



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

Track and Field

Site Inspection

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MARION COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Site Inspection Requested by Jeff Richardson -Athletic Director, Roger Romines – Track Coach

DATE: Wednesday – August 17, 2005

Pole Vault

<p>Landing Pad 19' 8" wide 20' 2 deep 16'5 back of box Runway 130'</p>	<p>The landing pads were not out to be observed. The track inspection was requested because of a new surface that has just been applied to the track to make sure that things were in proper order for the track to be striped. In talking with the Athletic Director, Track Coach and the Director of Building and Grounds I was informed that new vaulting pads would be ordered to make sure that all the National Federation and KHSAA vaulting safety requirement were in place.</p> <p>The pole vault runway was not the same surface as the running track. It is concrete with rubber mats placed on it for the track spikes to take hold and to proved safety for the athletes running on it. The length of the runway was more than sufficient However the only sand pit was located at the end of the vault runway With boys and girls pole vault and boys and girls long jump and triple jump taking place on one runway major problems in meet management will take place. Serious consideration should be given to relocating the long/triple jump venue.</p>
<p>Planting Box</p>	<p>The concrete runway and the concrete area that holds the landing pad are on the same level. The vaulting box is properly inserted into the concrete landing area however, the rubber pad that has been placed on the concrete runway has the vaulting box 1/2" to 3/4" above the vaulting box. It is recommended that the vaulting be on the same level with the runway. This situation was discussed with the Athletic Director and the Director of Building and Grounds.</p>
<p>Standards/Crossbar 13'8 – 14'8" Bar 14'10"</p>	<p>The standards were in place and were secured to the ground. The Athletic Director informed me that new standards were being ordered with the new landing pads. No cross bars were in place to be observed.</p>
<p>Surrounding Area</p>	<p>The vaulting area is located outside the oval at the end of the finish straightaway. It is in a safe area where the management of this field event will not interfere with any of the running events. There is the problem of the 6 events still using the same runway.</p>
<p>Weigh In of Athletes</p>	<p>Scales were not present to be observed.</p>
<p>Coaching Box</p>	<p>If Marion County were to be selected as a Regional Site and a coaching box became a necessity there is plenty of room for a box to be in place for coaches to observe the event without interference.</p>



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Pole Vault Venue (General Notes)	Bring the vaulting box level with the runway and placing the rubber padding on the entire runway will have the ground level facilities in great shape. The new landing pads and standards will then have the vaulting venue in compliance with all the National Federation safety issues. The overuse of the runway with 6 events in the time frame of one track and field meet still needs to be addressed.
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High Jump	
Landing Pit 16' by 8'	The High Jump landing pad was not in place to be observed.
Standards/Crossbar 12' apart Bar - 12'	The standards and cross bars were not in place to be observed.
Surrounding Area	The high jump venue is located inside the oval in the first curve of the track. The area set aside for the landing pads is more than adequate, however the concrete pads set aside for the standards may well create a situation that would leave a hard an unyielding surface that would need to be padded for practice and/or competition. The actual high jump apron in itself is not of sufficient size for the approach of most of the high jumpers, however the apron is connected to the running track and more than ample approach is available for all the jumpers from either side.
High Jump Venue General Notes	The high jump apron has half of the approach that includes the eight lane running track in the first curve. High Jump officials are going to have to be trained and educated into not only the rules of the event but to be observant of the other events going on around them. High Jump competition will have to cease when running events are using the first curve for competition. The Shot Put venue is just outside the oval across from the high jump and judges at both venues will have to be observant to make sure that no safety issues become a factor.

Long Jump and Triple Jump	
Landing Pit 9' by 15'	At the present time there is one long/triple jump sand pit and it is more than adequate in size If indeed this pit is to be used all the dead grassy remains need to be removed and the pit raked clean. The current runway is more than adequate in length, it is a concrete runway that will have rubber pads placed on it to make the area safe for the athletes to use wearing the track spikes and for the footing that is necessary in these events. The problem herein lies with the fact that the current long/triple jump runway is also used by the pole vault and the athletes would overlap and with 6 events on the one runway Meet Management would have a real problem finishing the field events in conjunction with the running events.
Take Off Marks 12' or 8' 32' or 28'	Take off marks are currently painted on the rubber mat and are adequate.



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Rakes/Shovel Brooms	None available at this time to observe.
Sand Level	Sand level was a little low at this time but then again it is the off season and the sand has settled. Once the pit is loosened up and smoothed out it may well be adequate.
Surrounding Area	It is too crowded with the 6 events trying to use the one runway and could well cause problems for both the jump venue and the vault venue.
Long Jump/ Triple Jump Venue	The situation of 6 events on the one runway were discussed with the Athletic Director and the Director of Building and Grounds and the discussion of a new locations for the long and triple jump venue was discussed. It was recommended that the venue have a 200' runway with sand pits at each end so that the long and triple jump events could take place at the same time and help assure that the field events would be ending before the 1600 Meter Relay which is the final event on the running program.



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Shot Put	
Circle	A new concrete slab had recently been poured and is more than adequate in size to meet the needs of the throwing circle and making sure that the toe board is secured to the throwing surface. The circle or toe board were not in place at this time.
Sector and Markings 40* or 60 *	At the present time no sector lines are in place and the actual throwing sector will need some work. See below.
Surrounding Area	The shot put officials will need to be observant of the high jump competition as it is close by.
Weight Implements	School officials are reminded that it is the responsibility of the host school to provide the necessary equipment to properly weigh the throwing implements.
Shot Put Venue	The throwing venue is somewhat away from the running track however the right side of sector is parallel with the running track and an errant throw could possible hit on the track the current area planned to be the sector will nee some attention as the throwing circle is quite a bit higher than the throwing sector and a proper management would be very difficult. If the current area is to be used the sector will need to be brought up to the same level as the throwing circle. Consideration might be given to the possibility of moving the venue to an area that is totally flat as well as a area where the shot can not possibly land on the running track.

Discus Throw	
Circle	The current discus circle is not big enough to hold the size of the circle required in this event. See surrounding area for suggested new location of this venue.
Cage	No cage was in place at this time.



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Sectors and markings	No sector lines were in place at this time.
Surrounding areas	It is recommended that the discus venue be moved from the current location to an open area behind the backstretch bleachers and that the circle and cage be placed adjacent to the 300 hurdle start. This was discussed with the Track Coach and the Director of Building and Grounds with regard to all the safety issues as well as the concrete circle and ground inserts for the cage being in an area where it would not be a problem for the area to be used for other activities during the off season or for physical education classes.
Weight Implements	School officials are reminded that it is the responsibility of the host school to provide the necessary equipment to properly weigh the throwing implements.
Discus Throw Venue	With the discus area moved to the new location and a proper circle and cage in place it will be a venue that meets all the National Federation Rules and regulations in regard to safety issues.

Running Track	
Lanes Number & Size General overall Conditions and concerns	The entire oval has 29' feet of hard asphalt that has been sprayed with a new type of sealer paint that has some type of rubber in it. The jury is out on how this will hold up with the use of track spikes daily. The size of the track will allow for 8 full lanes of 42".
Stagger Colors:	Paint job on track has yet to be completed.
Relay Colors:	Paint job on track has yet to be completed.
Break Lines	Paint job on track has yet to be completed.



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Hurdle Colors	Paint job on track has yet to be completed.
Overall condition of the hurdles	Track coach informed me that new hurdles were going to be ordered.
Starting Blocks Number and condition	Were not available to be observed.
Block Cart	None available at this time.
Starting Line Safety	Great crowd control is available at the all the starting areas.
Finish Line Safety	The only concern is with the hedge that goes basically around the entire track. It will make a beautiful setting to a track and field meet but it will have to be kept trimmed at all times during the track and field season. It is reminded that stepping off the track to the inside will not be possible and all exiting of the track will have to be done to the outside and will require meet managements attention.
Surrounding Areas (This could include bleachers, fencing, tree limbs, etc.	The only concerns are the hedge that will have to be trimmed during the track season. The fencing on the front stretch will work great for crow control. Some flagging may be needed where the fence ends on the finish straightaway or consideration given to adding some additional fencing toward the pole vault venue to assure crown control well past the finish line.
PA / Press Box	The press box looks to be excellent for a track and field meet and I am sure that if the Public Address is adequate for the Football program it will also be adequate for the track program.

Officials Overall view of this Track and Field Complex	The Athletic Department and Administration at Marion County High School have done an excellent job in trying to bring the track and field facilities up to par with the others sports on there campus. With some of the recommended improvements being made to the field events the Track and Field facilities will be more than adequate to host the Regional Track and Field Meet. Once the recommended changes have taken place, the new equipment has been purchased and the track has been striped a final check of the facility would be all that would be needed to approve the total facility.
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<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>Yes if the changes take place to the field events that bring them into compliance with all the National Federation Rules and Safety regulations.</p>
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Respectively submitted,

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