

Governing Body	USATF	NCAA	NFHS
Pad Surface (LxWxH)	6.15 m x 6 m x 0.813 m	6.15 m x 6 m x 0.813 m	20'2" x 19'8"
Box collar required	Youth- box collar per ASTM standards required. All others- "suitable padding" req'd	Yes per ASTM std	Yes per ASTM std.
Athlete matters	USATF	NCAA	NFHS
Marks beside runway	1 or 2 marks: no chalk marks	1 or 2 marks, no shoes	Allowed, games committee decision
Electronic devices & viewing video images	Not allowed for athletes in the competition area	Not allowed for athletes in the competition area	Allowed only in unrestricted areas & coaches boxes
Tape on pole	Uniform layers of grip end, ok at bottom	Uniform layers of grip end, ok at bottom	Uniform layers of grip end, ok at bottom
Tape on hands/fingers	Allowed	Not addressed	Not allowed
Wear gloved/ substance on hands	Allowed	Allowed	Gloves no, substance- yes
Timing for attempts	USATF	NCAA	NFHS
Time expiration- warning methods	Clock, hold up yellow flag with 15 seconds left	Clock, hold up yellow flag with 15 seconds left	Not addressed
Open-4 or more athletes	1 min	1 min	1 min
2-3 athletes	2 min	2 min	3 min
1 athlete	5 min	5 min (if has won)	5 min (if has won)
Consecutive jumps	3 min	3 min (within a ht)	3 min (within a ht)
Conducting the event	USATF	NCAA	NFHS
Warm ups at venue after competition starts	Open: not allowed, Youth: 1 jump after 3 passed bar hts, Masters: 1 min without bar after 1 hr	After 1 hour, w/o bar, at entry height- 2 min per athlete	After 3 consecutive passed hts, 2 min per athlete without bar at entry height, may combine times
Athlete arrives after competition starts	Start at current height	Can't compete	Can't compete
Athletes excused competing in another event	For one trial at a time may jump out of order. If not at venue, call "up" and record "pass after time expires	May jump out of order	May jump out of order. Max absence time set by games committee
Standards positioning	Youth 45-80cm	45-40 cm	18-31.5in
Fouls	USATF	NCAA	NFHS
Steadying the bar	If an athlete steadies the bar with his hands	If an athlete steadies the bar at all.	If an athlete steadies the bar with his hands or arms
Athlete leaves the ground but does not complete the vault	Allowed	Allowed	Aborted runup allowed, aborted attempt not allowed (foul)
Breaking the plane of the back of the box	Foul	Foul	Foul
Pole hitting the bar off	Foul unless the official determines it was because of the wind. The athlete must show an attempt to throw the pole back	Foul unless the official determines it was because of the wind. The athlete must show an attempt to throw the pole back	Foul unless the official determines it was because of the wind. The athlete must show an attempt to throw the pole back
Time	If an athlete fails to initiate attempt within the prescribed time period it is a foul	If an athlete fails to initiate attempt within the prescribed time period it is a foul	If an athlete fails to initiate attempt within the prescribed time period it is a foul
If a pole is broken	It doesn't count as an attempt (no foul)	It doesn't count as an attempt (no foul)	It doesn't count as an attempt (no foul)
Score sheet markings	USATF	NCAA	NFHS
Make, Miss, Pass	O, X, Dash	O, X, Dash	O, X, Dash
Increments	Min 5 cm, never increase	5-15cm, never increase	Games Committee
The winner can...	Choose the height to jump at		Choose the height to jump at
1st place ties	At next ht in progression after tied height: 5 cm	At next ht in progression after tied height: 5 cm	Take a 4th attempt at the last missed bar, then lower in 3" increments. Both athletes get one attempt at the tie-breaker bar.
Additional USATF Markings			
DNS: Did not start			
DNF: Did not finish			
DQ: Disqualified			
NM: No height			