POLE VAULT VERIFICATION PROCEDURE

Rule 6-5-3: The competitor's weight shall be at or below the manufacturer's pole rating. The manufacturers must include on each pole: the pole rating that shall be a minimum of ¾-inch in a contrasting color located within or above the top handhold position; a 1-inch circular band indicating the maximum top handhold position with the position being determined by the manufacturer. Prior to competition, the coach must verify that all of the school's pole vaulters meet these requirements by completion of the SDHSAA weigh-in process .
Notes:

1. Etchings, serial numbers, etc. that may appear on poles shall not replace the requirement of the manufacturer's pole rating of the minimum ¾-inch marking in contrasting color on each pole (Exception: the Altius pole per National Federation ruling April 17, 2009).
2. Each state association shall determine its own procedure regarding coaches' verification.

Rule 6-8-16: A competitor shall not use a bungee cord, variable weight pole, a pole which is improperly marked, or a pole rated below his/her weight during warm-up or competition. NOTE: Altering the pole in any fashion renders it illegal.

Per the above mentioned rules, the following procedure will be utilized by the SDHSAA for the State Track & Field Meet:

1. All poles must be inspected prior to athletes being allowed to warm-up. All poles must have the manufacturer's pole rating a minimum of ¾-inch and in a contrasting color. Altius poles may have ¾-inch contrasting color etching in lieu of the manufacturer's label.
2. Coaches will verify, by signing their name, that the poles have not been altered in any fashion, including being cut off.
3. No vaulter may use a pole that is rated below the vaulter's actual weight. Competitors will weigh in prior to competition, and that information will be shared with the event judge.
4. Vaulters will not be allowed to begin warming up until their pole has been inspected and the coach has verified weight and non-altered poles.
5. The inspector will mark the pole with vinyl tape for the event judges.

POLE VAULT VERIFICATION

By signing below, I certify that my vaulter(s) weight is at or below the designated pole rating. I also certify that the inspected pole has not been altered in any fashion including being cut off.

Vaulter Name	School	Vaulter Weight	Pole has not been altered	Coach Signature