

## POLE VAULTERS' WEIGHT VERIFICATION FORM

### TO ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS:

Member schools will be required to process the Pole Vaulters' Weight Verification Form listing each student participating in the pole vault event. ***This form is to be on file in the Activities Director's Office prior to a pole vaulter's first interscholastic competition.***

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

	Name of Vaulter	Vaulter's Weight*	Pole Rating Weight
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

\* Includes full competition uniform and footwear.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Activities Director \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Rule 7-5-2:** The vaulting pole may be of any material and of any length and diameter. It may have a binding of layers of adhesive tape of uniform thickness on the grip end. The plant end of the pole may be protected by layers of tape, PVC, metal, sponge rubber or other suitable material to protect it when placed in the planting box.

**Rule 7-5-3:** 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 3/4 inch in a contrasting color located within or above the top handhold position; a 1-inch circular band indicating the maximum top handhold 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.

*Notes:*

1. Etchings, serial numbers etc. that may appear on poles shall not replace the requirement of the manufacturer's pole rating of the minimum 3/4-inch marking in contrasting color on each pole. (7-5-3)
2. Each state association shall determine its own procedure regarding coaches' verification.

**Rule 7-5-4:** A competitor shall not use a variable weight pole, a pole which is improperly marked, a pole rated below his/her weight or any other equipment that is not legal during warm-up or competition. *Note: Altering the pole in any fashion renders it illegal.* **PENALTY: Disqualification from the event.**

**Rule 7-5-27h:** It is a foul if the competitor grips the pole above the top handhold band.