**Season Start**

All programs start May 1st and run to the end of July, with the exception of U7 (Formally Learn To Play) which starts after the May long weekend and runs to the end of July.

**What happens on holidays in the summer?**

No fastpitch practice or games on statutory holidays.

**Uniforms** – the uniforms are ordered months ahead of season start so we cannot guarantee that you will receive the size you selected as part of your registration. Ensure you use the sizing guide provided to select the appropriate size.

**When and where might the team play and practice?**

All games and practices start at 6:30pm, with the exception of the U17 and U21 divisions which play at 8:30pm at the lighted diamonds.  Our U9 and U11 divisions will play in Halton Hills.  Our U13, U15, U17, and U21 teams will participate in the Halton Girls Softball League (HGSL) and there will be travel between Milton, Oakville, Burlington, Stoney Creek, and Waterdown.  All effort is made to ensure games against Stoney Creek and Waterdown are played on “Gala” weekends.

Please see our Facilities page on our website to the most common diamonds that we play at in and around town [Our Facilities (haltonhawks.ca)](https://www.haltonhawks.ca/facilities)

**How are teams made?**

The House League program is divided into Divisions, allowing girls to play with others of similar age and skill level. All players receive equal opportunities to play and learn the skills necessary for a fun and enjoyable experience. Upon approval girls may "play up" in a division, meaning to play in the age group above them, but no player may "play down" a division.

The team selection process is comprehensive, with the primary goal of ensuring a fair distribution of ages and skill levels across all teams within each division.

This process involves reviewing each player's application and selecting teams based on criteria such as coach availability, player ages, years of relevant ball experience, skill level (where information is available), and overall equitable weighting of each team.

The aim is to achieve an even distribution of ages, experience, skill, positions played (such as Pitchers and Catchers), and a coach for each team.

The objective is to create teams within a division that are as equal as possible, ensuring fairness throughout the season and an enjoyable experience for all.

Special requests for Coaches, family, friends, and transportation reasons are taken into consideration but not guaranteed. Any 'friend requests' must be reciprocated one-to-one for consideration only, and friend 'links or chains' to a group of players will not be accommodated.

Unbalanced teams can lead to issues with overall division performance and player enjoyment.

Requests are evaluated based on their impact on the overall goal of Team Selection, without compromising the objectives of fairness and equality.

**HHGFA reserves the right to rebalance teams through an evaluation of team & coach performances after a few weeks of participation, ensuring that all teams remain equitable.**

**Supporting Our Program Through Volunteer Coaching**

Volunteer coaching plays a crucial role in the success of our house league program. Without the dedication and support of parent volunteers, the program would not be able to thrive and provide a positive experience for our young athletes. These volunteers generously donate their time and expertise to help develop the skills and confidence of the players, fostering a sense of teamwork and sportsmanship. We strongly encourage parents to consider volunteering as a coach, as their involvement is invaluable to the program's success. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a volunteer coach, please reach out to us at haltonhawkshl@outlook.com. Please note all volunteers and/or parents that coach will be required to produce a vulnerable sector check through the Halton Region Police Department.