the engraved information was replaced with 9 digit serial numbers embedded in the pole. Poles that do not have a 9 digit serial number will have engraved information. If the label has a serial number then the pole will also have a serial number and those two numbers will be identical. The first four digits of all serialized poles is the year the pole was made.

Altius: Poles manufactured after 2007 have a top hand hold band with weight and length information on the label located in the top 1" of the pole. They also have etchings to confirm the top hand hold information. Poles made before 2007 will have a top hand hold label that is a solid red one inch band, 4" from the top of the pole. All of these poles are engraved with 3/4" black numbers located above the top hand hold band indicating the pole weight. Etchings may be at top or bottom of pole and must match label. Verification involves ensuring that the engraved information is visible and readable. The measurements are Metric and are referenced to American measurements. Poles start at 300cm and increase by 15cm increments (typically 3" and 9"). Updated 1/2012 by Jeff Erickson Altius

Essx and Cat-A-Pole: The measurement and placement of the sail pattern portion within the pole determines where the top handhold label is placed by the manufacturer. For safety reasons some poles have the labels at the top and some have it located 1-3 inches down. You will find variances but it is always within the top 3 inches of every pole. If the label appears to have been removed and repositioned the pole should be rejected.

It is possible that a 12'4" pole may measure longer depending on the pole tip. For instance a 12'4" manufacturers cut pole with a pole tip added, may measure 12'5". Anything measuring more than 1" less in length is an altered pole and should be rejected!

The engraved portion of the pole and the embedded serial number must match the label provided on the top of the pole. Essx realizes that during their private label agreement (during the time period of 2010-2011, the private labeler did ship some poles without a serial number. These poles should be approved if the weight label and engraved weights match. Essx poles are calibrated in approximately 2 pound increments. (updated 1/2012 per Bruce Caldwell, EssxPV)

Nordic: The length of the pole is in metric measurements while the weight is in pounds. The top hand hold band is orange with white information and is located 3" to 4" from the top of the pole. (per USATF Best Practices Document - information has not been confirmed for this document)

Attachment #2: Replacement Weight Labels

Poles that do not meet certification requirements--unreadable labels, can obtain replacement labels:

UCS Spirit:

www.ucsspirit.com/vaulting-poles/news-details.cfm/news/New-NFHS-Rules-Requirement.

Phone: 775-882-7114

Send a clear digital picture of the engraved Model and reference numbers (3 lines of data). After confirming that the information matches UCS Spirit flex numbers a new label will be issued.

Gill (Pacer, Carbon, Mystic, Rocket, Sky Pole, Big Stick):

www.gillathletics.com (Link under Replace Worn or Unreadable Weight Labels on Vaulting Poles)
(800-637-3090)

Must specifically request using their downloadable form, signed by Athletic Director/Principal or owner of pole. Labels must be promptly and properly affixed.

Essx (Essx, Catapole, MF, Fibersport, Maxima 4)

www.essxpv.com

Bruce Caldwell (877-367-3779)

Send a photo of the engraved portion of the pole that shows flex, size and serial number with self addressed stamped envelop and a check or money order for \$15.00/per label to 1120-G Airport Freeway, Suite 405, Bedford, Tx 76022.

Essx will mail you a label to permanently affix to your pole.

Altius:

www.altiuspoles.com

Jeff Erickson (800-374-7653)

Send a self addressed stamped envelope with a letter stating the poles length, weight and flex number off the engraved or embedded portion of the pole. If the information matches Altius' records they will send you a label to permanently affix to your pole.