



Kentucky High School Athletic Association – Track & Field Site Inspection
Grant County High School – Dry Ridge, Kentucky
 Site Inspection Requested by Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner of KHSAA
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Venue # 1 Running Tracks

Lanes (Number and Size) General overall condition and concerns with the running track	The Track and Field Complex is located behind the school and is a combined Football and Track Complex. The Grant County Track and Field Complex is 8 (42") lanes – 400 Meter Track and it is new rubber surface that has been freshly painted. The track has the basic color scheme recommended by the National Federation but it has some lines that have not been included.
Starting Lines (Staggers)	The starting lines on the Grant County Track with the new rubber surface are in excellent condition. 1 – Turn Stagger Green Lines 2 – Turn Stagger White Lines 3 – Turn Stagger Blue Lines 4 – Turn Stagger Red Lines Distance races One waterfall starting line is on the track and is properly marked. There is no step up line painted on the track and no alley starts are marked on the track. It is recommended (by the KHSAA and the National Federation) that when the time comes for re-stripping the track that the step up line and alley starts with step up lines be put in place. .
Relay Exchange Zone Markings	The 4 x 100 Meter Relay is marked with the starting lines being the white lines (2 turn stagger) and the exchange zones being yellow to yellow in all three zones. The fly zones are also marked in yellow. The 4 x 200 Meter Relay is marked with the starting lines being the red lines (4 turn stagger) and the exchange zones being red to red at the first and second zone and yellow to yellow on the third exchange. The fly zones are in place and properly marked in red. The 4 X 400 Meter Relay is marked with the starting lines being the blue lines (3 turn stagger) and the exchange zones being blue to blue staggers on the first handoff and then green to green for the second and third handoff. The 4 X 800 Meter Relay is marked and the start can use either a waterfall start, a one turn stagger or a two turn stagger. All the handoffs are green to green.
Break Lines	A green broken line is located at the head of the backstretch when a 1 turn stagger is desired for the distance races or for the 3 turn stagger on the 4 x 400 Meter Relay. It is recommended that when re-stripping occurs that a green broken line be placed at the head of the front stretch for a 2 turn stagger break line.
Hurdles Color Markings Overall condition of hurdles	The 100 Meter High Hurdles – Yellow Markings The 110 Meter High Hurdles – Blue Markings The 300 Meter Hurdles – White Markings The hurdles were not out to be observed
Starting Blocks (Number & Condition)	The starting blocks were not available to be observed at this time.
Starting Line Safety	With the way the spectators enter the stadium and the way the bleachers are constructed it is recommended that spectators be confined to the bleacher area for the running events. This will assure safety of the athletes at the starting lines of all the running events.
Finish Line Safety	With the way the spectators enter the stadium and the way the bleachers are constructed it is recommended that spectators be confined to the bleacher area for the running events. This will assure safety of the athletes at the common finish line of all the running events.
Surrounding area (This could include bleachers, fencing, trees, limbs, etc.)	The way the bleachers are constructed on the hill side provides an excellent vantage point to view all the running events, it is recommended that spectators be kept in the bleacher area for the running events. Spectator area in the field event areas will need to be handled carefully as it could well become a problem.

Venue #2 Pole Vault

New PV Landing Pad 19'8" wide 20'2" deep 16'5" back of box	There is no Pole Vaulting facility at the Grant County Track and Field Complex.
Vaulting Box	
Zero Point Markings	
Runway 130'0"	
Standards / Crossbars 13'8" – 14'8" Bar – 14'10"	
Weigh in Athletes	
Coaching Box	
Area surrounding the Pole Vault Venue	
Pole Vault Venue (General Notes)	

Venue # 3 High Jump

HJ Landing Pad 16' x 8'	The high jump landing pad was not available to be observed at this time.
Exposed Surfaces	
HJ Apron	The High Jump apron was a new area that was just recently put down in an area that had not be used for competition before. The area has been build up and some drainage work has been done but a large amount of water was standing around the High Jump Apron at the time of this inspection, so drainage is very much a concern. The apron is basically 50' X 100' and is more than adequate for high jump competition. It has a new rubber surface and should be excellent for good jumping performances. The landing pad sit up to place the landing pad is 13' x 17' which is bigger than the normal 8' x 16' pads and may well require additional padding around the landing pads. Rule 7-4-4: Hard and unyielding surfaces, such as but not limited to concrete, wood or asphalt, that extend out from beneath the sides and back of the high jump landing pad shall be padded with a minimum of 2-inch dense form or other suitable material.
Standards / Crossbar 12' apart bar is 12' to 14'10"	None of the High Jump equipment was observed at the time of this visit.
Area surrounding the HJ Venue	The only problem observed on this visit was the large amount of water standing around the high jump apron that did show signs that there may well be a drainage problem in this area. Flagging may well be needed to separate the LJ runway and Shot Put sector from the High Jump Venue to keep competitors from wandering into other venues while competition is taking place.
High Jump Venue (General Notes)	The High Jump Venue is located in a field some 50 meters to the right of the first turn of the track. The actual jumping area is excellent. A concern with the way the ground appears to be settling in this area that may cause the apron to buckle. A concern with the drainage in the area that may be cured with fill dirt and a good stand of grass. No report can be made on the equipment.

Venue # 4 Long and Triple Jump

Landing Pit Take Off Marks LJ - (8' and 12') TJ - (28' and 32') And the Runway	Two excellent sand pits that are identical 9' x 26'. The runways are 5' wide and 150' in length. The runway for the Long Jump is in good condition with a new rubber surface. The runway for the Triple Jump has a new rubber surface but it is in very bad shape because of the ripples that have appeared because of the settling of the area under the runway. It appears that this could be a problem for the long jump runway as well. Drainage appears to be a problem, but fill and a good stand of grass
Sand Pit Condition	The sand pits are currently in excellent condition but the settling of the ground could be a problem for this area as well and needs to be observed.
Area around the Long and Triple Jump Pit(s)	Unsettled ground and drainage are concerned.
Long and Triple Jump Venue (General Notes)	The Long and Triple Jump venues are located in an area some 50 meters off the track in a field to the right of the first turn. Both the venues are brand new in every aspect but in one month time the Triple Jump runway is " totally unsafe " for use for practice and/or competition because of the ripples and buckling of the runway. It is highly recommended that the triple jump venue not be used until repairs have been made and a second inspection of the venue takes place. As the long jump venue is in the same immediate area with the triple jump it is recommended that this runway be observed as it is quite possible it may suffer the same effects as the triple jump runway. At the time of the inspection the Long Jump runways was in very good shape. These two venues will be excellent venues when the current problems are corrected.

Venue #5 Shot Put

Circle - Concrete Pad	The Shot Put Venue is located in the same area with the Long/Triple Jump venues and the High Jump Venue . It is a 10' X 10' concrete slab and the rest of the venue is undeveloped. Plans are to put a metal ring on the concrete which will be fine. It is recommended that the area be painted to indicate the back half of the circle.
Sector and Cage	The sector was completely undeveloped at the time of this inspection. It is recommended that the entire sector area be leveled and cleaned out and that black plastic be put down and a very dense grad of crushed stone be put down to form the sector. A cage is not recommended at this time.
Weight in of Implements	It is pointed out that the host school is responsible to provide scales for the KHSAA Meet Official to weigh all the throwing implements before each competition. It is highly recommended that each coach weigh his or her athletes implements weekly to assure that they are legal and that no alterations have been made to the implements.
Surrounding Area	Flagging must be put in place to separate the various field events in this area to assure that athletes and officials are aware of adjacent venues.
Shot Put Venue (General Notes)	The venues has the potential to be an excellent venue once it is completed.

Venue #6 Discus Throw

Circle - Concrete Pad	The Discus Venue is located at the far end of the Soccer Practice Field. The 10' x 10' concrete slab will provide a very good throwing area once the metal ring is attached to the slab.
Sector and Cage	A cage has yet to be put in place but the coaches are aware of the National Federation safety requirements of the cage.
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Surrounding Area	The throwing sector will need to be flagged off to assure that spectators and others that wander into the area will realize that it is indeed a competition area.
Discus Venue (General Notes)	Once the cage is completed and the flagging is in place it will be an excellent throwing area..

Meet Management	
Seating and Spectator Control	The seating is more than adequate for track competition. A spectator area for the main field event venue may well need to be considered.
Public Address and Press Box	Was not observed but some adaptation may need to be made to assure that the Public Address at the Stadium can also be heard at two field event areas.
Meet Management in regard to Running Events	This will have to be observed at a later meet.
Meet Management in regard to Field Events	This will have to be observed at a later meet.
Regional Meet Site In your opinion would you recommend this facility to be considered as a Regional Track and Field Meet Site?	At the present time the venue can not be Recommended for a Regional Track and Field Meet. The lack of a Pole Vault Venue is one issues but this could be overlooked by moving this one event to another PV Venue in the area. The concerns with the Main Field Event Area with the drainage problems and the deteriorating conditions with the Triple Jump runway. Once these conditions have been corrected and another inspections has taken place it is very possible that this Track and Field Complex will be suitable for KHSAA Regional Track and Field competition.

Respectively submitted,

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