

Site Inspection

Scott County High School – Georgetown, Kentucky
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	Pole Vault	
Landing Pad 19' 8" wide 20' 2 deep 16'5 back of box Runway 130'	The Pole Vault Venue was located inside the oval on the backstretch of the track. The landing pad was 19'8" by 20'2" and it was properly put together and a common cover was in place to pull the pads together for a safe landing pad. An all weather cover was in place to protect the pads from the weather. The runway being used for the vault was 160 feet in length and 3 feet wide. There is a second 160 foot runway on the back side of the vault that has not been used for anything and is the best runway in the stadium.	
Planting Box	A legal vaulting box was in place but it has not been properly set in concrete but simply placed in a hole in the ground. The box is in need of being painted with a bright contrasting color. There is a box collar in place around the planting box.	
Standards/Crossbar 13'8 – 14'8" Bar 14'10"	The standards appeared to be in good working order but they were poorly fastened to the ground. The base is sitting on blacktop and the standards can not be securely fastened to blacktop without working there way loose. Some of the anchor pins were missing and the standards are being close to being illegal. Extenders or cross-bars were not in place to inspect.	
Surrounding Area	The area around the landing pads had some hard and unyielding surfaces that need to be covered not only in competition but every day in practice.	
Weigh In of Athletes	It is recommended that the host school provide the equipment necessary for the event or meet officials to weigh in the vaulters to assure the proper weight limit on all vaulting poles.	
Coaching Box	If a meet were held here that would be large enough to require a coaching box it could easily be sit up outside the track on the backstreatch.	
Pole Vault Venue (General Notes)	The vaulting venue needs to be completely turned around where the wind be at the vaulters back and the best runway at the complex would be used. The vaulting box needs to be inserted into concrete level with the takeoff surface. The standards need to have a concrete base inserted into the pavement so the standards can be secured to the ground. Hard and unyielding surfaces need to be covered around the pit and the box needs to be painted.	



	High Jump
Landing Pit 16' by 8'	The high jump venue is located inside the oval in the second turn of the track. The pad is legal size and is properly put together and has a common cover in place to pull the pads together into a safe landing area. An all weather cover is in place to protect the pads from the elements. The high jump apron is 100 feet by 50 feet and quite adequate for the jumpers to safely approach the pad.
Standards/Crossbar 12' apart Bar – 12'	The standards appeared to be in good working order. The crossbars were not available to be observed.
Surrounding Area	The area is safe for high jumping.
High Jump Venue General Notes	A very good venue.

	Long Jump and Triple Jump
Landing Pit 9' by 15'	The Long Jump/Triple Jump venues were located on the front stretch of the track inside the oval. Two 30 foot by 10 foot sand pits were placed on both ends of a 211 foot runway that was 3 foot wide.
Take Off Marks 12' or 8' 32' or 28'	The take off lines were adequate but a it is noted that they need to be painted more often to assure high visibility for all the participating athletes.
Rakes/Shovel Brooms	The pits have not been properly loosened up and it is recommended that a tiller be placed in both pits to completely loosen the sand throughout the entire 10' x 30' pits. This would assure the athletes a safe landing and assure the athletes of knowing where the edge of the pits actually are.



Sand Level	The sand level is uncertain But once the sand pits have been completely loosened up and raked smooth the sand level is probably ok, but pit maintenance must be done correctly to know for sure.
Surrounding Area	The pit nearest the finish line can present some problems with meet management if not properly supervised during practice and competiton.
Long Jump/ Triple Jump Venue	It is recommended that if the pole vault venue is turned around that a sand pit be placed at the end of the old pole vault runway. This would assure that the athletes in both sand pits would always have the wind at there back.

	Shot Put
Circle	The shot put venue is located inside the oval on the first turn of the track. The 7 foot circle is located on a 10 foot by 10 foot concrete pad is has several cracks and is in pretty bad shape. A good metal toe board is in place but the metal ring is not totally secure to the circle as the anchor screws are old and rusting and loose. The circle is not mounted properly in relation to the toe board.
Sector and Markings 40* or 60 *	With the sector of the shot put venue going inward toward the center of the field the throwing sector is not level because of the crown of the football field. It is at best a very poor throwing sector as no accurate measurement can possibly be made on any of the athletes throws.
Surrounding Area	The shot put venue is in the worst possible location for a large track and field meet to take place.
Weight Implements	It is recommended that the host school provide the equipment so that the event or meet official can measure the implements to assure that the athletes are using the proper equipment.
Shot Put Venue	With the current condition of the concrete slab and the improper placing of the metal ring in relation to the toe board it is recommended that the shot put venue be moved to an area at the end of the finish straightaway to the right of the current storage trailer. With minimal work this could become a very good level venue that would be both safe for all concerned and could well hold a large number of athletes in larger meets.



	Discus Throw
Circle	The discus venue is located inside the oval on the first turn near the head of the back stretch. The metal ring is secured to a 11 foot by 10 foot concrete slab.
Cage	The netting that is in place needs to have ties put in place that keep the netting drawn to the poles in three or four different locations on each pole. The front poles of the discus cage have not been moved to within 3 – 5 feet to allow for the new sector measurements of 40 degrees. With that in mind the discus venue at Scott County is not legal for practice or competition.
Sector	The cage is not properly set to use a 40 degree sector and with the venue located inside the oval the rule book states that a 40 degree sector must be used. Should an accident occur at this venue the school is in a liable situations with the cage not in compliance with National Federation and KHSAA rules for safety.
Surrounding Area	It is a safe area for the discus venue.
Weigh Implements	It is recommended that the host school provide the equipment necessary for the event official or the meet official to weigh the throwing implements to assure that all the athletes are using the proper equipment.
Discus Throw Venue	Throwing activity at the venue needs to be discontinued until the cage is brought into compliance with safety requirement of the National Federation. The dirt and dead grass needs to be removed from the throwing circle to assure the proper footing of the athletes participating in this event.

	Running Track
Lanes Number & Size General overall Conditions and concerns	The Scott County running track is 8 lane of rubber surface that is due to be resurfaced in the very near future. Once the track is resurfaced and re-striped it will be a very nice running track. The one waterfall start indicates it is a true 400 Meter Track.



Stagger Colors:	1 turn stagger is green 2 turn stagger is yellow 3 turn stagger is not present on the track. 4 turn stagger is red
Relay Colors:	4×100 Meter Relay is yellow to yellow 4×200 Meter Relay is red to red to yellow 4×400 does not have a stagger for the 2^{nd} hand off, with the 3^{rd} and 4^{th} handoff blue to blue. 4×800 is blue to blue.
Break Lines	Green break line.
Hurdle Colors	110 Meter High Hurdles – Blue 100 Meter High Hurdles – Yellow 300 Meter Hurdles – Red (in real bad shape – almost gone)
Overall condition of the hurdles	Hurdles need some work
Starting Blocks Number and condition Block Cart	Need to be completely replaced - most are not useable
Starting Line Safety	Starts on the sprint straightway may need some flagging to keep the spectators back from lane 8. The area used fro starting for the oval races has two metal stakes driven into the ground on both sides basically to point out electrical outlets. These metal stakes are a major safety issue and they need to be removed immediately for safety concerns.
Finish Line Safety	Athletes coming across the finish line out of control could well fall on the same two stakes mentioned above. They need to be removed immediately.
Surrounding Areas (This could include bleachers, fencing, tree limbs, etc.	If and when the field house is completed and the bleachers are in place and the immediate area between the field house and track is cleaned up this will be a very good track and field complex.



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PA / Press Box	None no evidence of a public address system.
Officials Overall view of this Track and Field Complex	The running track will be tremendous when it gets resurfaced and the safety issues with the stakes at the start finish line are corrected. The shot put venue needs to be moved, the pole vault must have the box and standards issues addressed. The discus cage must be brought into compliance with the safety issues mandated by the National Federation. When the track is re-stripped the current markings used in track and field circles today need to be in place. There are several safety concerns with the unfinished construction of the field house that would cause some areas of concern for the host school with visiting teams being in the area.
Regional Meet Site (In your opinion would you recommend this facility be considered as a Regional Meet Site. If No what would they need to do to bring this facility into compliance.	At the present time the field events issues with the shot put, discus and pole vault would not allow the school to be considered for hosting a Regional Meet. Safety concerns with the unfinished field house would need to be revaluated before the school should ask to host a regional meet.

Respectively submitted,

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