

# Playing Time Rules

LTPD Stage	Softball Age Categories	Playing Time Rules (Specialization)
	Learn to Play Level 1 Mite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotate players through all positions</li> <li>• Ensure equal playing time</li> <li>• Teach all players to pitch</li> </ul>
	Learn to Play Level 1 & 2 Mite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotate players through all positions</li> <li>• Ensure equal playing time</li> <li>• Teach all players to pitch</li> </ul>
	Learn to Play Level 2 & 3 Mite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotate players through all positions</li> <li>• Ensure equal playing time</li> <li>• Teach all players to pitch</li> </ul>
	Learn to Play Level 2 & 3 Mite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotate players through all positions</li> <li>• Ensure equal playing time</li> <li>• Teach all players to pitch</li> </ul>
	Squirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play 3 to 4 Positions</li> <li>• Ensure fair and reasonable playing time</li> <li>• Develop at least 5 pitchers per team</li> </ul>
	Squirt, Pee Wee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play 2 to 3 Positions</li> <li>• Ensure fair and reasonable playing time</li> <li>• Develop at least 4 Pitchers per team</li> </ul>
	Bantam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play 2 to 3 Positions</li> <li>• Ensure fair and reasonable playing time</li> <li>• Develop at least 3 Pitchers per team</li> </ul>
	Bantam, Midget, Junior – Community Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play 2 to 3 Positions</li> <li>• Ensure fair and reasonable playing time</li> <li>• Develop at least 3 Pitchers per team</li> </ul>
	Bantam, Midget, Junior – Competitive Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialize in 1 Position but play 1 to 2 other Positions</li> <li>• Ensure fair and reasonable playing time</li> <li>• Develop at least 3 pitchers per team</li> </ul>
	Midget, Junior, Senior – Community Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Play 2 to 3 Positions</li> <li>• Ensure fair and reasonable playing time</li> <li>• Develop at least 3 Pitchers per team</li> </ul>
	Midget, Junior, Senior – Competitive Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialize in 1 Position but play 1 other Position</li> <li>• Playing time dictated by performance</li> <li>• Develop at least 3 pitchers per team</li> </ul>
	Midget (Women Only) Junior, Senior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialize in 1 Position but play 1 other Position</li> <li>• Playing time dictated by performance</li> </ul>
	All Age Categories - Recreational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select the position according to the player's interest</li> </ul>

## References:

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