

HIGH JUMP & POLE VAULT LANDING PITS

PRE-SEASON PIT INSPECTION

Ten minutes, one coach. Run it before the first practice and again when the pit goes into storage.

School	Pit (HJ / PV)	Inspected by	Date
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1 THE CORE

The 60-second test. The foam fails before the vinyl does.

- ☐ Press the center hard with both hands. It compresses and pushes back.
- ☐ The center feels the same as the corners, not softer or deader.
- ☐ You can't feel the ground through the middle of the pit.
- ☐ No low spot or sag where athletes land.

2 TOP PAD

Takes every landing first.

- ☐ No tears, punctures or crushed areas.
- ☐ Surface isn't slick or worn through.
- ☐ Lies flat across the whole pit with no gaps at the edges.

3 VINYL & SEAMS

Look in full daylight.

- ☐ No tears, cracking or chalky, sun-faded vinyl.
- ☐ Stitching is intact along every seam.
- ☐ No seams pulling apart at corners or handles.

THE VERDICT

☐ **GOOD TO GO**
Every box checked

☐ **NEEDS A PART**
Cover, top pad or zipper

☐ **TIME TO REPLACE**
The core failed step 1

4 ZIPPERS & FASTENERS

Run every zipper end to end.

- ☐ Zippers run clean, with no corrosion or missing pulls.
- ☐ Velcro holds the sections tight together.
- ☐ No gap opens between sections when someone lands.
- ☐ D-rings, straps and buckles are all intact.

5 WEATHER & STORAGE

Water is what shortens a pit's life.

- ☐ Weather cover has no holes and drains, with no standing water.
- ☐ Unzip one section: dry inside, no mildew smell, no pest damage.
- ☐ Stored off the ground and fully covered.

6 AROUND THE PIT

Pole vault especially.

- ☐ Box collar, front bumpers and standard base pads are present and undamaged.
- ☐ Overall height measured with the top pad on meets your level (NFHS / NCAA).



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