

Pole Vault Education and Certification Programs

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<http://www.pvscb.com> *Pole Vault Safety Certification Board- Web based skills progressions education and testing for certification of vaulters and coaches. This certification uses the NFHS Track and Field Rules Book as the standard for pole vault certification. Upon request, a speaker's bureau is available to assist with local certification programs and coach's education clinics. Certified coaches will be posted for viewing. (Contact Jan Johnson 1-800-652-8273)

<http://www.ustcdp.com> *The US Track and Field Diploma Program- Step by step track & field instruction for athletes and coaches is available over the internet or on CD-ROM. This curriculum provides instruction in all track and field events and provides information from a variety of experts. (Contact Ollan Cassell 317-466-0444)

<http://www.polevaulteducation.org> *UCS's Pole Vault Education- Web based curriculum, provides a platform for the professional exchange of techniques and/or coaching philosophies. This resource invites questions and provides answers and support material pertinent to skill and knowledge for coaches and vaulters.

<http://www.pvei.com/> *Website from Mark Hannay, Slippery Rock College in Slippery Rock, PA- Long known for his teaching techniques, Mark Hannay communicates his knowledge of pole vault to athletes and potential coaches alike. Mark's work is known and respected in the pole vault world.

<http://www.usatf.org/> *USATF Pole Vault Manual- USATF, the national governing body for track and field, provides expert information in each track and field event. The USATF curriculum provides training for all skill levels. The training provided is designed to educate the novice coach and athlete through the Team USA participants. USATF programs are designed to identify athletes with the potential to participate in national and/or world class vaulting. (Contact USATF's Tina Kauffman, Coordinator of High Performance Programs 317-261-0500 Ext 351)

<http://www.stabhochsprung.com/> *This German pole vault site is excellent for viewing contemporary and international vaulters in motion. Although the text is in German, this website provides video clips and sequences that demonstrate a variety of techniques for online viewing.

*MSHAA Instructional Pole Vault Clinic Booklet- This state association designed program is a combination of NFHS and USATF pole vault rules and appropriate progressions. Although the program is voluntary, the manual and safety clinic is in its second revision. (Contact Fred Binggeli 573-875-4880)

*WIAA Pole Vault Certification- Effective 2004, Washington requires all of its pole vault coaches to be certified instructors. Washington believes a spirit of collaboration, mentoring, "co-op style" facility and equipment sharing will continue to be a hallmark of safe and successful pole vault coaching. (Contact WIAA's Kevin Griffin 425-687-8585)

*Pole Vault Standard- The international newsletter published 4 times a year, shares personal stories, coaching techniques, information on gatherings and competition. This publication also provides information on outstanding vaulters and coaches. (Contact Bob Fraley 559-291-4022)

*Curriculum and certification programs are also available by (Nevada, Robert Tilley; Northeast States, John Hoogasian; Northwest States, Mike Riley)

*Fees range from \$20-\$60 for certification or publication. This is just a partial list of resources available for state associations. This list will be posted on the NFHS website.