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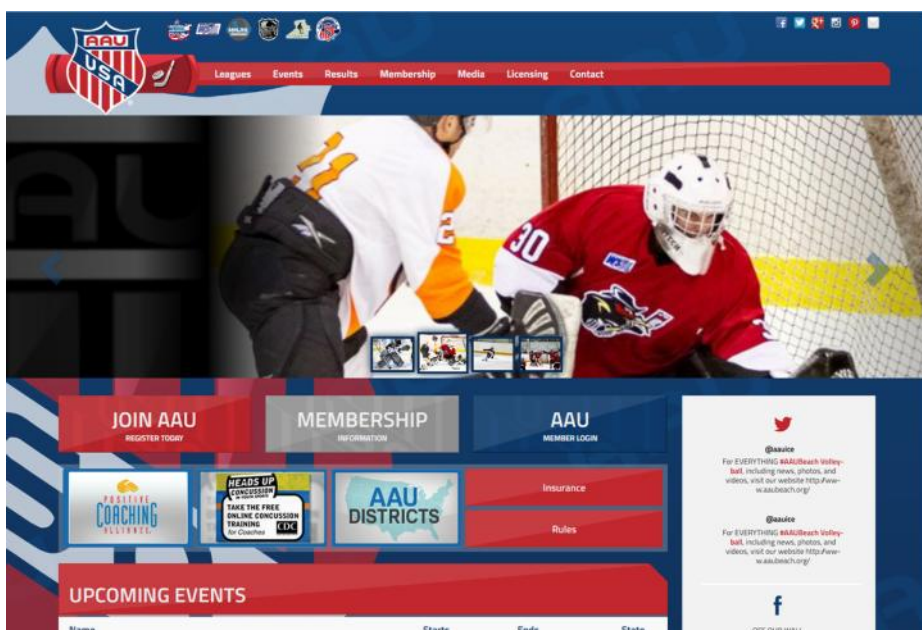
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AAU launches a new national website dedicated to Ice Hockey

Today we are pleased to announce the rollout of a new national website, which is dedicated to serving our AAU Ice Hockey programs. The site is accessible through a link at aausports.org or by the direct bookmark to: www.aauicehockey.org

In addition to providing news, information and details of specific interest to our AAU Ice Hockey members, the new site will also feature Twitter feeds and access to our new Ice Hockey YouTube channel. Over the course of time, it is expected that the site will evolve to providing additional benefits and services to our members.



During recent years, the prior national website page for AAU Hockey had been a double-duty operation, serving both the Inline and Ice hockey communities. Unfortunately, this had led to some confusion, especially for those seeking specific events and/or tournaments for one sport or the other.

Of course, AAU has been a leader within the Inline hockey community for many years. However, with the sudden nationwide growth of AAU Ice Hockey, it became obvious that separate websites were needed, in order to better serve both communities.

We'd like to thank Greg Argyle, Jeff Patmon and the staff at RSportz.com for their professionalism and hard work in getting this new website up and running in record time.

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AAU Ice Hockey announces 2014 PeeWee Nationals!

Dateline: Grapevine Texas October 26th 2013

The Innovative Hockey Group (IHG) and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) are pleased to announce the addition of the inaugural **AAU PeeWee National Championship** to this season's schedule, which will be held February 28 - March 2, 2014 in Grapevine, Texas.

During the 2012-2013 season, AAU held the first ever UHU Junior Nationals in Las Vegas, Nevada. During this 2013-2014 season the still growing UHU Junior Nationals are returning to Las Vegas on April 14-20th 2014. The Best of the Rest Allstar tournament will be held in conjunction with the UHU Nationals.

Expecting substantial expansion within the Mite (8U) and Squirt (10U) classifications, the AAU Mite-Squirt national committee was formed, which has already announced the inaugural Nationals Championships for those classifications scheduled for March 6-9, 2014 in Minneapolis-StPaul Minnesota.

However, with the unexpected growth of AAU Ice Hockey within the PeeWee (12U) classification, national chair Keith Noll approved the addition of the 12U National Championship for this season.

The first PeeWee Nationals Qualifier has been scheduled for the weekend of January 24 - 26, 2014. The IHG Ice Jets - AAU will be hosting a PeeWee Qualifier, along with their Squirt Qualifier.

More exciting announcements are on the horizon.





Inaugural Illinois Columbus Day National Qualifier was huge success.

On October 12-14th almost 200 skaters and 14 teams converged upon the Windy City to participate in the Columbus Day Tournament.

With many Illinois teams facing stiff competition from Detroit and Tulsa there was impressive Championship play.



This tournament was the first National Qualifying tournament to be held east of the Rockies. Qualifying two teams for this year's Mite National Championships.

In the Mite AA Division final, The Chicago based Jesters (pictured above-right) pulled in front late in the third to earn their National bid by beating the Hurricanes 5-2.

In the Single A division, the Jr. Oilers from Tulsa (pictured below-right) notched a big win against the Lincoln Lightning 5-3.

Mark your Calendars for next years Columbus Day Tournament.



Hockey Colorado Mite Major tournament

Hockey Colorado launched their Mite full-ice tournament season, on the October 18-20th weekend.

At Hockey Colorado in Denver, the Mite Major classification faced off in the tournament. Team Big Bear defeated the Denver Stars 4-1 in the final, finishing 5-0 during the event.

Joining Big Bear and the Stars for the tournament were the Rocky Mountain Warriors, Colorado Panthers and the Colorado Rebels.



Rochester Invitational

Invitational Hockey Tournaments hosted their first AAU Mite Full-Ice tournament on October 18-20th at the Thomas Creek Ice Arena near Rochester NY, hosting 20 AAU teams from around the US and Canada.

The Division 1 Gold bracket was seeded with AAU Mite full-ice teams including the New Jersey Rockets, Lorne Park Ojibwa, New Hampshire Jr Leafs, Pittsburgh Goats, Clarence Stallions, Syracuse Cadets, Motor City Wolves and Lakeview Hawks. While the Silver bracket was seeded with the Syracuse Stars, Rochester Jr Grizzlies, Woodstock Jr Navy Vets and the New Jersey Colonials.



Division 2 seeded with 8 more AAU full-ice Mite teams including the Connecticut Kings, Lakeshore Jesters, Wheatfield Blades, Hollydell Hurricanes, Rochester Jr Grizzlies, Rochester Bulldogs, West Seneca and Lakeview Hawks.

The undefeated the Lorne Park Ojibwa handed New Jersey Rockets their only loss of the tournament with a 3-2 victory in the Gold final. Woodstock Jr Navy Vets defeated the Rochester Jr Grizzlies in a Shootout to win the Silver Championship. The CT Kings finished to tournament 6-0 capturing the championship with a victory over the Hollydell Hurricanes.

VIVE LA REVOLUTION!

(Long Live the Revolution!)

The Revolution has BEGUN!! The battle ground - TEXAS!

The American Revolution Showcase Series is in full swing with the battle that was fought October 25-27 at Polar Ice in Grapevine, Texas. Teams from Texas and Oklahoma were represented in the American Revolution.

There were four divisions:

Mite Minor

Tulsa Jr. Oilers Mite Minor
IHG Ice Jets Mite AA
Antonio Jr. Rampage Mites

Mite Major

Tulsa Jr. Oilers Mite Major
IHG Ice Jets Mite AAA San

Squirt

Tulsa Jr. Oilers Squirt
IHG Ice Jets Squirt 04

PeeWee

Tulsa Jr. Oilers PeeWee
IHG Ice Jets Squirts 03
IHG Ice Jets U12 Prep
IHG Ice Jets U12 Academy

We would like to congratulate the following teams for winning this weekend (pictured top to bottom):

- **Mite Minor - IHG Ice Jets Mite AA**
- **Mite Major - IHG Ice Jets Mite AAA**
- **Squirt - Tulsa Jr. Oilers Squirts**
- **PeeWee - IHG Ice Jets U12 Academy**

There is still time to join the action as the American Revolution Showcase Series has more games coming up in the near future.

November 15 - 17 Mite, Squirt, PeeWee Showcase

December 6 - 8 Mite, Squirt, PeeWee Showcase

January 10 - 12 Mite, Squirt, PeeWee Showcase

January 24 - 26 Mite and PeeWee Regional National Qualifier

February 7 - 9 Squirt Regional National Qualifier

February 21 - 23 Mite, Squirt, PeeWee Showcase

For more information please go to:

www.americanrevolutionhockey.com



Michigan's MAYHL Season Opener

The season opener for the new Michigan Amateur Youth Hockey League (MAYHL) began on September 25th in Port Huron, MI with visiting Puckmasters 3-1 defeat over Team TLC. These teams participate within the league's Lake Superior division of the 8U (2005) Mite classification.

The 2005 Mite Major classification is made up of 3 divisions with 8 teams in each. These are the Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron divisions. Similarly, the 2006 Mite Minor classification fields 14 teams split into 2 divisions. The league is also home to 8 Mite House teams.

In only 3 seasons Michigan's AAU Mite programs have grown to 52 full-ice teams (47 league and 5 non-league).



Motown Showcase (Nov 9-10th)

The Motown Showcase field is set, with 18 teams preparing to meet in Michigan. The tournament will take place at 2 Detroit area arenas on November 9th and 10th. The Squirt (Atom) divisions will be played at the Benjamin Yack Arena in Wyandotte Michigan. While the Mite (Novice) Major divisions have been moved to the Ice Box Sports Center in order to consolidate all of the Mite division under 1 roof.

Featured in the Squirt (Atom) classification from the US will be Michigan's own International Stars along with New York's Wheatfield Blades AAU and Colorado's Rocky Mountain Snowkings. Joining them from Ontario Canada are the Barrie Dragons, the Griffins Select (White) and Griffin Select (Black) from Burlington.

The Mite (Novice) Major classification features 12 teams including: Lakeview Hawks (NY), Burlington Griffins White (ONT), Cleveland Stars (OH), Ice Hogs (MI), Dallas Ice Jets (TX), Tulsa Jr Oilers (OK), Illinois Steel (IL), Burlington Griffins Black (ONT), Barrie Dragons (ONT), DSC Revolution (MI), Puckmasters (MI) and Team Cleveland (OH).



Hockey Michigan (AAU) - Volunteers Needed

Hockey Michigan (AAU) still needs volunteers to participate on our State Championship committee and in other capacities. We'll also need proposals for hosting our championship tournaments on the President's Day weekend (Feb. 14-17, 2014). Those individuals interested in helping out should contact Keith Klock at: keith@hockey-michigan.org or call (734) 692-5158

Come To DC-MD-VA! Visit the RED LINE ATHLETIC CLUB for games!

Red Line Athletic Club (AAU) is seeking games during the Winter Season before March 17th and then again during our Summer Season between June 1 – August 15. RLAC has plenty of ice time to host 1 or more teams at the Squirt or Mite levels over President's Day Weekend 2/14 - 2/17 (which also happens to be a big Olympic weekend!). Other open weekends to play here in DC or elsewhere are 12/13-15, 1/24-26 and 1/31-2/2. We'll be sure team trips are worthwhile! Red Line Athletic Club Director Bob DeGemmis was a Hill Staffer, Lobbyist and Student Tour Leader in his previous life and would be happy to make your hockey weekend an educational journey as well! **CONTACT** Bob at rlacmetros@gmail.com if interested!

RED LINE ATHLETIC CLUB (AAU) www.rlacmetros.com Register (upper corner) WINTER HOCKEY SEASON IS COMING! OPENING DAY IS NOVEMBER 9th! YOUTH & SENIOR TEAMS NOW FORMING



RED LINE ATHLETIC CLUB (AAU HOCKEY) ENJOYS SUMMER TRIP TO SYRACUSE CADETS

The Red Line Athletic Club (AAU) '04-'05 hockey team made their maiden voyage on the road July 26-28 to visit the Syracuse Cadets (AAU) for a great weekend jamboree. Although the 'Tros were a few steps behind, it was a great trip for this group to play their first "full ice hockey", see the home rink of ACHA Syracuse University Men's Hockey and learn a bit from a team that had been on the "full ice circuit" a little longer. The Cadets exhibited great sportsmanship, team play and were very gracious hosts. The "District-Maryland-Virginia- based" Red Line Athletic Club was also able to take in a Syracuse Chiefs baseball game as well, which happens to be the Washington Nationals farm club!

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AAU Mite-Squirt Qualifier Tournaments

This page will continue to be updated as additional Qualifiers become available.

Qualifying Tournaments have been announced from several AAU Hockey Districts and Regions.

Teams will be selected through a number of pathways including these remaining Qualifier Tournaments and through participation within various AAU sanctioned leagues throughout the United States.

<u>Motown Showcase</u>	Nov. 9-11, 2013	Detroit, MI
<u>Empire Hockey League Thanksgiving Invite</u>	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2013	California
<u>15th Annual Coyotes Cup</u>	Dec. 27-30, 2013	Phoenix, AZ
<u>Squirt & PeeWee Qualifier</u>	Jan. 24-26, 2014	Dallas, TX
<u>President's Cup</u>	Feb. 14-16, 2014	Tulsa, OK
<u>AAU Pacific Regional</u>	Feb. 14-17, 2014	Riverside, CA

AAU National Ice Hockey Championships will be held from March 6-9, 2014 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota. Mite teams and Squirt teams will compete within several competition level.

AAU State Championships Tournaments

This section will continue to be updated as additional Championships become available.

<i>AAU 2014 Michigan State Championships</i>	February 14-17, 2014
Mites & Squirts @ greater Detroit, MI rinks (exact location TBD)	
<i>AAU 2014 Illinois State Championships</i>	February 14-16, 2014
Mites & Squirts @ greater Chicago, Illinois (exact location TBD)	
<i>AAU 2014 Colorado State Championships</i>	February 21-23, 2014
Mites & Squirts @ Denver, Colorado	



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8U Prep League

www.nsyf.org

Massachusetts. Offering opportunities at the 8U classification.

American Revolution (ARSS) www.americanrevolutionhockey.com

Louisiana, Oklahoma & Texas. Offering opportunities at the 8U through 18U classifications.

Choice League

www.minnesotamadehockey.com

Minnesota. Offering opportunities at the 8U through 12U classifications.

Canadian Independent (CIHF) www.cihfhockey.com

Ontario. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 18U classifications.

Eastern Amateur (EAHA)

www.eahahockey.org

Connecticut. Offering opportunities at the 8U through 12U classifications.

Empire Hockey League (EHL) www.empirehockeyleague.com

California & Nevada. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 8U classifications.

Greater Niagara (GNAHL)

www.eteamz.com/greatniagaraamateurhockeyleague

New York. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 10U classifications.

Hockey Colorado

www.hockeycolorado.org

Colorado & Wyoming. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 12U classifications.

Hockey Illinois

www.aauhockeyillinois.org

Illinois & Wisconsin. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 8U classifications.

Michigan Amateur (MAYHL)

www.mayhl.com

Michigan & Ohio. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 18U classifications.

New England (NEAHL)

www.neahl.org

Maine, Massachusetts & New Hampshire. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 18U classifications.

North East Hockey League

Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island & Vermont. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 18U classifications.

Redline Metros (RLAC)

www.rlacmetros.com

Maryland, Virginia & greater Washington DC. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 18U classifications.

Salt Lake County (SLCYHL)

www.youthhockey.slco.org

Utah. Offering opportunities at the 8U through 14U classifications.

Tulsa Jr Oilers

www.tulsajroilers.com

Oklahoma. Offering opportunities at the 6U through 10U classifications.



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MWJHL: www.mwjhl.com
NSHL: www.northernstateshockey.com
WSHL: www.wshl.org

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