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TO: ALL MHSA MEMBER PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS AND HEAD TRACK AND FIELD COACHES

FROM: SCOTT MCDONALD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

RE: POLE VAULT PLANTING BOX RULE CHANGE

Please relate the following information to the appropriate personnel:

For the purpose of minimizing risk of injury to a pole vaulter, NFHS Track and Field Rule 7-5-24 will required the use of planting box padding that meets the new ASTM Specification Standard for the **2015 MHSA Track and Field Season**. Rule 7-5-24 states: The planting box shall not contain any foreign materials except planting box padding. Such padding shall meet the applicable ASTM Specification Standard, and can be incorporated into the design of the planting box or can be a padding addition to an existing planting box. All current rules requirements for pole padding are still in effect. For additional information regarding NFHS pole vault padding equipment requirements, please call Scott McDonald (442-6010) at the MHSA Office.