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## Entering Michigan's 3rd Season AAU Mites field over 50 full-ice teams

On August 28th, the Michigan Amateur Youth Hockey League (MAYHL) held their inaugural face-off meeting at a jam-packed Plymouth Cultural Center. MAYHL hosted over 60 AAU Hockey coaches and managers from around Michigan and northern Ohio.



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Only 2 weeks into the AAU online registration process, Hockey Michigan (AAU) memberships have more than tripled over the same period last season. At present, the MAYHL is home to 17 Mite A (2006) and 27 Mite AA (2005) teams. A growing number of Mite B teams are still in the process of forming their clubs and setting up their divisions.

Similar growth has been reported from the New York based Greater Niagara Amateur Hockey League (GNAHL) in their second AAU season. Hockey Illinois is having an outstanding registration period during only their first AAU season. Present reports from the combined states of Illinois, Ohio, New York and Michigan total 87 Mite full-ice teams and in all likelihood will break 100 teams. The AAU Novice (Mite) programs in Ontario will bolster Mite full-ice opportunities even further throughout the Great Lakes basin.

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## Hockey Michigan (AAU) - Volunteers Needed

In response, Hockey Michigan will need 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 Kloock at: [keith@hockey-michigan.org](mailto:keith@hockey-michigan.org) or call (734) 692-5158



## AAU Mite A

The **Pekin Flyers** have announced an AAU sanctioned full-ice tournament for Mite A (teams having mostly 2006 and 2007 birth year players).

Tournament details include:

- \$1100 entry fee
- 4-game guarantee
- 13-minute periods

For more details and/or to apply please contact **Ryan Hazelwood** at 309-202-5061 [ryan.hazelwood@csi22.com](mailto:ryan.hazelwood@csi22.com)

[www.nextgen-hockey.org/](http://www.nextgen-hockey.org/)

## TEAM GIFT EXCHANGE

Please have your team bring gifts (patches, pins, pucks, or something else) to exchange with each team. The boys will do a blue line gift exchange!

## Cleveland Mite Shoot-Out

February 22-23, 2014 @ North Olmsted Recreation Center, in North Olmsted, Ohio

Mite 2005, 2006 divisions

\$800 entry fee, 4-game guarantee, 12-minute periods, Full-Ice, Black Puck, Team Trophies and medals.

For further information please send email to: [jeffru@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jeffru@sbcglobal.net)





## ***ATTENTION 2007 PLAYERS:*** **AAU 2007 FULL ICE PROGRAM!**

Calling all 2007's interested in developing the love of the game through a balance of skill development and having fun playing games. AAU Hockey Illinois recognizes the challenge for 2007's and is launching a 2007 full ice program!

The program will run throughout the year and will start with Jamborees to get same age players to skate together and for families to meet each other. Jamborees will be held in different ice arenas throughout the Chicago land area to accommodate players and families. From these events, teams will likely be formed to play together in full ice tournaments, exhibition, and league games.

AAU 2007 Hockey is excited to have Coach Ted Eagle assist in the development of this age group. Ted has had a successful college hockey career and is currently coaches high level youth hockey. Joining him will be his multiple qualified assistant coaches.



If interested, please sign up to join a team at: [www.aauhockeyillinois.org](http://www.aauhockeyillinois.org). You will then be included on the distribution email to receive information on all upcoming 2007 Jamborees.

If you have any questions, please reach out to: Rick Hoskins at [rick4@aauhockeyillinois.org](mailto:rick4@aauhockeyillinois.org)

## Brother vs Brother

Ice Jets welcome Tulsa Jr. Oilers to town

Just like the popular HGTV show, the Ice Jets have our own version of “Brother vs. Brother” and it will be on display Labor Day weekend when the Tulsa Jr. Oilers come to town.

“We’re excited to get the season going with a weekend of games with the Jr. Oilers,” said Karson Kaebel, one of three Ice Jets coaches of mites. Kaebel is joined by Aaron Ciak and Derek Seal.

Karson’s brother Klage and Derek Toninato coach the Jr. Oilers mite and squirt teams.

Klage played youth hockey at the AA level and won an Illinois State Championship and National Runner-Ups. He went on to play Jr. A in the USHL at the young age of 16. Klage played 4 years of Junior hockey and was the leading scorer of his team and a USHL All-Star his final year of juniors. After that he gained a full hockey scholarship to the University of Alaska Anchorage (WCHA) where he played before 6 seasons of pro hockey.

Klage enjoyed playing 4 seasons in Tulsa and was the fan favorite in the 2002-03 season. After retiring, Klage stayed in Tulsa and has worked with Tulsa youth hockey players for the past 10 years.

Derek met Klage in Monroe, when they played together for the WHPL’s Monroe Moccasins, and remained teammates the following three years. They won the WHA2 championship together in Jacksonville, Florida.



Derek coached three youth teams in 2004-05 with Karson in Dallas, where his teams won President’s Day tournament championships and a Silver Stick regional championship.

Karson and Klage have another brother, Butch, who is an Ice Jets coach.

“Alliances with teams like the Tulsa Jr. Oilers provide an environment that will challenge our players in a positive and beneficial way - and, most importantly, be fun for everyone,” Karson Kaebel said.

“Our number one goal is to foster the love of hockey in our teams that my brothers and I have had for so many years.

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## Dallas Ice Jets 2012-2013 Junior Players - Advance to College

The Dallas Ice Jets [www.icejets.com](http://www.icejets.com) have been preparing for their third season within the AAU-sanctioned Western States Hockey League (WSHL) [www.wshl.org](http://www.wshl.org). The Ice Jets, who have advanced to the Thorne Cup finals two years in a row, are bringing up at least 6 players developed from within their organization as well as some new faces, as they say farewell to 13 players moving on to college and the next phase of their careers.

### Players Moving Up:

Proving just how good the program is at moving its players on, 13 from last season's roster will be playing elsewhere in the fall, something Coach Paul Taylor really prides himself on.

Eight of those 13 will be playing college hockey, which includes:

- Goaltenders Michael Baldwin and Brody Sharp, with the veteran Baldwin playing at Marian University in Wisconsin and Sharp heading to UMASS-Boston
- Forwards Joncarlo Westerlund and Sam Akins, who will play together at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota
- Captain Richard Bohan and defenseman Kellen Patrick will both head east and play for Worcester State University
- Speedy forward Brandon Unser will head back to his home state of Wisconsin and play at the Milwaukee School of Engineering
- And last but not least, defenseman Austin Rehwinkel will join a large contingent of WSHL alumni at St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota

Taylor also likes to move his guys on to higher levels of junior and the Ice Jets are always one of the top teams in the WSHL, in terms of giving their players "cups of coffee" during the season.

The following have all hooked on in the Tier II North American Hockey League:

- Kellen Wassell (Wichita Falls Wildcats)
- Conner Enciso (Port Huron Falcons)
- Jordan Deckard (Fort Worth Brahmas)
- Nick Felan (Corpus Christi IceRays)
- Luke Dietsch (Austin Bruins)

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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 Qualifier Tournaments and through participation within various AAU sanctioned leagues throughout the United States.



<b><u>10th Annual Labor Day</u></b>	Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, 2013	Phoenix, AZ
<b><u>Columbus Day Qualifier</u></b>	October 11-13, 2013	Chicago, IL
<b><u>Motown Showcase</u></b>	Nov. 9-11, 2013	Detroit, MI
<b><u>Empire Hockey League Thanksgiving Invite</u></b>	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2013	California
<b><u>15th Annual Coyotes Cup</u></b>	Dec. 27-30, 2013	Phoenix, AZ
<b><u>Christmas</u></b>	Dec. 27-29, 2013	Minnesota
<b><u>President's Cup</u></b>	Feb. 14-16, 2014	Tulsa, OK
<b><u>AAU Pacific Regional</u></b>	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.

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

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<b>American Revolution Showcase Series</b> Louisiana, Oklahoma & Texas	<a href="http://www.americanrevolutionhockey.com">www.americanrevolutionhockey.com</a>	(8U-18U)
<i>Name coming soon</i> DC, Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, northern Virginia & Southern New Jersey	<i>1 or more leagues covering</i>	(6U-??)
<b>Choice League</b> Minnesota	<a href="http://www.minnesotamadehockey.com">www.minnesotamadehockey.com</a>	(6U-12U)
<b>CIHF</b> Ontario	<a href="http://www.cihfhockey.com">www.cihfhockey.com</a>	(6U-18U)
<b>EAHA</b> Connecticut	<a href="http://www.eahahockey.org">www.eahahockey.org</a>	(6U-8U)
<b>Empire Hockey League (EHL)</b> California	<a href="http://www.empirehockeyleague.com">www.empirehockeyleague.com</a>	(6U-8U)
<b>Tulsa Jr Oilers</b> Oklahoma	<a href="http://www.tulsajroilers.com">www.tulsajroilers.com</a>	(6U-10U)
<b>Greater Niagara (GNAHL)</b> New York	<a href="http://www.eteamz.com/greatniagaraamateurhockeyleague">www.eteamz.com/greatniagaraamateurhockeyleague</a>	(6U-8U)
<b>Hockey Colorado</b> Colorado-Wyoming	<a href="http://www.hockeycolorado.org">www.hockeycolorado.org</a>	(6U-12U)
<b>Hockey Illinois</b> Illinois	<a href="http://www.aauhockeyillinois.org">www.aauhockeyillinois.org</a>	(6U-8U)
<b>MAYHL</b> Michigan-Ohio	<a href="http://www.mayhl.com">www.mayhl.com</a>	(6U-18U)



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Long Island, NY: [www.longislandhshockey.net](http://www.longislandhshockey.net)

### **Junior**

MWJHL: [www.mwjhl.com](http://www.mwjhl.com)  
NSHL: [www.northernstateshockey.com](http://www.northernstateshockey.com)  
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