



## Kentucky High School Athletic Association – Track & Field Site Inspection

**Ryle High School, Union, 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 Ryle Track and Field Complex is a 400 Meter Oval that has 8 (42") lanes and at one time was an excellent running surface. The track is showing signs of the wear and tear that comes with years of use. A plan should be put in place now for a possible re-surface of this facility as some safety issues will develop in the near future as the current rubber surface is wearing very thin. The track is to the point that re-stripping must be considered soon.
Starting Lines (Staggers)	1 – Turn Stagger . . . . . Green 3 – Turn Stagger . . . . . Blue Distance races . . . . . White 2 – Turn Stagger . . . . . White 4 – Turn Stagger . . . . . Red White water fall line is in place and it is recommended in the future that broken step up lines be placed with water fall starts as well as alley starts with step up lines.
Relay Exchange Zone Markings	The 4 x 100 Meter Relay - First hand off is yellow to yellow. Second handoff is yellow to yellow. Third hand off is yellow to yellow. The 4 x 200 Meter - First handoff is red to red. Second handoff is red to red. Third handoff is yellow to yellow. (It is pointed out that the Fly Zones are properly marked but recommended to be the same color as the exchange zones in Federation Rules) The 4 X 400 Meter Relay – The first handoff is Green to Green (staggered). The second and third handoffs are indicated by the Blue to Blue. The 4 X 800 Meter Relay – The first, second and third handoffs are indicated by the Blue to Blue.
Break Lines	A green broken break line is located on the track at the head of the back stretch. It is pointed out that in Kentucky a second break line is used in the 4 x 800 Relay and the 800 Meters with a two turn stagger and this was not painted on the track.
Hurdles Color Markings Overall condition of hurdles	There appeared to be enough hurdles to successfully fill all the lanes for hurdle race requirements. 100 Meter Hurdles . . . . . Yellow 110 Meter Hurdles . . . . . Blue) 300 Meter Hurdles . . . . . Red
Starting Blocks (Number & Condition)	Starting blocks were not available to be observed at this time.
Starting Line Safety	Straight away starts have an excellent crowd control fence that will keep the track clear of non-participants.
Finish Line Safety	Great crowd control at the finish line. Visible for all the fans to see as well as not being able to interfere with the progress of a finish.
Surrounding area (This could include bleachers, fencing, trees, limbs, etc.)	Great bleachers and press box for a track and field meet. Front row is elevated with a walking area for those fans that just can not sit down.

### Location of Field Events

Ryle Track and Field Complex

**Venue #2.** Pole Vault runway is still in place but the school does not participate in pole vault competition at this time.

**Venue #3.** High Jump is located j inside the oval in the first turn of the track.

**Venue #4.** Long and Triple Jump venue is located inside the oval in turn two.

**Venue #5.** Shot Put is located outside the oval on the backstretch of the track near the start of the 200 Meter Dash.

**Venue #6.** Discus is located inside the oval near the common finish line of the track.

### Venue #2 . . . . . Pole Vault

New PV Landing Pad 19'8" wide 20'2" deep 16'5" back of box	At the present time Ryle High School does not participate in Pole Vault competition. They do not have a legal pit.
Vaulting Box	
Runway 130'0"	The runway is still in place but Bermuda grass has taken over and is basically covering the runway.
Standards / Crossbars 13'8" – 14'8"	

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'	It is pointed out that the High Jump landing pad meets the National Federation Safety Standards for both practice and competition in this event. The pads were in the storage building but they were the proper size and a common cover was available to bring the pads together into one safe landing pad. An all weather cover was also in the storage building. It is pointed out that one of the pads needs some sewing or it could be damaged even more.
Exposed Surfaces	
HJ Apron	The high jump apron meets all of the recommendations in regard to size and will be an excellent jumping surface for the athletes.
Standards / Crossbar 12' apart bar is 12' to 14'10"	Did not observe the standards or the cross bars on this visit.
Area surrounding the HJ Venue	With the new location of the throwing sector in the discus it is recommended that the High Jump not begin until the completion of the discus competition.
High Jump Venue (General Notes)	High Jump pad is old and needs a little work. Some sewing now may add life to the current landing pad. Failure to get this pad repaired not could well make the matter worse and make the pad unusable.

### Venue # 4 . . . . . Long and Triple Jump

Landing Pit Take Off Marks LJ - (8' and 12') TJ - (28' and 32') And the Runway	Currently there is one sand pit with wooden edges that have been painted for better visibility and is sufficient in size. The runway is 160' long and is starting to show signs of wear and tear. Bermuda grass is a problem for the runway and attention has to be given to the grass or it will take over the runway. Take off boards and/or painted lines are placed at various locations on the runway to assure a safe landing in the sand for all levels of jumping ability.
Sand Pit Condition	The sand had been properly loosened and the pit was full and safe for jumping.
Area around the Long and Triple Jump Pit(s)	No other activity takes place in this area so the Long and Triple Jump is not in danger of activity of any of the other venues.
Long and Triple Jump Venue (General Notes)	Issues with the Long and Triple Jump venue ..... Must make sure that when wooden take off boards are inserted into the rubber surface that they have all gaps filled so that they remain snug and that they are level with the surface of the runway. One sand pit ... for whatever reason only one sand pit was put in place with a little amount of effort the area that used to be the pole vault venue could be turned into a second sand pit, by removing the concrete pad and the vaulting box and replacing it a sand landing pit. The biggest task would be the Bermuda grass that has eaten the runway.

### Venue #5 . . . . . Shot Put

Circle - Concrete Pad	The concrete slab is 13' x 13" and is more than adequate for the 7' circle that is required in the shot put competition. The new sector lines are to be painted on the toe board. It is recommended that the concrete slab be painted in the school colors so as to help indicate the back half of the circle.
Sector and Cage	The throwing sector is not level and there is no way to get a truly accurate measurement of the shot put. It is highly recommended that the sector area be dug up and that the sod and extra soil be removed to assure that the total throwing area is level. It is recommended that a very small grade of crushed limestone be placed in the area to complete what can be an excellent throwing area.
Weight in of Implements	It is pointed out that the <b>host school is responsible</b> to provide scales for the KHSAA Meet Official to weigh all the throwing implements before each competition. It is <b>highly recommended</b> that each coach weigh his or her athlete's implements weekly to assure that they are legal and that no alterations have been made to the implements.
Surrounding Area	The area needs to be flagged at all times in competition with bleachers and spectators close by.
Shot Put Venue (General Notes)	The current venue is in need of some much needed work. The current sector is so un-even it is really not safe for officials who sometimes have to make sudden moves and there is no way that to assure that all athletes are getting the same accurate measurement on each throw. See notes above for possible corrections.

### Venue #6 . . . . . Discus Throw

Circle - Concrete Pad	The concrete slab is 13' x 13' and is adequate for the 8'2 1/2" circle that is required in the discus competition. The major problem with the area is the sunken circle that has basically no drainage and at the time of this visit it was flooded. With the drainage issues in the area the only solution to the problem may be to have a good concrete man come in and fill the sunken circle and level the concrete slab and then paint a 2" circle on the new slab. It is recommended that the concrete slab be painted in the school colors so as to help indicate the back half of the circle.
Sector and Cage	The proper cage (netting) was in place and the front poles were within the required 4' to 5' range. The sector angle has been moved to assure that the direction of the discus is much further from the edge of the finish straight-away. The 34.92 degree sector makes it a safer and more enclosed area.
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Surrounding Area	It is highly recommended that the discus competition be completed before the high jump competition begins. The entire throwing area of the discus venue needs to be flagged.
Discus Venue (General Notes)	The discus area will be fine with a smaller sector and with turning of the discus cage to direct the throwing sector more to the center of the field instead of down the sideline. In Regional competition it is recommended that the Discus event begin one hour before the normal flow of the meet.

Meet Management	
Seating and Spectator Control	The bleachers and general layout of the track and field complex is excellent. The fencing is in place that will keep everyone back from the finish area as well as from the starting areas.
Public Address and Press Box	Press Box and Public Address system are more than adequate for a Regional Track and Field competition.
Meet Management	Meet Management is not a major concern as Ryle and the coaching staff has been putting on meets at this venue for some time. Ryle stated that they do have the Hy-Tek license and they plan to use Ed Cook as there Hy-Tek operator and Mike Ryan as there FAT Timing Operator. It has been pointed out that Scott High School would be used as a Pole Vault Competition area for the Region.
<b>Regional Meet Site</b> In your opinion would you recommend this facility to be considered as a Regional Track and Field Meet Site?	<p>The biggest problems found with the Ryle Track and Field Complex is the age of the current track surface and the age of much of the equipment and the neglect that has been given to upkeep through the years. It is recommended that the KHSAA assign a KHSAA Official to check on the following issues by <b>May 1</b> to finalize the location of this Regional Meet. ....</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Shot Put .... The sector area needs to be leveled and the concrete and toe board improvements mentioned need to take place.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Discus ..... circle needs some work with paint and back half indicators.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">High Jump ..... repairs need to be made in regard to sewing on the landing pad.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Long and Triple Jump .....make sure that new boards are level with the runway and that gaps around the boards are filled and level with the runway.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The final sited selected for the Pole Vault must have there pole vault venue inspected and a report sent to the KHSAA.</p> <p>With these issues properly addressed there is no problem with the Regional Meet being held at Ryle High School.</p>

Respectively submitted,

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