

Pole Vault Plant Box Padding NFHS Track and Field Rule 7-5-24

As a reminder, as state associations are working with their member schools, beginning with the 2014-15 track season, it will be required that the padding surrounding the pole vault plant box shall meet the ASTM Specification Standards. Although this equipment requirement was adopted by the NFHS Board of Directors for the purpose of risk minimization, the implementation date of 2014-15 is necessary due to product availability. The application of the required implementation date is based upon the beginning of the track season within the individual state. For example, if a state has an indoor season beginning in December of 2014 the new plant box padding is required at that time. If a state has only an outdoor season that begins in March of 2015 the new plant box padding is required at that time.

The rule does permit the use of padding meeting the ASTM standard immediately, subject to rejection or conditional approval by state association action.