

Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools
Middle School Athletics Guidelines
Fast Pitch Softball 2009



Length of Season:	10 weeks (September – October)
Coaches Meeting:	August 28 TH
Tryouts Week:	September 8 TH – 11 TH
First Practice:	September 14 TH
First Game Date:	September 21 st
Eligibility / Roster Due:	September 18 TH
Usual Number of Games:	11 regular season games
Usual Game Days:	Mondays and Wednesday (Fridays – Rainout Makeup’s)
Tie-Break Procedure (games):	Regular season games can end in a tie. Playoff games will continue until a winner is determined.
End-of-Season Tournament:	A single tournament will be played at the end of the season. The top 8 teams will advance to the tournament. Tournament seeding will based on win/loss record. Ties will be determined by 1) head to head 2) coin flip
Location of Games:	Paulson Softball Complex
Time Frame for game:	7 innings, with 10 run limit after 5; or 15 runs after 3 Time Limit: 1 hour and 45 minute Double header games will be limited to 1 ½ hours
Usual game start time:	4:30 PM
Eligibility Requirements:	Refer to Policy #IDF and Eligibility section of Handbook for all eligibility information
Grades participating:	6 th , 7 th , and 8 th
Rules	

Ball Size	12'
After 4 balls	Walk
Bunting	Yes
Players	9
Stealing	Sportsmanship Rule – no stealing when leading by 7 or more
Sliding	Yes
Overthrow Rule	As long as the ball is in play, runners can advance until the ball is returned to the pitcher’s mound.
Run Limit	15 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after 5 innings

Other Information:

- ▶ Player rosters will be provided to officials and opposing coach at the beginning of game.
- ▶ Home Team Coach/AD is responsible for faxing or emailing game scores to the district athletics office by noon of the day following the game.
- ▶ All rainouts may not be rescheduled. If the game is to be rescheduled it will be a double header played as soon as possible. (Fridays)
- ▶ Third strike is an out regardless of whether the catcher drops the ball or not.