



Competition Formats

LTPD Stage	Softball Age Categories	Competition Formats
	Learn to Play Level 1 Mite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce active, small group lead-up activities with no formal league competition or tournaments
	Learn to Play Level 1 & 2 Mite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combine practice session with competition Avoid league standings or statistics that emphasize wins/losses rather than process
	Learn to Play Level 2 & 3 Mite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid league standings or statistics that emphasize wins/losses rather than process Host Achievement or Skills Days, Jamborees, Festivals
	Learn to Play Level 2 & 3 Mite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid league standings or statistics that emphasize wins/losses rather than process Hold Achievement or Skills Days, Jamborees, Festivals
	Squirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record league standings but emphasize the process rather than the win/loss record Ensure that tournament and provincial championship formats maximize the number of games for each team based on circumstances such as time and facilities
	Squirt, Pee Wee Bantam – Community Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record league standings and individual statistics Maximize the number of games for each team based on circumstances such as time and facilities at tournaments and regional, provincial, inter-provincial, and national championships
	Squirt, Pee Wee Bantam – Competitive Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Record league standings and individual statistics At tournament and provincial championships, maximize the number of games for each team based on circumstances such as time and facilities
	Bantam, Midget, Junior – Community Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> League standings are recorded and individual statistics may be recorded. Tournament and provincial championship formats maximize the number of games for each team based on circumstances such as time and facilities
	Bantam, Midget, Junior – Competitive Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> League standings and individual statistics are recorded Tournament formats maximize the number of games for each team based on circumstances such as time and facilities The regional, provincial, inter-provincial, and national championship formats should identify the best team
	Midget, Junior, Senior – Community Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> League standings are recorded and individual statistics may be recorded. Modify tournament and provincial championship formats to round robin ro a format that maximizes the number of games for each team.
	Midget, Junior, Senior – Competitive Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> League standings and individual statistics are recorded Tournament formats maximize the number of games for each team based on circumstances such as time and facilities The regional, provincial, inter-provincial, and national championship formats should identify the best team
	Midget (Women Only) Junior, Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pooled or full round robin format
	All Age Categories - Recreational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that a maximum number of games are played by the team in a designated timeframe to select a winner.

References:

Smith, Mark, and Lise Jubinville. Long-Term Player Development Guide for Softball in Canada. Ottawa: Softball Canada, 2008