



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

New PV Landing Pad 19'8" wide 20'2" deep 16'5" back of box	The overall size of the pole vault landing system shall be a minimum of 19-08" wide and 20'02" deep. The front section of the landing system "The Front Buns" shall be a minimum of 16'-5". The landing pit meets all the National Federation and KHSAA Safety requirements and is properly put together with a common cover that makes it one single landing area. All the buns are in the right place and the new box collar was observed.
Vaulting Box  Zero Point Markings	The current vaulting box is unsafe. The box is simply sit in a hole and is not secure to the ground and the front edge of the vaulting box is higher than the runway surface. The front edge of the vaulting box <b>shall</b> not extend above the grade of the runway surface. If this vaulting box is not properly secured to the ground and arranged so that the front edge of the box is level with the runway surface the Regional Pole Vault will have to be held at a different venue. The current Russell vaulting venue is not safe for practice or competition. It is recommended that the planting box be of a color contrasting to the color of the runway and this one needs painted. A painted line from standard to standard shall be painted on the ground under the landing system to clearly indicate where the zero point marking is located. The standards are secured to the ground but point zero is not close to point zero on the vaulting box and they will need to be completely reset before the venue can be verified as safe for competition. Digital pictures will have to be sent to the inspector who will then assign a KHSAA Official to come and assure that all the safety issues have been addressed.
Runway 130'0"	The recommended length of the runway is a minimum of 140 feet. Where conditions permit is should be 147'06". The runway should be 42" wide.
Standards / Crossbars 13'8" – 14'8" Bar – 14'10"	The normal cross bar shall be 14'10" in length . . . . Effective January 1, 2013 the crossbar shall be circular. Square with beveled edges or triangular crossbars shall no longer be legal. Cross bars were not observed at the time of this inspection.
Weigh in Athletes	It is pointed out that the <b>host school is responsible</b> to provide scales for the KHSAA Meet Official to weigh all the vaulters before each competition. It is <b>highly recommended</b> that each coach weigh his or her vaulters weekly to assure that they are legal for the vaulting poles that they are using.
Coaching Box	For the Regional Meet a coaching box must be established and an area flagged off. It is recommended that <b>ONLY</b> authorized PCSCB certified coaches with a badge or wrist band to identify them be allowed in the coaching box.
Area surrounding the Pole Vault Venue	Rule 7-5-9 . . . . Hard or unyielding surfaces, such as but not limited to concrete, metal, wood or asphalt around the landing pad or between the planting box and the landing system, <b>shall</b> be padded or cushioned with a minimum of 2 inches of dense foam or other suitable material(s). A box collar must be in place. Note: It is recommended that any excess material such as asphalt or concrete that extends out from beneath the side or back of the landing pad be removed.
Pole Vault Venue (General Notes)	The current Vaulting Venue at Russell High School is not acceptable for Regional competition. All the necessary corrections are mentioned above and digital pictures must be sent to the inspection ( <a href="mailto:coachbo@twc.com">coachbo@twc.com</a> ) as soon as possible so a KHSAA Official can be sent to inspect the improvements. The current vaulting venue is not safe for practice or competition and the school and coaches are under tremendous liability as it is.

### Venue # 3 . . . . High Jump

HJ Landing Pad 16' x 8'	The landing pad shall not be less than 16'00" wide and 8'00" deep. The pad thickness should be at least 24". When the landing system is made up of two or more sections they shall be attached and a common cover be in place to assure a safe landing surface for the athletes. The current pad is properly put together and a common cover is in place making the pads one safe landing area.
HJ Apron	There is an excellent high jump apron and the placement of the pit needs to be that all jumpers coming from the right have the same opportunity as those coming from the left.
Standards / Crossbar 12' apart bar is 12' to 14'10"	The standards and cross bars were not out to be observed at the time of this inspection.
Area surrounding the HJ Venue	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 foam or other suitable material. Note: It is recommended that any excess material such as asphalt or concrete that extends out from beneath the side or back of the landing pad be removed. This venue has hard an un-yielding surface all around it and it needs to be covered.
High Jump Venue (General Notes)	Good high jump area that just needs the hard and un-yielding surface around it covered.

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

Landing Pit Take Off Marks LJ - (8' and 12') TJ - (28' and 32')	At the time of the last inspection there were two sand pits at the Russell Complex. For whatever reason one was eliminated. This presents issues for Meet Management as now 4 jumping events now have to take place in the same sand pit.
Runway	The runway is 140' long and 42" wide. The takeoff marks need to be repainted so they are visible.
Sand Pit Condition	The landing pit shall be filled with sand or other soft material to a depth that will ensure a safe landing. The surface shall have the same elevation as that of the takeoff board. The sand level should always be level with the edges of the landing pit. The landing pit shall have a minimum width of 9 feet and minimum length of 15 feet. The pit has the proper length and width but the edges of the pit are covered when they must remain visible. The sand needs to be loosened and raked level to assure that the sand is level with the edges all around the pit. Request that digital pictures be taken of the pit once it has been improved to meet the safety requirements.
Area around the Long and Triple Jump Pit(s)	Once the sand pit is improved the venue will be safe.
Long and Triple Jump Venue (General Notes)	It was a mistake to loose the 2 <sup>nd</sup> sand pit at it added well over an hour to the jumping competitions.

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

Circle – Concrete Pad Toe Board	A concrete surface with a 1 millimeter roughness is recommended. A 7' circle, sunken with drainage, raised metal ring properly secured or a 2" painted line. Back half indicators should be permanently marked on the concrete slab. The toe board shall be 4 feet in length along the inside of the surface, 4 inches in height and 4 1/2 inches in width and it shall be firmly fixed into a non-movable position. Sector lines should be placed on top of the toe board. There are no back half indicators, there are no sector lines on the ground, on the concrete slab or on the toe board and the toe board is not secured to the ground. Digital pictures are to be sent to assure that these three issues have been addressed. Gravel is not recommended in the throwing sector. At the very best this is a poor shot put venue and improvements should be made.
Sector	A 34.92 degree sector shall be marked on the ground for both practice and competitions. No sector lines were present at the time of this inspection. They should be painted on the front edge of the concrete slab and throughout the sector.
Cage	A cage is not required at this time but with more and more throwers using the spin technique and considering the location of the shot at this venue one should be considered for the future.
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 athletes' implements weekly to assure that they are legal and that no alterations have been made to the implements.
Surrounding Area	It is highly recommended that all throwing areas be cordoned off, roped, fenced, or with flags placed well outside the sector lines to minimize the risk of injury for spectators, athletes and/or officials.
Shot Put Venue (General Notes)	At the present time the shot put venue is not Regional ready. Concerns were addressed above and digital pictures must be sent to the inspector ( <a href="mailto:coachbo@twc.com">coachbo@twc.com</a> ) so that a KHSAA Official can be sent to verify the corrections.

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

Circle – Concrete Pad	A concrete surface with a 1 millimeter roughness is recommended. A 8'21/2" circle, sunken with drainage, raised metal ring properly secured or a 2" painted line. Back half indicators should be permanently marked on the concrete slab. There are no back half indicators, there are no sector lines on the ground or on the concrete slab. Digital pictures are to be sent to assure that these three issues have been addressed.
Sector	A 34.92 degree sector shall be marked on the ground for both practice and competitions. At the time of this inspection no markings were present.
Cage	The cage is properly placed and meets the safety requirements of the National Federation and the KHSAA.
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 athletes implements weekly to assure that they are legal and that no alterations have been made to the implements.
Surrounding Area	As long as the discus venue is flagged off the area is fine.
Discus Venue (General Notes)	Needs back half indicators and sector line placed on the concrete slab.

### Meet Management

Seating and Spectator Control	Seating is excellent for spectators as long as they remain in the Main Bleachers on the front stretch. Back stretch bleachers should be used only for teams.
Public Address and Press Box	At the time of the inspection I was informed by two local track people that the Public Address was more than adequate for this venue.
Meet Management in regard to Running Events	With Bob Stacey as the Meet Director the meet is in good hands as he is a crusty OLD veteran that knows how to run off a meet. All the pieces are in place for some excellent running event competitions.
Meet Management in regard to Field Events	Currently have issues with three field event venues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pole Vault is totally unsafe in its present condition</li> <li>➤ Long/Triple Jump has some issues with sand pit and take off boards needing fresh paint</li> <li>➤ Shot Put has a loose toe board</li> </ul>
Meet Management Equipment	Hy-Tek Meet Management: Russell High School owns the Hy-Tek Program Fully Automatic Timing: Shawn Thornbury and Phillip Caudill are veterans with the equipment and will do a good job. Backup timing equipment: Sprint 8 Timer Official or volunteer base in place: an area that has numerous volunteers that are used to assisting with track and field competitions
<b>Regional Meet Site</b> In your opinion would you recommend this facility to be considered as a Regional Track and Field Meet Site?	The track is suitable for another year of competition; however a recommendation can not be made at this time in regard to the 2016 Regional Meet one of which Raceland is scheduled to host at Russell High School. A KHSAA Official will need to return to the venue when the Host Raceland sends the digital pictures to show some of the safety concerns have been addressed. Prompt attention to the concerns with the field events needs to be addressed as quickly as possible and pictures sent to the inspector at <a href="mailto:coachbo@twc.com">coachbo@twc.com</a> .

Respectively submitted,

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