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<b>Age Qualification</b>	Men must be at least 50 years of age in the year they begin playing. Women must be at least 40 years of age in the year they begin playing.
<b>Residency</b>	You do NOT have to be a resident of Hanover County. However, We must maintain a 50% or better ratio of Hanover County Residents.
<b>Pre-Season Practices</b>	We will use some of the fields at Pole Green Park on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights prior to the season for practice. <b>Attendance at these practices is strictly voluntary.</b> Just an opportunity to get in some swings before the season begins.
<b>New Player Evaluation Sessions</b>	We need to <b>evaluate the skill levels of all the new players.</b> We will schedule evaluation sessions during some of the Saturday and Wednesday practice times. It is <b>very important for new players to try and make one of these sessions.</b>
<b>Equipment</b>	All players <b>must provide their own gloves and shoes(no metal cleats).</b> All players should provide their own bat but may be able to use someone else's – <b>PLEASE ASK FIRST BEFORE USING SOMEONE'S BAT.</b> The only equipment provided by the league are catcher's masks and balls.
<b>Location</b>	Pole Green Park
<b>Season</b>	The 2017 season begins on April 12th with a practice night. Regular season games begin on April 19th. Make up games and Playoffs will be on Wed nights after the regular season schedule has ended.
<b>Games</b>	Wednesday nights: 6:30pm and 8:10pm. We play back-to-back double headers each night over 15 weeks, not including the make up games.
<b>Fall League</b>	The Fall League season usually begins in September as soon as the playoffs are finished. The fall league usually ends on the first Wednesday in November. Wednesday Nights: 6:30pm and 8:10pm

<b>Teams</b>	We should have 14 teams for 2017. HSS forms <b>all new teams each year</b> with the primary focus on trying to equalize the talent on each team.
<b>Players per Team</b>	Each team generally has 10 men and 3 women per team. All teams members are in the batting line up. (Teams must play 2 women on defense at all times.)
<b>Rules</b>	Generally, we play by ASA rules with some special rules to avoid injury, such as <b>NO SLIDING into any base</b> . We also use a double bag at first base and a second home plate for the runner to avoid collisions.
<b>Costs</b>	Annual fees are currently \$80.00 per player *subject to change.
<b>Player Moves</b>	Due to injury/illness or other reasons, it is sometimes necessary to move players between teams to maintain "equity". We try to keep player moves to a minimum.
<b>Tournaments</b>	Each county's (Hanover, Henrico, Chesterfield) Senior Softball organization hosts a tournament once a year. For each tournament there will be an open sign up for all players interested in participating. Tournament teams are put together from these sign-up forms. There is a charge of between \$10 and \$15 to participate.

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