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AAU Ice Hockey prepares for 2014-2015 Our best season yet!

Clearly, going into the 2014-2015 season our AAU Ice Hockey programs are in a vastly different condition than they were leading into past seasons.

Only four years ago, the entire AAU Ice Hockey consisted nationally of a Scholastic program within New York state. Then three years ago the Hockey Michigan (then with only mites) and the United Hockey Union (juniors) programs were formed.

Since then our Mite, Squirt, PeeWee, Junior and Scholastic programs are all spreading nation-wide. We seen the creation of Junior, Mite and Squirt National Championships. And last season we saw the creation of our new dedicated national website at: www.aauicehockey.org

Added this season, the YouTube link on our national site now takes members to our new AAU Ice Hockey playlist, which has a growing number of videos available. A direct link can be bookmarked as well at: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd3hXZtrsD1R15iU7RgSq39cqmKrb-nvT



Teams can also find growing lists of AAU licensed Tournaments and Leagues in this newsletter and the same information will regularly be updated on the national website.

And with AAU Ice Hockey memberships doubling each season and the expansion of AAU Nationals to now include our Canadian members into North American Championships at Mites, Squirts, PeeWees, Bantams & Midgets our AAU Hockey continues to get better every year.

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AAU Ice Hockey - North American Championships for Mites (7U, 8U & 8U Mixed)

As with the other premiere level AAU tournaments, the second annual AAU Nationals for Mites have been renamed as the **AAU Ice Hockey - North American Championships**, which will now accept our Canadian-based clubs, as well as US-based clubs.

The tournament will be returning to the greater Minneapolis-St. Paul area on **March 5-8, 2015** and will again be held in conjunction with the 26th Annual - Let's Play Hockey Expo. Also going on during the same weekend along with be the Minnesota State Boy's High School Hockey Tournament.

The Mite tournament games will again be hosted at the Eden Prairie Community Center and the Minnesota Made facilities, which are where the Nationals were held last season. The tournament will feature multiple competition levels within three separate age classification, providing a more inclusive format for our members.



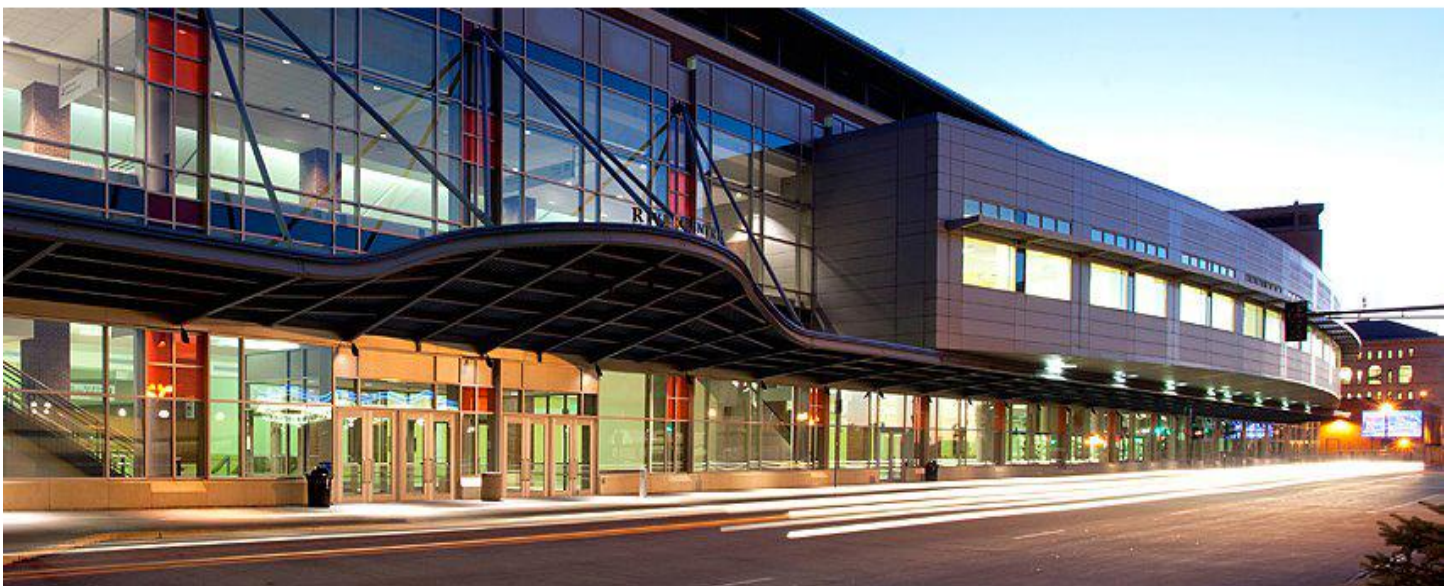
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Mite classifications will include:

Mite Major = 8U (2006),
Mite Mixed = 7U & 8U (2007-06), and
Mite Minor = 7U (2007).

Mark your calendars and watch for additional details, as they are released at: aauicehockey.org

River Centre in St. Paul Minnesota



AAU Ice Hockey - North American Championships for Squirts and PeeWees

In order to welcome our AAU Canadian leagues, teams and members the AAU National Championships have been revised to become the **AAU Ice Hockey - North American Championships**. This premiere national level event now accepts our Canadian-based clubs, as well as US-based clubs.

The Committee has selected **March 27-29, 2015** as the date for the Squirt-PeeWee tournament and the **Greater Niagara Amateur Hockey League (GNAHL)** as the host organization (within the Buffalo, NY area).

Recognizing the great nationwide expansion of AAU Mite Full-Ice Hockey, it's now time to begin moving opportunities for hosting AAU national level events into other regions to help build programs at other age classifications. New York (especially the Niagara district) is centrally located for many of our existing AAU Ice Hockey programs in Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Metro New York, New Haven CT, Ontario, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and greater Washington DC, which are all within relatively close commuting range.

The Committee has also selected the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) playing rules (amended as a non-checking version), which provide for: Full-Ice, Black Pucks, a 9-Dot Faceoff system and Delayed Off-sides. NFHS rules are published every August at a cost of only \$8.20 (plus s&h) www.nfhs.com/p-843-2014-15-ice-hockey-rules-book.aspx

The Committee has also elected to host multiple competition levels within six separate age classification, providing a more inclusive (House to elite) format for our members.

PeeWees will include: **PeeWee Major** = 12U (2002),
PeeWee Mixed = 11U-12U (2003-02) and
PeeWee Minor = 11U (2003).

Squirts will include: **Squirt Major** = 10U (2004),
Squirt Mixed = 9U-10U (2005-04) and
Squirt Minor = 9U (2005).

QUALIFYING: Teams may qualify for the North American Championship through any of the 3 following methods:

- (a) Selection as a representative of an AAU licensed league. Provided that (1) league play includes a minimum 8 game regular season, and (2) league teams 'Clubs' must be registered with AAU before **November 1st**, (3) their league should determine the eligibility of their teams before **January 1st**, and (4) the team must apply for entry and pay non-refundable deposits no later than **January 15th**.
- (b) Winning the championship of an AAU licensed tournament, which has been designated as a **"Qualifier"**. Any such Qualifier tournament that awards berths into the Squirt-PeeWee North American Championship shall be concluded no later than the **MLK** national holiday (for 2015 that is **January 19th**).
- (c) Being selected by AAU Hockey as an At-Large bid.



Mark your calendars and watch for additional details, as they are released at: aauicehockey.org

AAU Ice Hockey - North American Championships Bantam & Midget (checking date & location TBD)

As of press time, the dates and locations for the checking version of the North American Championships were still under consideration.

Check the website for coming details at: www.aauicehockey.org



AAU Ice Hockey - North American Championships for Bantam & Midget (Safe-Rep - non-checking) 14U (2000), 16U (1999), & 17U (1997)

AAU Hockey is pleased to announce *AAU Ice Hockey - North American Cup (non-checking)* for **Bantam** and **Midget** classifications, which will welcome our Canadian and US member teams into this Championship Tournament.

AAU Hockey has selected **April 10-12, 2015** as the date and the **Canadian Independent Hockey Federation (CIHF)** as the host organization (within the Barrie Ontario region).



AAU NORTH AMERICAN BANTAM & MIDGET

NO CHECK ICE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS



The AAU and the Canadian Independent Hockey Federation are pleased to invite teams from the United States and Canada to **Barrie, Ontario, Canada April 10-12, 2015** for the 1st Annual AAU North American Bantam and Midget Championships.

AAU and the CIHF are pleased to offer the following divisions:
14U, 16U, 17U.

All teams will play a minimum of four games.

\$1,200.00 CDN
Tournament Registration fee

The tournament is sanctioned by the AAU and the CIHF.



The tournament is managed by PLC Sports Management Inc. For more information on the tournament and to download the registration forms, please visit www.plcsports.com or contact Peter Cardo at (705) 733-9500 email: info@plcsports.com

United Hockey Union adds league, up to 60 total teams



The junior hockey branch of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), the United Hockey Union (UHU) has experienced tremendous growth in just two years of existence. With the addition of a completely new league north of the border and the continued progression of the three founding leagues, year three promises to be the best yet, with an all-time high of 60 teams competing across four leagues, 22 states and one Canadian province.

The UHU's first venture outside of the United States comes in the form of the Canadian International Hockey League (CIHL) a completely new eight-team league located throughout the sprawling province of Ontario.



Led by Tim Clayden, the CIHL has placed teams in markets that have had previous junior or high-level youth hockey success and each squad is being headed by someone with a proven track record and extensive hockey knowledge.

It was also recently announced that the CIHL will hold a joint pre-season showcase with the Midwest Junior Hockey League (MWJHL), which is now up to nine teams throughout Illinois and Michigan. The "Shamrock Showdown" will be one of many planned inter-league showcases and is scheduled for September 18-21 in Brownstown, Michigan.



The Northern States Hockey League (NSHL) is also on the move, now up to 12 teams across six eastern seaboard states and has been broken up into two six-team divisions for the upcoming season. The NSHL has already had 24 college commits so far this off-season, a number that will certainly grow as the summer goes along.



Lastly, the largest league in the UHU, the Western States Hockey League, is now up to 30 teams, spanning 14 states, thanks to an expansion of six completely new squads for the 2014-2015 season. The WSHL is coming off its second straight UHU National Championship, as the El Paso Rhinos defeated the defending champion Idaho Jr. Steelheads in April to claim their crown.



The WSHL also made waves this off-season when seven of its players were selected in the Tier II North American Hockey League Draft, far and away the most of any Tier III league in the United States.

With all things considered, the UHU should continue its rise to power, due not only to the great hockey on display but the constant movement of players to Tier II and Tier I juniors and the collegiate ranks.

AAU begins Adult Hockey for 2014-2015!

AAU will begin our long awaited Adult Hockey (non-checking) for the 2014-2015 season, providing a great many benefits including, in part:

- 1) lower cost AAU memberships (\$25 for adult athletes), which can also provide access to many other AAU sports (including Inline Hockey, Men's Basketball, etc) all for a single membership fee,
- 2) lower cost licensing fees for Clubs, Leagues and/or Tournaments,
- 3) world-class insurance coverage for AAU participants and facilities,
- 4) a greater voice and control by local facilities, leagues and programs.

Those wishing to create an AAU licensed Adult Ice Hockey league, AAU licensed Adult tournaments and/or for more information on forming an AAU Club (Team) then please feel free to contact:

AAU national hockey chair **Keith Noll** at **(715) 231-4000**.

Michigan - Planning Meetings scheduled for July 19th and August 2nd

Hockey Michigan (AAU) has been getting ready for it's 4th season of full-ice Mite hockey, also known as **Real Hockey!** And the **Michigan Amateur Youth Hockey League (MAYHL)**, which in only one season became the largest AAU full-ice Mite league in North America, has been busy preparing for its expansion of 6U, 7U, 8U, 9U, 10U and 12U travel as well as Mite, Squirt and PeeWee House.

All travel level meetings are scheduled for **Saturday July 19th 2014** at the **Farmington Hills Ice Arena**, which is located at **35500 W.8 Mile Rd in Farmington Hills, MI**.

- 7U (2007s) & 8U (2006s) will meet from Noon – 2:00pm
- 9U (2005s) will meet from 2:00 – 3:00pm
- 10U (2004s) & 12U (2002s) will meet from 3:00 – 4:00pm

All house level planning meetings for 6U (Mini-Mite), 8U (Mite), 10U (Squirt) and 12U (PeeWee) will occur immediately following the Hockey Michigan – Annual Meeting & Election, which is scheduled for **August 2nd 2014** at the **Westfield Activity Center** located at **2700 Westfield Rd in Trenton, MI**.

The meeting is scheduled for 11:00am – 2:00pm. The Hockey Michigan annual report, bylaw-rule changes and election will begin promptly at 11:00am and shouldn't take very long at all. It is hoped that by 11:30am we can switch to MAYHL House level planning.

For more information go to: www.mayhl.com or www.hockey-michigan.org





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Chicago United Hockey League

AAU Hockey Illinois would like to welcome the Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL) to the AAU Hockey Family. With over 20 newly formed clubs and more than 40 teams at three different levels of play, CUHL will be the premiere destination for Mite Aged Kids looking to expand their Full Ice Mite Hockey experience. CUHL currently has clubs located in a wide range of areas in the Chicago area. If you have any questions on the league or would like to find a club near you please contact Rick Hoskins at: rick4@aauhockeyillinois.org for more information.



AAU Tournaments

Labor Day

6U, 7U & 8U (2008, 2007 & 2006)

Aug 28 - Sep 1, 2014

, CA

mdunaev@icetown.com

Cobra Early Bird

7U & 8U (2007 & 2006)

**Sep 12-14, 2014
(corrected dates)**

Taylor, Michigan

worz71@yahoo.com

Stars Early Bird

7U & 8U (2007 & 2006)

Sep 20-21, 2014

Hazel Park, Michigan

bjardine@iiccusa.com

Pekin Flyers Invitational

8U (2006)

Oct 17-19, 2014

Pekin, Illinois

ryan.hazelwood@csi22.com

Hockey Colorado (major)

8U & 10U (2006 & 2004)

Oct 18-20, 2014

Denver, Colorado

Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Hockey Colorado (minor)

7U & 9U (2007 & 2005)

Oct 24-26, 2014

Denver, Colorado

Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Rochester Invitational

7U & 8U (2007 & 2006)

Nov 14-16, 2014

Rochester, New York

patti@invitationaltournaments.com

Hockey Colorado (major)

8U & 10U (2006 & 2004)

Nov 14-16, 2014

Denver, Colorado

Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Hockey Colorado (minor)

7U & 9U (2007 & 2005)

Nov 21-23, 2014

Denver, Colorado

Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Pacific Showcase "Qualifier"

6U, 7U & 8U (2008, 2007 & 2006)

Nov 26-30, 2014

Carlsbad, California

mdunaev@icetown.com

AAU Tournaments (continued)

Gobble Gauntlet
9U & 10U (2005 & 2004)

Nov 28-30, 2014

Superior, Wisconsin
www.rapidfirehockey.com

Barrie Knights (House) Tournament
7U - 14U (House)

Nov 28-30, 2014

Barrie, Ontario
info@plcsports.com

Red Circle Raiders (Select) Tournament
8U, 10U & 12U Selects

Dec 12-14, 2014

London, Ontario
(519) 453-1413

Christmas
6U, 7U & 8U (2008, 2007 & 2006)

Dec 26-30, 2014

, CA
mdunaev@icetown.com

Motown Showcase (major) "Qualifier"
8U & 10U (2006 & 2004)

Dec 27-29, 2014

Hazel Park, Michigan
keith@hockey-michigan.org

Motown Showcase (minor) "Qualifier"
7U & 9U (2007 & 2005)

Jan 2-4, 2015

Detroit area, Michigan
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Hockey Colorado (major)
8U & 10U (2006 & 2004)

Jan 9-11, 2015

Denver, Colorado
Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Original Six (House) Tournament
6U - 14U House

Jan 16-18, 2015

Burlington, Ontario
jbondy@wavehockey.ca

Hockey Colorado (minor)
7U & 9U (2007 & 2005)

Jan 23-25, 2015

Denver, Colorado
Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Rochester Invitational
8U (2006)

Jan 23-25, 2015

Rochester, New York
patti@invitationaltournaments.com

AAU Tournaments (continued)

Hockey Colorado (major)
8U & 10U (2006 & 2004)

Jan 30-Feb 1, 2015

Denver, Colorado
Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Hockey Colorado (minor)
7U & 9U (2007 & 1005)

Feb 6-8, 2015

Denver, Colorado
Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Griffin Cup (Select)
8U - 17U (select)

Feb 6-8, 2015

Burlington, ONT
jbondy@wavehockey.ca

Presidents Day Classic
6U, 7U & 8U (2008, 2007 & 2006)

Feb 11-16, 2015

Riverside, California
mdunaev@icetown.com

Michigan State Championships
8U & 10U (House)

Feb 14-16, 2015

Michigan
keith@hockey-michigan.org

Red Circle Annual (House) Tournament
8U - 12U (House)

Feb 20-22, 2015

London, ONT
(519) 453-1413

Colorado State Championships
7U, 8U, 9U & 10U (2007-2004)

Feb 20-22, 2015

Denver, Colorado
Vlarchenko@bigbearice.com

Pekin Flyers Winter Classic
8U (2006)

Feb 20-22, 2015

Pekin, Illinois
ryan.hazelwood@csi22.com

North American Championships
Mite 7U, 8U & 8U Mixed

Mar 5-8, 2015

Minneapolis, Minnesota
www.aauicehockey.org

North American Championships
Squirt-PeeWee 9U, 10U, 11U & 12U

Mar 27-29, 2015

Buffalo, New York
www.aauicehockey.org

AAU Tournaments (continued)

Spring Shoot-Out

6U, 7U & 8U (2008, 2007 & 2006)

Apr 3-5, 2015

Riverside, California

mdunaev@icetown.com

North American Championships

Bantam-Midget (Safe-Rep) 14U, 16U & 17U

Apr 10-12, 2015

Barrie & Alliston, Ontario

info@plcsports.com

North American Championships

8U - 16U Select/Rep

Apr 10-12, 2015

Barrie & Alliston, Ontario

info@plcsports.com

Summer Showdown

6U, 7U & 8U (2008, 2007 & 2006)

July 3-5, 2015

Carlsbad, California

mdunaev@icetown.com

AAU Ice Hockey - Youth Leagues

This page will continue to be updated as additional league information becomes available.

8U Prep League

8U

MA

www.nsyf.org

American Revolution (ARSS)

8U - 18U

LA, OK & TX

www.americanrevolutionhockey.com

Canadian Independent (CIHF)

6U - 16U

Ontario

www.cihfhockey.com

Empire Hockey League (EHL)

6U - 8U

CA & NV

www.empirehockeyleague.com

Greater Niagara (GNAHL)

6U - 10U

Western NY

www.eteamz.com/greatniagaraamateurhockeyleague

Hockey Colorado

6U - 12U

CO & WY

www.hockeycolorado.org

Hockey Illinois

6U - 8U

IL & WI

www.aauhockeyillinois.org

Michigan Amateur Youth (MAYHL)

6U - 18U

MI & OH

www.mayhl.com

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

6U - 18U

NJ, PA

midatlantichockey@gmail.com

Minnesota Made

8U - 12U

MN

www.minnesotamadehockey.com



AAU Ice Hockey - Youth Leagues (continued)

This page will continue to be updated as additional league information becomes available.

New England (NEAHL)

6U - 18U

MA, ME & NH

www.neahl.org

North East Hockey League

6U - 18U

MA, ME, NH, RI & VT

Redline Metros (RLAC)

6U - 18U

MD, VA & greater Washington DC

www.rlacmetros.com

Salt Lake County (SLCYHL)

8U - 14U

UT

www.youthhockey.slco.org

Tulsa Jr Oilers

6U - 10U

OK

www.tulsajroilers.com



AAU Ice Hockey - Scholastic Leagues

This page will continue to be updated as additional league information becomes available.

**Western New York High School Club
Hockey League (WNYHSCHL)**

Long Island, NY

Herb Brooks XL

Western NY

www.eteamz.com/wnyhschl

Metropolitan NY

www.longislandhshockey.net

Minnesota

www.herbbrooksfoundation.com

AAU Ice Hockey - UHU (Junior) Leagues

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**Canadian International Hockey League
(CIHL)**

Midwest Junior Hockey League (MWJHL)

Northern States Hockey League (NSHL)

Western States Hockey League (WSHL)

Ontario

www.pointstreaksites.com/view/cihl

IL & MI

www.mwjhl.com

MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY & PA

www.northernstateshockey.com

AZ, CA, CO, ID, KA, MT, NM, OK, OR, TX, UT, WA & WY

www.wshl.org



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