

Venue #2 Pole Vault

New PV Landing Pad 19'8" wide 20'2" deep 16'5" back of box	The landing pad at West Jessamine Pole Vault venue meets all the size requirements and is in compliance with the National Federation Safety Requirements. The pads are properly put together and are pulled together with a common cover that is providing a safe landing for the athletes. A weather cover is in place to protect the equipment from the elements. It is pointed out that the area around the pads has had all the hard unyielding surfaces removed and the pads are resting on a sand base that has the area around the pads very safe. In watching the competition it was noted that the center of the pit may be getting a little worn and suggest changing the pads around from time to time.
Vaulting Box	The vaulting box is properly placed in the ground. The vaulting box needs to be painted a bright white or yellow color so that better visibility is assured to the athletes. The NF Rule Book recommends that the box be a color contrasting to the color of the runway. A box collar was in place. The Zero point was not marked and it is recommended that the zero point be marked on the ground to assure that box and standards are on the same line.
Zero Point Markings	
Runway 130'0"	The runway is 137' in length but it is not in good shape. The runway is bare in spots where the athletes make the final plant and leave the ground. This could well result in some safety issues with a foot slipping, especially on a wet surface. The Bermuda grass is starting to grown on the runway and it will take over and cover the runway if not addressed.
Standards / Crossbars 13'8" – 14'8" Bar – 14'10"	The standards were in good working order and the proper cross bars were being used. The standards were secured to the ground and provide a safe venue for the pole vault competition.
Weigh in Athletes	It is pointed out that the host school is responsible to provide scales for the KHSAA Meet Official to weigh all the vaulters before each competition. It is highly recommended 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	With the pole vault venue being located on the finish straight away the coaches can sit in the bleachers and have a perfect view of the entire vault process so no special coaching box is needed at this venue.
Area surrounding the Pole Vault Venue	With the vault venue being on the inside of the oval and between the soccer field and the rubber track all of the hard and unyielding surfaces are covered and the area is free from other foreign objects and safe for vaulting.
Pole Vault Venue (General Notes)	The vaulting box needs a fresh coat of paint and the vaulting pads need to be moved around from time to time to assure that one pad is not taking all the constant wear. The runway needs a new surface or a repair patch kit as soon as possible.

Venue # 3 High Jump

HJ Landing Pad 16' x 8'	The landing pads at the West Jessamine High Jump venues meets all the size requirements and is in compliance with the National Federation Safety Requirements. The pads are properly put together and are pulled together with a common cover that is providing a safe landing for the athletes. A weather cover is in place to protect the equipment from the elements. It is pointed out that West Jessamine has two landing pads, one on the designated high jump apron and the second is located on the extra long finish chute area past the common finish line of the track.
Exposed Surfaces	
HJ Apron	The high jump area at the area designed for the HJ is 122' x 60' and is more than adequate for all the athletes approaches. It is pointed out that the edges of the apron have been abused by the lawn mower and/or the operator of the mower. Since the rubber surface on the High Jump apron is getting thin I recommend that the pads be placed in the grass and not on the asphalt surface. Since the rubber is so thin the area around the pads could be considered hard an unyielding. The National Federation Rule 7-4-4 is very much ready to come into play. 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 form or other suitable material. The second high jump pit is placed in the grass and the part of the track that is used as an apron is in a place that is seldom used and is in pretty good condition.
Standards / Crossbar 12' apart bar is 12' to 14'10"	The standards at pit #1 are in good shape and the cross bars are the proper length. The standards at pit #2 are the old standards but they are still working properly and get the job done.
Area surrounding the HJ Venue	The only concerns with the area around the high jump is the location of the pads on the rubber surface that is becoming hard. The pads need to be placed in the grass or mats will need to be brought out and placed around the pit.
High Jump Venue (General Notes)	All of the equipment meets National Federation safety standards.

Venue # 4 Long and Triple Jump

Landing Pit Take Off Marks LJ - (8' and 12') TJ - (28' and 32") And the Runway	The Track and Field Complex at West Jessamine has three long/triple jump pits. Two of the sand pits are being used for the long and triple jump while the third one is located at the end of the pole vault runway. The take off boards are marked at the proper lengths for both the long and triple jump but the marks are in need of fresh paint.. The runways on the two pits that are used are 140' long and 4'6" wide. The runways have Bermuda grass growing on the runways and this needs to be corrected before it takes over and destroys the runway.
Sand Pit Condition	The sand pits at the two pits being used are in excellent condition with the proper kind of sand in each pit. The sand is level with all the edges of the pit and are very safe for jumping.
Area around the Long and Triple Jump Pit(s)	Area is now safe for jumping.
Long and Triple Jump Venue (General Notes)	The Long and Triple Jump pits are by far the best field event venues at the West Jessamine Track and Field Complex. The condition of the sand pits are the best I have seen this year and the staff is to be commended for the upkeep of these pits. The only problem with the venue is the wearing condition of the rubber on the runways and the take off marks needing some fresh paint.

Venue #5 Shot Put

Circle – Concrete Pad	The Shot Put venue is located way outside the oval at the practice soccer field. The circle is placed on an old concrete slab (10' x 12') that would look much better if the school colors were used to paint the slab. The back half of the circle is not indicated on the slab. A painted ring is being used to indicate the 7' circle but the paint is starting to disappear and needs repainted.. The toe board is in place and properly secured. The edges of the concrete slab has grass growing over the edges and need to be edged and the grass removed.
Sector and Cage	The sector lines were in place and properly marked. At the present time a cage is not required in the shot but should that become a National Federation Safety requirement plenty of room is available to make this a very safe shot put venue.
Weight in of Implements	It is pointed out that the host school is responsible to provide scales for the KHSAA Meet Official to weigh all the throwing implements before each competition. It is highly recommended 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	The area is used for both shot and discus. The two venues are a distance apart but it is recommended that flagging be used between the venues for safety concerns of officials and/or athletes.

Shot Put Venue (General Notes)	The shot put slab need the grass trimmed around the edges and it is recommended that the outside portion of the circle should be painted in the school colors and a white 2" line be re-painted to indicate the circle. The back half of the circle should be indicated and the 34.92 degree sector marks on the front of the slap should be put in place to make the sector marking easier to put down in years to come.
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Venue #6 Discus Throw

Circle – Concrete Pad	The Discus venue is also located on the practice soccer field. The regulation circle is located on a 10' x 12' old concrete slab. The circle is a painted ring that is on an old concrete slab. The back half of the circle is not indicated. Like the shot put slab the discus slab needs to be painted with the school colors. Water stands on the concrete circle and this situation needs to be corrected and the grass needs to be trimmed around the slab.
Sector and Cage	At the time of this inspection a proper discus cage was not in place and the event was cancelled until the discus cage meet the National Federation Safety Requirements. Coaches and athletes worked with Volleyball standards and old volleyball nets to rig the cage and to bring it into temporary compliance with the National Federation safety requirements. It is highly recommended that a new discus cage be put into place before the next track season and that it meet all the National Federation safety requirements for a 34.92 degree throwing sector.
Weight in of Implements	It is pointed out that the host school is responsible to provide scales for the KHSAA Meet Official to weigh all the throwing implements before each competition. It is highly recommended 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	The area will be fine once the proper cage is in place. The area is used for both shot and discus. The two venues are a distance apart but it is recommended that flagging be used between the venues for safety concerns of officials and/or athletes.
Discus Venue (General Notes)	The safety of the cage is day to day with the rigged condition of the current cage. Coaches need to check the venue before each practice to assure the cage netting is properly put in place for each practice session and for each competition. The concern with the water standing on the slab needs to be addressed as this could well cancel the event on wet days with standing water on the slab. The 2" circle needs to be re-painted white and the outside portion of the circle should be painted in the school colors and the back half of the circle indicated.

Meet Management

Seating and Spectator Control	The seating is great for a track and field meet and the fence along the finish straight-away the makes crown control very good.. Seating and crown control would need to be addressed for the field event venues that are all currently outside the oval and flagging would be a must in these areas and portable bleachers would be an asset for spectators in the throwing events.
Public Address and Press Box	At the time of this inspection a new press box in under construction along with dressing rooms, rest rooms and concession stands. A portable public address is currently being used for both soccer and track and field..
Meet Management in regard to Running Events	The track and field coach at West Jessamine is one of the most knowledgeable in Kentucky and he knows the nuts and bolts of putting on a quality track and field meet. Other than the situations with the track mentioned above the staff had the running venue ready for the meet. .
Meet Management in regard to Field Events	The throwing event venues need some work and the high jump could well be a concern by next year with hard and unyielding surfaces. The long jump and triple jump and pole vault runways and becoming a concern with there worn condition. The pole vault and long/triple jump need some fresh paint..
Regional Meet Site In your opinion would you recommend this facility to be considered as a Regional Track and Field Meet Site?	The running track is starting to become a question mark with the rubber surface starting to need some attention. The track is needing to be re-stripped as some of the marks are becoming very hard to find. West Jessamine is schedule to host the KHSAA Regional Track and Field championships in the 2007 season. With the way the rubber surface is breaking down and the track markings becoming hard to find it is very possible that the regional coaches will vote West Jessamine out of the rotation. The discus cage issues must be addressed as the make shift cage will not be approved for a Regional Competition. If the Regional coaches vote to leave West Jessamine in the current rotation of regional meet sites it is highly recommended that the West Jessamine Track and Field Complex be re-inspected to assure that all the safety issues have been addressed and that all the track markings are visible. This venue has the potential to be a tremendous facility.

Respectively submitted,

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