

Track and Field

Site Inspection



Henry County High School – New Castle, Kentucky

Site Inspection by Edward S. Olding – Meet Referee- Wildcat Relays

Saturday April 17, 2004

Pole Vault

Landing Pad 19' 8" wide 20' 2" deep 16' 5" back of box Runway 130'	Landing pad meets all National Federation regulations. Runway is in need of repair. I canceled the event at the Henry County Wildcat Relays for the fact that the last 10 feet of runway was extremely rough and actually has surface missing. I discussed with the Henry County coaches that this needed to be fixed before any pole vault competition or practice is allowed at this site. It appeared that a somewhat attempt had been made to fix it but the material used was as loose as sand on the runway.
Planting Box	Box is level with runway.
Standards/Crossbar 13'8" – 14'8" Bar 14'10"	Standards are in good shape and securely fastened to the ground.
Surrounding Area	No problems. Grass surrounds the pad.
Weigh In of Athletes	It is <u>highly</u> recommended that the Pole Vault Official have scales provided by the host school to weigh the Vaulters to assure that there weight is in compliance with what is listed on the vaulting pole.
Coaching Box	No coaching box needed vault is clearly visible from outside track area.
Pole Vault Venue	Once the runway is repaired, it is good to go.

High Jump

Landing Pit 16' by 8'	Pit meets all National Federation requirements.
Standards/Crossbar 12' apart Bar – 12'	Saw no problems with standards or cross bars. Standards do need adaptors to go down to a lower height that is sometimes need for high school girls or middle school athletes.
Surrounding Area	There is some hard surfaces that are exposed should be covered for every meet. These hard and unyielding surfaces can present a liable situation to the school and they need to be addressed at each practice and meet.

High Jump Venue	Overall venue is in good condition once the hard surfaces areas are covered.
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Long Jump and Triple Jump	
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Landing Pit 9' by 15'	Pit is adequate size.
Take Off Marks 12' or 8' 32' or 28'	Marks need to be repainted
Rakes/Shovel Brooms	Plenty available
Sand Level	The National Federation Rule Book says that the sand must be level with the runway. The sand in this pit is low and needs to have some added for both safety in the event and accuracy in measuring the athletes performances.
Surrounding Area	Clear of any obstructions
Long Jump/ Triple Jump Venue	Runway is starting to show signs of wear, is going to need attention in the near future.

Shot Put	
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Circle	Clean and smooth
Sector and Markings 40* or 60 *	White rolled sector tape was used. Crushed gravel sector
Surrounding Area	Could be roped off to keep spectators back.
Weight Implements	It is <u>highly</u> recommended that the Shot Put Officials be provided with the necessary equipment, provided by the host school, to properly weight the throwing implements and the a marking material to indicate proper weight.
Shot Put Venue	Very good field event venue that needs flagging for safety percussions.

Discus Throw	
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Cage	Chain link fence in good shape
Circle	Fine
Sector and Markings 40 * 2'9.75"	40 sector marked with sector tape

Surrounding Area	Clear no obstructions
Weigh Implements	It is highly recommended that the Discus Officials be provided with the necessary equipment, provided by the host school to properly weigh the throwing implements and the marking material to indicate proper weight.
Discus Venue	Would recommend roping/ flagging off area

Running Track	
Lanes Number & Size General overall Conditions and concerns	8 lanes Track is showing many signs of wear, has been patched in many places, not all patches are level with rest of track. These unlevel patches could be a liability issue if in the areas where athletes leave the ground, or come down as in the hurdle races.
Stagger Colors:	1 Turn - green very faint 3 Turn -blue very faint 2 Turn - white line very faint 4 Turn - red line very faint
Relay Colors:	4 X 100 - yellow 4 X 200 - red than yellow 4 X 400 - green then blue all lines very faint The host school is to provide the necessary flags for the officials to properly officiate the exchange zones.
Break Lines	Dotted lines for 1,2,3 turn stagger It is recommended in the Regional Meet to use the same break line for the 800 Meters as they do in the state meet, with a line a the head of the front stretch. On the Pulaski track it would be the 100 Meter Starting Line.
Hurdle Colors Overall condition of the hurdles	100 Girls - yellow very faint 110 Boys - blue very faint 300 Hurdles -red almost completely gone <u>Had just enough hurdles to use all 8 lanes had to fix a few on the spot, was informed that they did have new boards, I suggested that they replace the boards asap. Had no extra hurdles</u>
Starting Blocks Number and condition Block Cart	Counted 7 sets of blocks all in useable condition
Starting Line Safety	Starting line area are safe, however I did suggest that they lock the gates in the middle of the tack and make all athletes go to the ends of fence when enetering.
Finish Line Safety	If gates are kept lock - area will be safe

<p>Surrounding Areas (This could include bleachers, fencing, tree limbs, etc.)</p>	<p>GATES NEED TO BE KEPT LOCKED DURING COMPETITIONS HAD SEVERAL ATHLETES WALK OUT ONTO TRACK DURING RACES – This can be a safety/liability if gates are not controlling traffic.</p>
<p>PA / Press Box</p>	<p>PA WAS LOADING AND WORKING PROPERLY, PRESS BOX IS FINE</p>

<p>Officials Overall view of this Track and Field Complex</p>	<p>Pole vault runway <u>HAS</u> to be fixed. High Jump needs hard and unyielding surfaces covered. Need flagging in the throwing event areas. Need more sand in the long/triple jump pits. All marking on track need to be repainted, really hard to see some of the exchange zone marks which is very unfair for the runners. Hurdle marks in bad shape. Track itself is showing wear. Rest of complex is in good working order.</p> <p><u>Hurdles do need repaired.</u> To properly host the regional meet you will need 80 <u>complete</u> hurdles with a top board that is clearly visible for the athletes to see.</p>
<p>Regional Meet Site (In your opinion would you recommend this facility be considered as a Regional Meet Site.)</p> <p>If No what would they need to do to bring this facility into compliance.</p>	<p>If pole vault runway and Hurdles are fixed site will be ok for Regionals. I am however concerned about who is going to run the meet off. I know Henry County has a new coach this year. I met him when I arrived to the track and I didn't see him again until I was ready to leave. I had to constantly radio to the press box for such issues as getting hurdle put on track and moved and adjusted. Had no exchange zone judges. Had a 20 minute delay trying to get hurdle in place for the 300m finally after several announcements several spectators and coaches came out to help.</p> <p>Someone needs to be responsible and make sure this is all in place so the meets run smoother.</p>

Respectively submitted,

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