



GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (GHSA) POLE VAULT VERIFICATION FORM



ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS are required to complete the **GHSA Pole Vault Verification Form** listing the name and grade of each contestant participating in the Pole Vault Event. School Administration and Coaches must verify the weight of each contestant and the proper ratings of all poles used by each contestant. This procedure is required for ALL GHSA sanctioned Track and Field competitions. **This completed form must be presented to the HEAD FIELD JUDGE of the Pole Vault Event prior to the start of warm-ups on the day of competition, and must include signatures from the Principal, Athletic Director and Track Coaches.**

School Name _____

Classification _____

Name of Meet _____

Date _____

	<u>Full Name of Pole Vault</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Vaulter's Weight*</u>	<u>List ALL Pole Ratings</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

*Includes full competition uniform and footwear.

Name of Principal (please print) _____

Signature of Principal _____

Name of Athletic Director (please print) _____

Signature of Athletic Director _____

Name of Head Coach (please print) _____

Signature of Head Coach _____

Name of Event Coach (please print) _____

Signature of Event Coach _____

NOTE TO ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS, TRACK AND FIELD COACHES AND OFFICIALS

Below are NFHS Track and Field Rules relevant to Pole Vault safety:

NFHS TRACK AND FIELD RULE 6-5-3: 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 hand-hold position; a 1-inch circular band indicating the maximum top hand-hold position with the position being determined by the manufacturer. Prior to the competition, the Coach must verify that all of the school's pole vaulters and poles meet these requirements. **NOTE:** 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. (6-8-3)

NFHS TRACK AND FIELD RULE 6-5-4: A competitor shall not use a variable weight pole, a pole which is improperly marked, or a pole rated below his/her weight, or any 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.

NFHS TRACK AND FIELD RULE 6-5-5: Prior to warm-up, the field referee, head field judge, or assigned inspector of implements shall inspect each pole to be used in the competition to verify that the poles are legal equipment, per **NFHS Rule 3-10-1**. This includes checking the placement of a top hand-hold band, numerical pole ratings a minimum of 3/4-inch in contrasting color located within or above the top hand-hold band, and a binding of layers of adhesive tape of uniform thickness on the grip end. The binding shall not be on or above the top hand-hold band.

NFHS TRACK AND FIELD RULE 6-5-21: A competitor shall not be allowed to use the pole of another individual without the consent of the owner. The event judge shall approve the use and verify that the pole is rated weight-appropriate. **PENALTY: Disqualification from the event.**

NFHS TRACK AND FIELD RULE 6-5-27h: It is a foul if the competitor grips the pole above the top hand-hold band.

PENALTY: An unsuccessful trial is charged.