

IMPORTANT Notice of NFHS Pole Vault Rule Change:

To: Illinois IHSA Official Representatives and T&F Officials
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Subject: Pole Vault Planting Box Padding
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Last year the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee recommended and the NFHS Board of Directors approved an immediate rule change to Track and Field Rule 7-5-24 pertaining to padding for the pole vault planting box. Rule 7-5-24 then allowed the use of planting box padding that meets the new ASTM Specification Standard for the 2013-2014 season **and required its use beginning with the 2014-2015 season.**

The 2015 NFHS T&F rule now states: **Rule 7-5-22... ART. 22 . . .** The planting box shall not contain any foreign materials except planting box padding, which shall meet the ASTM Standards. Such padding can be incorporated into the design of the planting box or can be a padding addition to an existing planting box.

Padding meeting the ASTM Standard (F2949) shall be required for the start of the 2014-15 track and field season.

The Track and Field Rules Committee recommended the rule change for the purpose of risk minimization with the release of the ASTM standard and the new product availability. In addition, with the NCAA requiring such planting box padding by December 1, 2013, there were a growing number of facilities already utilizing the padding.

Currently Gill Athletics is the only vendor that has an approved product fully meeting the ASTM F2949 Standard. The Gill Safety Max+ (item #719) is currently approved for use.

<http://www.gillathletics.com/store/product/safetymax-vault-box-collar?part=719> .

However, this may change. Schools interested in purchasing such padding are encouraged to first contact **Steve Lawrence, Regional Sales Representative, Aluminum Athletic Equipment Co, steve@aesports.com , or call Steve at (Cell) 815-685-9827.**

AAE is the official T&F Equipment provider for the IHSA State Finals. Steve can provide information to schools who are interested in purchasing a product that is fully compliant with ASTM standard F2949. Mr. Lawrence will provide IHSA member schools that wish to purchase the Planting Box Padding at this time either the product meeting the ASTM standard, or he will direct you to a vendor that currently has the product. Currently, Gill has the only fully approved box pad meeting the ASTM standard F2949, but AAE is working to get their pad approved as soon as possible. It is critical to remember that you must purchase a product meeting the ASTM standard F2949!

Should you have any questions, please contact Ron McGraw rmcgraw@ihsa.org 309-663-6377. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

719 SafetyMax+ Vault Box Insert

(Vault Box not included)

