

2019 POLE VAULT RULES COMPARISON

GOVERNING BODY	IAAF	USATF	NCAA	NFHS
LANDING AREA In Back of Box LxWxH	6 m x 6 m x 0.8 m	5 m x 6 m x 0.813 m	5 m x 6 m x 0.813 m	5 m x 6 m (16'5" x 19'8")
LANDING AREA incl Front Pads LxWxH	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	6.15 m x 6 m (20'2" x 19'8")
BOX COLLAR	Optional on own time	ASTM Std. Required Youth	ASTM Std. Required	ASTM Std. Required
CROSSBAR LENGTH	4.48-4.52 m	4.48-4.52 m	4.48-4.52 m	4.47-4.52 m (14'8" x 14'10")
DISTANCE BETWEEN PEGS	4.28-4.37 m	4.30-4.37 m	4.30-4.37 m	4.16-4.48 m (13'8"-14'8")
BAR SUPPORT PEGS LENGTH	55 mm	55 mm	55 mm	76 mm (3")
MARKS ALONGSIDE RUNWAY	2 Markers max. No Indelible Marks, Chalk	2 Markers max. (3-Youth) No Indelible Marks, Chalk	2 Markers max. 7x15cm max NO SHOES	ALLOWED
ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN COMPETITION AREA	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED during event	NOT ALLOWED except in coaches boxes
POSITION OF STANDARDS TOWARD LANDING AREA	0-80 cm	0-80 cm 45-80 cm Youth	45-80 cm	45.7-80 cm 18-31.5 inches
PASSES	PASS HEIGHT	PASS HEIGHT	PASS ATTEMPT	PASS ATTEMPT
TAPE ON HANDS/FINGERS	ALLOWED	ALLOWED Not Allowed-Youth	NOT ALLOWED except to cover wound	NOT ALLOWED except to cover wound
WEARING GLOVES	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
VAULTER STEADIES BAR	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
VAULTER LEAVES GROUND BUT DOES NOT COMPLETE VAULT	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED; OK IF ABORTED RUN-UP
5 ALIVE SYSTEM ABANDONED	NOT USED	NOT USED	9 or fewer at height at end of height	Fewer than 9 within height
PRACTICE TRIALS ON RUNWAY AFTER COMPETITION STARTS	NOT ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED EXCEPTIONS for MASTERS/YOUTH	2 MINUTES /JUMPER ALLOWED AFTER ONE HOUR at ENTRY HT. w/o crossbar	2 MIN./JUMPER Combined AFTER 3 CONSEC. PASSED HEIGHTS at ENTRY HT. w/o crossbar
LATE ARRIVAL AFTER THE COMPETITION STARTS	START AT CURRENT HEIGHT IF ENTERED	START AT CURRENT HEIGHT IF ENTERED	CAN'T JUMP	CAN'T JUMP
TAPE ON POLE	IAAF, USATF, NCAA & NFHS: TAPE AT GRIP MUST BE UNIFORM with no "rings" or "loops"			
TIME RULES				
4 OR MORE VAULTERS	1 Minute*	1 Minute*	1 Minute*	1 Minute
2-3 VAULTERS	2 Minutes	2 Minutes	2 Minutes	3 Minutes
1 VAULTER	5 Minutes	5 Minutes	5 Minutes if winner	5 Minutes if winner
CONSECUTIVE JUMPS	3 Minutes	3 Minutes	3 Minutes within height	3 Minutes within height
COMBINED EVENTS - 4 OR MORE	1 Minute*	1 Minute*	1 Minute*	1 Minute
COMBINED EVENTS--2 or 3	2 Minutes	2 Minutes	2 Minutes	3 Minutes
COMBINED EVENTS--1 VAULTER	3 Minutes	3 Minutes	3 Minutes	5 Minutes
COMBINED EVTS--CONSECUTIVE	3 Minutes	3 Minutes	3 Minutes	3 Minutes
* or if 1st attempt in competition				
BAR RAISE INCREMENTS	Minimum 5 cm	Minimum 5 cm	5-15 cm	Not Addressed
COMBINED EVENT INCREMENT	10 cm	10 cm (15 cm-Youth)	10 cm	Not Addressed
TIE BREAKER INCREMENTS	5 cm	5 cm	5 cm	3 inches
TIME EXPIRATION WARNING	At 15 seconds left	At 15 seconds left	At 15 seconds left	Not Addressed
METHOD	Raise Yellow Flag	Raise Yellow Flag At end, drop flag	Raise Yellow Flag	
SCORING SYMBOLS				
CLEARED / FAILED / PASSED	O / X / — (dash)	O / X / — (dash)	O / X / — (dash)	O / X / — (dash)