



MEMORANDUM

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Committee

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Committee.

SUBJECT: Approved Rule Change.

The Men's and Women's Track and Field/Cross Country Rules Committee and the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) have approved the following rule change:

**Pole Vault Box Padding.** A pole vault box collar, which is a device used to offer protection to pole vaulters in and around a pole vault box, shall be in place not later than December 1, 2013. The device must meet the most current ASTM Specification Standard and can be incorporated into the design of the pole vault box or a padding addition to an existing pole vault box.

***Rationale:** To provide as much padding around fixed and solid objects as possible to absorb a possible impact. The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommended this proposal for safety purposes.*

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