

**2011 Feeder Fastpitch Softball Program**  
**Rules Summary**

The North Fulton/Forsyth feeder fastpitch softball league follows the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) rules for fastpitch softball with several exceptions. The GHSA does not publish a fastpitch softball rule book but instead follows the fastpitch softball rules as documented by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS). Copies of the 2011 fastpitch softball rule book are available from the NFHS web site for \$6.95 per rule book ([www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)). NFHA/GHSA fastpitch softball rules will be used for all feeder league games with the following notes or exceptions:

1. Time Limit – no new inning may begin after 80 minutes elapsed time (1 hour, 20 minutes). If a game is tied when the time limit is reached, the game is recorded as a tie in the standings. A game is complete after 7 innings with one team ahead or when time limit is reached.
2. ITB – if a game is tied after 7 innings and the time limit has not been reached, the International Tie Breaker format is used until a winner is determined or the time limit expires. If the time limit is reached and a winner has not been determined, the game is recorded as a tie.
3. No steel cleat shoes are permitted in feeder league games.
4. The **HOME** team is responsible for providing NFHS certified fastpitch softballs for each game.
5. GHSA has adopted run-ahead rules that result in the termination of a game when a team has batted 3 complete times and is behind by 15 runs or more, has batted 4 complete times and is behind by 12 or more runs, or has batted 5 or 6 complete times and is behind by 8 or more runs.
6. Teams will follow GHSA substitution rules and bat 9 players at a time. A starter may leave the game and re-enter once. A substitute may not return to the game once removed. DP/FLEX, designated hitter, and other techniques as defined in the NFHS rules are permitted.
7. **Pitching distance will remain at 40' for all feeder league games.**

The end of season tournament will be played according to strict NFHS/GHSA rules although time limits and run-ahead limits will be used. Free substitution is not permitted and teams may only bat players currently in the lineup.