

SISD MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

(Effective Date [RL]: July 12, 2006)

Socorro ISD has initiated a "New Middle School Athletics Paradigm" for the 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 school years. One of the driving forces behind this commitment is the district's nine week grading period year round school schedule. SISD student athletes will compete in their sport seasons within the nine week session parameters and will not have contests scheduled during end of grade period exams or April TAKS. Another driving force is the rapid growth of the district with 11 schools with teams for 2004-05 and projections for 14 schools in 2005-06 and 16 schools in 2006-07. These projections were reduced to 13 and 15 schools respectively in the spring of 2005. The 2006-07 school year opens with 14 schools.

SISD will be forming its own conference with divisions. SISD will have limited competition with schools from other districts including pre-season and post season tournaments. The alignment with the Lower Valley Conference has ended with the possible exception of sports in the 4th grading period during April and May.

Football will be organized into 2-3 divisions based on enrollment and number of teams. All other sports will be split into two divisions designated I (large) and II (small). School enrollments for 7th and 8th grades will be used to determine this division organization. There will be non-division contests, division contests, division championships and conference championships in all sports.

The following sports will be played during the grading period indicated:

1st Grading Period (July-Sept.): Cross Country, Football, Volleyball

2nd Grading Period (Oct.-Dec.): Basketball, (Tennis if approved and funded)

3rd Grading Period (Jan.-Mar.): Track

4th Grading Period (Mar.-May): Baseball, Soccer, Softball

The following information pertains specifically to SISD middle schools and is organized by topic alphabetically. Each sport activity is listed alphabetically under Sports.

ATHLETIC TRAINER / MEDICAL COVERAGE

Each middle school with 7th & 8th grade students has been funded with \$ 3,150 in campus line item 1995 36 XXX 91 00 000 6219. This allotment will cover 125 hours of athletic activities on the campus site or at a site at which the school is hosting. The payment for professional medical coverage is \$ 25.00 per hour.

The following individuals can be hired by campus staff:

- 1) a certified and currently licensed athletic trainer (not employed by SISD),
- 2) an individual from the community with a current EMT license, or
- 3) an SISD school nurse (who works the event outside of the school day).

The responsibilities include evaluating an injury and determining a prudent course of action which may include: A) contacting EMS and conducting appropriate aid under EMS arrives, B) releasing the athletic to a parent with a reference for an evaluation or treatment under a physician's care, C) explain to the coach and parent an appropriate course of action which may include seeing the feeder high school athletic trainer.

The responsibilities do not include preventative taping (this can be done at the high school on the day of the contest with middle school materials) or bringing materials beyond those appropriate for a personal first aid kit.

Each middle school campus is responsible to have a first aid kit stocked with medical supplies at each athletic contest.

Duty begins 15 minutes prior to the first contest and ends 15 minutes following the final contest. Pay is calculated to the nearest full hour as approved by campus administration.

A non-district employee will complete a Personal Service Contract and a W-9 form on the first occasion of work during the school year. These forms will be faxed to Athletics (937-0503) the next school day following the contest with the campus retaining the original copies.

A non-district employee will then complete a district invoice for payment. The invoice will be processed through Business Services.

A district employee will sign a supplemental pay form which will be submitted to Business Services for payment.

CALENDAR FOR 2006-07

Click on this line for the [SISD Middle School Master Calendar 2006-07](#).

ELIGIBILITY FORMS

An original eligibility form is to be completed and signed prior to a student athlete participating in a contest. This form is to be faxed to Athletics (937-0503) by the date identified on the sport schedule.

Supplemental forms are to be completed when additional athletes are added to the team and are to be faxed prior to the first contest the athlete will compete in.

The penalty for competing with an ineligible player is forfeiture of the contest or event(s).

Eligibility forms are also used to determine participation numbers for programs.

INCIDENT REPORTING: CHAIN OF COMMAND

The coach reports any incident to a campus administrator and the campus athletic coordinator. The incident is reported to the campus principal and to the athletic director or coordinator. A serious incident is reported to the assistant superintendents for Instruction (principal) and for Administration (Athletics). A serious incident is reported to the Superintendent.

Concerns about a contest, including Protests* must be filed in writing (e-mail or fax) with SISD Athletics by the end of the next school day. Information will then

be gathered and a decision rendered within the week in most cases. *Individual Sport Protests follow sport rules.

MANAGERS AND STUDENT TRAINERS

Students who assist teams as managers or trainers should wear a school-issued or school color shirt or jacket and be readily identifiable as a team member.

MEDICAL KITS AND WATER COOLERS

Each coaching staff will have a well stocked medical kit and one or more water coolers with ice at an outdoor event site. The kit will include tape, bandages, antiseptics, splints, plastic bags (for ice), etc. Each coaching staff should have one or more coolers, cups and water bottles available at outdoor contests. The host middle school will have a medical kit and a cooler with ice available at home events in the gymnasium or cafeteria. Each coaching staff should have water bottles available at indoor events. Each coaching staff should have a medical kit at an indoor event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC COORDINATOR

Each middle school or K-8 may hire a coordinator for all sports for the year. The responsibilities of this individual are presented in Middle School Athletic Coordinator Duties.

PARTICIPATION

A player in uniform will play in a regular season game or match. The amount of playing time is at the discretion of the coach.

There is an exception for football beginning in 2004-05 in which a large team (50-90 players in uniform) needs to have a minimum of 50 players compete in a regular season game.

The penalty for a team not playing an individual in uniform (or 50 in football) in a regular season contest is forfeiture of that contest.

The coach has discretion on who plays and playing time in a post season tournaments or championship game.

Philosophical Statement for Participation in Middle School Sports

Our number one priority at this level of athletics is the active participation of our 7th and 8th grade student athletes in our various sports offerings.

Our coaches are asked not to cut any players through the first week of practice and scrimmage.

Our volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer and softball teams are expected to maintain rosters of at least 15 players for A teams and a total of 30 players for A and B teams.

The coach has discretion over who suits up for a game or match. Players who have successfully participated at all practices prior to a contest should suit up and play. The coach may choose not to suit up a player who missed part or all of one or more practices the week prior to the contest. The coach may choose not to suit up a player who has had a disciplinary problem. The coach is advised to be very consistent in his or her application of team guidelines.

Coaches, administrators, athletes, parents and spectators are reminded that participation in UIL Middle School Sports is a privilege.

Ron Leiman, Athletic Director, August 22, 2005

POST CONTEST PROCEDURES

Once teams have had an opportunity to shake hands and had a team debriefing at the conclusion of a contest, the coach(s) should move the team toward the appropriate exit. At the exit area, the parents and fans can join the players and coaches of their team.

If there has been a problem during the contest, administrators and coaches may need to determine an adjustment in this procedure.

SCORES

Coaches should call or e-mail the contest scores to Athletics immediately following or on the first school day following a contest. The sport, level and scores for both teams need to be reported. Coaches should also report any incidents by e-mail including campus and Athletics administrators.

Vivian Hernandez, Athletics Clerk, will oversee the Middle School Scorebook with scores and standings.

Scores can be called into these numbers anytime:

Vivian Hernandez at 937-0504 (vherna05@sisd.net),

Maria Barros at 937-0507 (mbarros@sisd.net)

Ron Leiman at 937-0506 (rleiman@sisd.net)

SIDELINES

Campus administrators and security are to keep spectators outside of the track during football and soccer games. This spacing is necessary to allow coaches and officials to conduct a safe contest.

SPORTS

B TEAMS AND COMBO TEAMS

Schools may have B teams in basketball and volleyball. Coaches can be hired for these teams at the 7th, 8th and 7th/8th levels. These teams will play a five-six game non-honors schedule and be matched with other B teams whenever possible.

The B team schedule will be developed for small middle schools and K-8 schools once eligibility lists have been turned into Athletics and there are 20 or more eligible athletes available to field multiple teams in one grade level. It is also possible to field a combo 7/8 B team if there are a minimum of 35 athletes between the two teams. At this point the team(s) can be split into A and B teams. Players may play in one A or one B contest per week. Players can be moved from the A to B and B to A teams throughout the season.

It is possible that the team coaches will officiate B games beginning with the 2004-05 season.

Combo teams may consist of 7th and 8th graders. In football, these teams will generally play only other combo teams. In other team sports, these teams will compete in the 8th level if a combo division isn't organized.

BASEBALL

Players are not allowed to wear metal spikes.

A single game does not have a time limit.

Games set up in doubleheaders have a one and a half hour "drop dead" time limit with 15 minutes between games.

The home team is the Official Scorebook.

Post season tournament games will have a 1.75 hour "drop dead" time limit.

BASKETBALL

Quarters are 8:00.

The home team is the Official Scorebook.

The home team will operate the Scoreboard.

There should be no one on the team bench or on the score table who is not in an official capacity for the contest. Administrators are asked to assist coaches in enforcing this rule.

Coaches are not to run the score up against an opponent. If a team is ahead by 20 points, then that team can no longer press or trap opponents. The clock can run in the second half if there is 20 point or more differential with the approval of the coach whose team is behind.

CROSS COUNTRY

All races will be approximately two miles in length.

All runners in the same grade and of the same sex will compete in the same race. The top five team finishers score, the next two team finishers place and other team runners receive a time and finish position during regular season and division meets. Only seven runners will represent a school in a conference championship meet.

FOOTBALL

Quarters are 8:00.

The home team will wear dark jerseys and the visiting team will wear white or light jerseys. Any exceptions will be clarified at the pre-season coaches meeting.

The host school for a four school/four team combo doubleheader will be responsible for the chains, sideline markers and goal post pads for the contest.

For games played at the SAC on the new artificial turf:

SAC will provide chains, down marker and goalpost pads.

Home team will sit on west bench and warm up at south end of the field.

Visiting team will sit on east bench and warm up at north end of field.

If game is in progress, teams on deck may warm up at north end of their sideline.

Click on: Duties of Middle School Football Coaches.

SOCCER

All games will consist of 30:00 halves with a 5:00 halftime.

Games tied after regulation will go immediately into a shootout following UIL rules.

The home team will wear white or light jerseys and the visiting team will wear dark jerseys. Any exceptions will be clarified at the pre-season coaches meeting.

SOFTBALL

A single game does not have a time limit.

Games set up in doubleheaders have a one and a half hour "drop dead" time limit with 15 minutes between games.

The home team is the Official Scorebook.

The Ten Run Rule is in effect, but there are no other game ending, batting order or mercy rules in effect for games in SISD.

Post season tournament games have a 1.75 hour "drop dead" time limit.

TRACK

Athletes will compete in the following events:

Track	Field
2400	Discus
400 Relay	High Jump
800	Long Jump
100 Hurdles (Girls 30")	Shot Put
110 Hurdles (Boys 33")	Triple Jump
800 Relay	
400	
300 Hurdles (Boys 30")	
200	
1600	
1600 Relay	

Scoring for all meets will follow large meet format:

1st = 10, 2nd = 8, 3rd = 6, 4th = 4, 5th = 2, 6th = 1 with points for relays doubled.

An athlete may only compete in two of the following races: 400, 800, 1600, 2400 and the 1600 relay.

An athlete may compete in five events with no more three being running events.

Uniforms are to be school issued. Any spandex worn under a uniform must be a solid color. Relay team members must have the same uniform with the same solid color undergarments.

Jewelry is not allowed with the exception of a watch.

Rubber bands, string or tape should be used to tie hair back.

Athletes will use a 4K shot put and a 1K discus.

Coaches must provide stopwatches and have starting pistols (22 or 32 cal) and shells for meets.

Regular season meets at SISD tracks will follow this format:

The draw for lane assignments will be distributed at the pre-season meeting.

Day prior to meet coaches will fax entries to host school by 5:00 PM. Coaches cannot add slots after this deadline. Host coaches will complete event sheets. Heats will be combined whenever possible.

The application of Hy Tech Meet entries and scoring is being used at some regular season and division meets. It will be used at the Conference Championship at the SAC.

8:00 Teams arrive and coaches make any changes on official event sheets.

9:00 Boys Running Events Girls Field Events

300 Hurdles
2400, 400 Relay, 800,
100, 800 Relay, 400,
200, 1600, 1600 Relay
110 Hurdles

11:15 Boys Field Events

Girls 100 Hurdles
2400, 400 Relay, 800,
100, 800 Relay, 400,
200, 1600, 1600 Relay

1:15 Awards Presentation

VOLLEYBALL

A match will consist of two of three games. A third game will be played only if the first two games were split.

The third game will be played to 25 with a cap of 30.

The home team is the Official Scorebook.

The home team will operate the Scoreboard.

Before games begin, nets and standards should be checked for proper height and tension.