

Memorandum

To: State Association Track and Field Administrators
From: Becky Oakes
Subject: Pole Vault Weight Labels
Date: February 6, 2009

At the recent NFHS Track and Field Rules Interpreters Meeting, a request was made to receive contact information for pole vault manufacturers. This contact information is current at this time and will be useful to contact the manufacturers to review the company's process and policy for replacing weight labels or obtaining a label for a pole manufactured prior to the weight label requirement.

Each manufacturer has its own process to address the replacement of weight labels. It should be noted that the manufacturers will only supply, when appropriate, replacement labels for their manufactured product and not poles from another company. Specific needs and questions should be directed to the manufacturers.

Gill Athletics, Inc.

www.gillathletics.com

On home page, select Replace Worn or Unreadable Weight Labels on Vaulting Poles
(Online request form)

UCS/Spirit

www.ucspirit.com

1-800-526-4856

(Will require submission of digital picture of pole manufacturer's marks/etchings)

ESSX

www.officiallessx.com

7624 Pebble Drive

Fort Worth, TX 76118

(Will require engraved flex number, serial number, size of pole and \$10.00 fee)

Please refer to NFHS Track and Field Rule 7-5-3 for the pole rating requirement. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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Cc: Bob Gardner
NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee



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TO ALL IT MAY CONCERN:

Altius poles do comply with the NFHS rules:

Prior to 2006 all Altius Poles had the size engraved $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall in a contrasting color.

The Engraved portion of the weight indicator was $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall engraved and inked in to provide a contrasting image to view! This indicator was located near the top of every pole 4-5 inches down in the non-hand grip area of the pole. Most all pole hand grip area's are defined in the industry as a 12" area that starts 3-6" down on a pole, positioned and placed by the manufacturer.

After 2006 all poles have a weight label in addition to the above engraved etchings to fully comply with any NFHS interpretations.

Owner

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TO ALL IT MAY CONCERN:

ESSX poles do comply with the NFHS rules:

Since the year 2000 all poles have a weight label in addition to a permanent engraved area located at the butt of the pole near the pole tip. Prior to the year 2000 ESSX poles did not exist.

All ESSX vaulting poles will comply with the contrasting ring and viewable weight label NFHS rule. The ring with the 3/4" bold type will be located 3-4" down from the top of the pole as an indicator of the start of the grip area. Grip area known throughout the industry as an area of 12" located below the top handhold ring and weight label. Our weight label will have the serial number of the pole within its info to support that the pole matches the permanent engraved portion of the pole.

Any labels that will be replaced by ESSX will indicate the serial number of the pole. If the serial number located in the label does not match the permanent serial number of the pole the pole has been tampered with and should not be allowed to be used. The coach is responsible for maintaining the labels and during replacement is totally responsible for applying the label to the correct serial number pole. A fee of \$10.00 per label for replacement of the label may be imposed.

All ESSX Poles are tested before shipping to their customers. The coach and the athlete are responsible for the care of the fiberglass pole, no company provides a warranty replacement for broken poles.

Essx poles do fully meet and comply with any NFHS rules or interpretations.

Owner

Bruce Caldwell