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AAU Can-Am Showcase Series

Tier 1 (AAA) hockey for 7U, 8U, 9U & more

Toronto, ON, March 19, 2015 – Keith Noll (AAU Hockey, National Chairperson), is pleased to announce a joint venture across North America that will allow elite level hockey players to participate within several exciting showcase opportunities in some of the greatest hockey towns that Canada and the United States have to offer.



The AAU team is incredibly proud to be taking on this new venture and further expanding into Canada. The AAU Can-Am Showcase Series offers Tier I (AAA) teams the opportunity to compete within tournaments in Chicago, Detroit, Toronto, and Buffalo. We are all very excited to be expanding the AAU hockey programs this upcoming season to offer the highest level of competition available.

With 3 Showcases of this series already planned for Sept 11-13, 2015 in Chicago, Oct 9-11, 2015 in Toronto and Feb 12-14, 2016 and a fourth Buffalo Showcase still in the planning stages, it is clear that Tier 1 hockey has arrived at AAU. The currently planned Showcases will include the 7U (2008), 8U (2007) & 9U (2006) classifications. However, discussions and planning continues for additional age classifications as well.

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Ontario

Conacher Hockey (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004) - www.conacherathletics.com

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Tryout Season and Insurance Concerns

It is extremely important that we all understand that individual player-athletes do not possess the AAU benefit of insurance coverage unless they are current members of AAU.

Clearly, there generally isn't any problem for our returning AAU players. Because approximately 60-80% of our players are already members who are continuing after their Fall season and their AAU memberships remain active through August 31st. However, new teams are often formed and new players come into AAU for the Spring season. In some states, March is the second or third most active membership month. These are very often athletes and non-athletes coming to AAU for the first time.

Similarly during the Fall, tryouts often occur in August. So any players who participated during the prior Fall or Spring are still members through August.

Of course, the problem arises with new players, new coaches and new teams. Teams who are just forming and allow non-members onto their tryout ice are placing those players and adults at risk, since they are not insured through AAU until they are members .

North American Select Hockey League

PLC Sports Management Inc. of Barrie, Ontario Canada is pleased to introduce the North American Select Hockey League. PLC Sports Management Inc. has over 10 years experience operating independent hockey leagues in Ontario and 30 years experience in the hockey business. PLC Sports is a pioneer in bringing no check hockey to families in Ontario. The Barrie Knights Hockey League was introduced in 2003 and was the first full service no checking league for players 4 to 19 years.

In 2011 PLC Sports was the co-founder of the Safe Rep Hockey League, the first Rep no checking league for players in pee wee, bantam and midget. PLC Sports Management Inc. is now offering a full service no checking Select program for players from 6 years to 17 years. The North American Select Hockey League is looking for new members in Canada and the United States. The NASHL is looking for players who play at a higher level than house league (Select, Travel, AE, MD or A) and want to play competitive hockey without body checking.

The program will include a regular season and playoff format with numerous tournaments in Canada, the U.S. and Europe available for all teams. The league would like to set up regional centers where players from any location can play. There are No Boundaries in the NASHL.

The league would like to invite any existing associations to join as well as independent operators to form teams in your own communities. Insurance programs are available in Canada and in the U.S. with our partner at the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union). In conjunction with the AAU, the NASHL will work to provide a seamless set of rules for teams on both sides of the border and promote inter-league play and cross border play. I believe this will create an exciting atmosphere for young player to develop their skills.

The NASHL considers itself a development league. Our goal is to take good hockey players and make them great hockey players. This will be achieved with a philosophy of equal ice time for all players and a strict code of conduct for players, coaches and parents. The NASHL looks to set a high standard of respect for all people involved in the game of hockey. If everyone keeps in mind that hockey is a game meant to be played for the participants enjoyment we will have a very successful program.

If you would like more information about the North American Select Hockey League or would like to arrange to play some games with our teams, please contact: Peter Cardo at info@plcsports.com or call **705 733-9500**. The league website at: www.nashl.ca will be up and running mid April.

Peter Cardo, President - North American Select Hockey League



AAU Ice Hockey - Nationals Policies

During the past few years, Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Ice Hockey programs have been expanding and an extraordinary pace. First with our scholastic programs including High School Varsity, Junior Varsity, Prep and Middle Schools. And more recently with the nation-wide and now international expansion of our Youth and Junior programs.

In addition, over these same recent years the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) has been revising procedures and policies to better serve our AAU members. Including such items as the creation of our Youth Protection Handbook, the institution of Background Screening for all adult non-athlete members, and other changes.

It is also important to note that over the past decade there has been a great deal of medical research published on the subject of traumatic brain injuries (concussions) within youth sports. And as of 2014, all 50 states and Washington DC have now adopted laws concerning concussions within youth sports.

Please be aware that all of our youth ice hockey coaches should determine what laws apply within their state and assure that their programs are in compliance. Within this publication we have provided brief descriptions published by the states with links to learn more about these laws. For example, in some states it is a criminal act to return a child into an athletic competition following a possible concussion without clearance from a medical professional.

In view of the factors above, our AAU Ice Hockey national program has drawn together existing AAU national policies as well as recently developed national Ice Hockey into this handbook to better educate and prepare our non-athlete volunteers. This will assist our members in providing a safe and healthy environment for the children and families who have grown to expect nothing but the very best from the AAU.

In order to view the complete text of these policies as please visit:

<http://image.aausports.org/dnn/hockey/2015/AAU-Hockey-Policies.pdf>

For those interested in obtaining more information on AAU Ice Hockey programs please visit:

www.aauicehockey.org



Chicago United Hockey League - Completes Successful Inaugural Season

What started as a dream last June became a reality very quickly: over 20 organizations and 58 teams started a journey to create a league that embraced full ice Mite Hockey and participating on one team for the season. 42 travel teams participated at three levels of play: D1, D2, and D3, while the 16 house league teams played a 15 game regular season schedule.



Following the regular season the Competition Committee sought to create a unique parity system where all teams would have an opportunity to compete for a championship against teams of equal ability. Thus the D1 league was divided into three divisions: a two team best of three "Elite" championship, and an upper and lower division. The D2 and D3 were also divided into upper and lower divisions, while the House League was divided into four-4 team brackets to ensure parity.

The Travel Division championships hosted by the Northbrook Junior Spartans were played in front of large, enthusiastic crowds at the Northbrook Sports Center on March 1st. Dubbed "Super Sunday", the efforts of creating equal playing divisions were seen firsthand with several games ending regulation tied and needing both overtime and a shoot out to determine a champion. The results of the games were as follows:

- **D1 Elite:** The Heartland Nationals defeated the Addison Grizzlies 2 games to none in a best of three playoff.
- **D1 Upper:** The Northwest Bolts defeated the Wilmette Tribe 4-3 in overtime
- **D1 Lower:** The Addison Grizzlies White team defeated the Glacier Avalanche 4-3 in an eight round shoot out.
- **D2 Upper:** The Wisconsin Jets defeated the Winfield Hockey Club 2-1 in a shoot out.
- **D2 Lower:** The Addison Grizzlies defeated the Oakton Oilers 4-1
- **D3 Upper:** The Northwest Bolts defeated the Orland Jr. Vikes 3-1
- **D3 Lower:** The Northbrook Jr. Spartans defeated the Orland Jr. Vikes 7-5

One week later the House Division played four championship games at the North Shore Ice Arena hosted by the Winfield Hockey Club and the Wilmette Tribe. The results of the games were as follows:

- **Platinum:** The Heartland Nations defeated the Pleasant Prairie Eagles # 1 team 7-3
- **Gold:** In an all-Twin Rinks championship, the # 2 team defeated # 1 by a 2-0 score
- **Silver:** The Lake Forest Cubs team defeated the Winfield Girls U8 team 7-3
- **Bronze:** In an all Rinkside Predators championship, the # 2 team prevailed 5-1

While the season has ended the work of running the league has not. The coming months will be spent tweaking those areas needing improvement and evaluating new potential members into the growing league. Our first experience as a part of the AAU has exceeded expectations!

26th annual Let's Play Hockey Expo attracts massive crowds

Massive crowds attended "The Let's Play Hockey/Baseball/Lacrosse Expos" in St Paul, MN. A new all-time attendance record of 135,618 at the Boys' High School Hockey State Tournament held at the Xcel Energy Center, home of the Minnesota Wild. The Lets Play Hockey Consumer Expo Friday and Saturday at the River Centre had record crowds as well.

AAU National Hockey Chair, Keith Noll, stated, "Hundreds of the Mite athletes attended the Expo while in Minnesota for the AAU National Mites Championships." Noll went on to comment, "the athletes received a free bag and T-shirt from the AAU and Black Biscuit while attending the Expo"

Several NHL Hockey stars were in attendance signing autographs.

For complete results on the 2015 AAU National Mites Hockey Championships including statistics, team pictures, and video of the championship games. www.aauicehockey.org



AAU 2015 North American Championship Results - Mites March 5-8, 2015 in Minneapolis-St. Paul Minnesota



7U (2007)	Team Name	City, State-Province
Gold (Champions)	Livonia Rockets 7U <small>(overtime)</small>	Livonia, MI
Silver (Finalists)	Minnesota Made (Blue) 7U	Edina, MN
Bronze (3rd Place)	Addison Grizzlies 7U	Addison, IL
Copper (4th Place)	Minnesota Made (Red) 7U	Edina, MN



8U Mixed (2007-2006)	Team Name	City, State-Province
Gold (Champions)	Minnesota Made	Edina, MN
Silver (Finalists)	California Patriots	Anaheim, CA
Bronze (3rd Place)	Rockford Jr Ice Hogs	Rockford, IL
Copper (4th Place)	Dallas Ice Jets "A"	Dallas, TX



8U Major (2006) Tier 1	Team Name	City, State-Province
Gold (Champions)	Minnesota Made	Edina, MN
Silver (Finalists)	Addison Grizzlies 8U - Black	Addison, IL
Bronze (3rd Place)	Dearborn Cobra Selects 8U	Dearborn, MI
Copper (4th Place)	Northwest Bolts 8U	Rolling Meadows, IL



8U Major (2006) Tier 2	Team Name	City, State-Province
Gold (Champions)	Rockford Jr Ice Hogs 8U	Rockford, IL
Silver (Finalists)	Addison Grizzlies 8U - White	Addison, IL
Bronze (3rd Place)	Clarence Stallions 8U	Clarence, NY
Copper (4th Place)	Florida Ice Pirates 8U	Clearwater, FL



8U Major (2006) Tier 3	Team Name	City, State-Province
Gold (Champions)	Dallas Ice Jets 8U <small>(overtime)</small>	Dallas, TX
Silver (Finalists)	Chicago Saints 8U	IL
Bronze (3rd Place)	Colorado Evolution 8U	Denver, CO
Copper (4th Place)	Pleasant Prairie Eagles 8U	Pleasant Prairie, WI

Livonia Rockets - 7U Champions



Minnesota Made (Blue) - 8U Mixed Champions



Minnesota Made - 8U Major (Tier 1) Champions



Rockford Jr Ice Hogs - 8U Major (Tier 2) Champions



Dallas Ice Jets - 8U Major (Tier 3) Champions



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AAU 2015 North American Championship Results Squirts & PeeWees March 27-29, 2015 in Niagara Falls, NY

9U (2005)	Team Name	City, State-Province
Gold (Champions)	Minnesota Made	Edina, Minnesota
Silver (Finalists)	Syracuse Cadets	Syracuse, New York
Bronze (3rd Place)	Buffalo Icemen	Buffalo, New York
Copper (4th Place)	Wheatfield Jr Blades	Wheatfield, New York
10U (2004)	Team Name	City, State-Province
Gold (Champions)	Minnesota Made <small>(overtime)</small>	Edina, Minnesota
Silver (Finalists)	Wheatfield Jr Blades	Wheatfield, New York
Bronze (3rd Place)	Syracuse Cadets	Syracuse, New York
Copper (4th Place)	Halton Ravens	Halton Hills, Ontario
12U Mixed (2003-2002)	Team Name	City, State-Province
Tier 1 Gold (Champions)	Conacher Hockey	Toronto, Ontario
Tier 1 Silver (Finalists)	Niagara Sharks	Niagara Falls, Ontario
Tier 2 Gold (Champions)	Syracuse Cadets	Syracuse, New York
Tier 2 Silver (Finalists)	West Seneca Jr. Wings	West Seneca, New York
Tier 3 Gold (Champions)	Simcoe County Kings	Simcoe County, Ontario
Tier 3 Silver (Finalists)	Wheatfield Jr Blades	Wheatfield, New York
12U Major (2002)	Team Name	City, State-Province
Gold (Champions)	West Seneca Jr Wings	West Seneca, New York
Silver (Finalists)	Wheatfield Jr Blades	Wheatfield, New York
Bronze (3rd Place)	Cathedral Ramblers	Erie, Pennsylvania
Copper (4th Place)	Redline Metros	Washington, DC



Minnesota Made - 9U Minor Champions



Minnesota Made - 10U Major Champions



Conacher Hockey - 11U-12U Mixed (Tier 1) Champions



Syracuse Cadets - 11U-12U Mixed (Tier 2) Champions



Simcoe County Kings - 11U-12U Mixed (Tier 3) Champions



West Seneca Jr Wings - 12U Major Champions



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AAU 2015 Squirt - PeeWee North American Championship Skills Competition @ Dryer Arena - Niagara University

Our sincere thanks to the NU Purple Eagles for hosting this fun-filled competition



AAU Tournaments

Spring Shoot-Out

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

Apr 3-5, 2015

\$1500 (4-game min)

Riverside, California

mdunaev@icetown.com

North American Championships

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

Apr 10-12, 2015

\$1250 Canadian

Barrie & Alliston, Ontario

info@plcsports.com

No-Check World Championships

8U - 16U Select/Rep

Apr 10-12, 2015

\$1250 (4-game min)

Barrie & Alliston, Ontario

info@plcsports.com

Blue Collar Hockey - Gale Force

8U

Apr 24-26, 2015

Chicago, Illinois

info@mybbt.biz

Grinder Invitational

7U & 8U (2008, 2007)

Apr 30 - May 3, 2015

\$895 (4-game min)

Oakland County, Michigan

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Blue Collar Hockey - Aurora Borealis

8U

May 15-17, 2015

Chicago, Illinois

info@mybbt.biz

Stingers Invitational

8U (2007)

June 6-7, 2015

\$525 (3-games) 12-min

Crystal Lake, Illinois

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Summer Showdown

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

July 3-5, 2015

\$1500 (4-game min)

Carlsbad, California

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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

Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL)

8U

Northern Illinois

chicagounitedhockey.com

Canadian Independent (CIHF)

6U - 16U

Ontario

www.cihfhockey.com

CAN-AM (Tier 1 AAA) Showcase League

6U - 16U

Illinois, Michigan, Ontario & New York

Empire Hockey League

8U

California

www.facebook.com/empirehockeyleague

Greater Niagara Amateur (GNAHL)

6U - 18U

Western NY

www.gnahl.com/

Hockey Colorado

6U - 12U

CO & WY

www.hockeycolorado.org

Hockey Illinois

6U - 8U

IL & WI

www.aauhockeyillinois.org

Michigan Amateur Youth Hockey League

6U - 18U

MI & OH

www.mayhl.com

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

6U - 18U

CT, MD, NJ & PA

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AAU Ice Hockey - Youth Leagues (continued)

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Minnesota Made - Choice Hockey League

6U - 12U

Mite Independent Hockey League (MIHL)

8U

North American Select Hockey League

6U - 18U

New England (NEAHL)

6U - 18U

Rapid Fire Hockey League

6U - 14U

Redline Metros (RLAC)

6U - 18U

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www.nashl.ca

MA, ME & NH

www.neahl.org

WI & MN

rapidfirehockey.com

MD, VA & greater Washington DC

www.rlacmetros.com



HockeyWeekly.com



AAU Ice Hockey - Scholastic Leagues

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**Great Lakes Prep/JV Hockey League
(GLPHL)**

Michigan
www.glphl.com

Herb Brooks XL

Minnesota
www.herbbrooksfoundation.com

I-69 Hockey League

Michigan
www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/?u=I-69HOCKEYLEAGUE&s=hockey&t=c

Long Island, NY

Metropolitan NY
www.longislandhshockey.net

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

Western NY
www.eteamz.com/wnyhschl

AAU Ice Hockey - UHU (Junior) Leagues

Ron White, UHU (Juniors) Director - (714) 231-2531

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**Canadian International Hockey League
(CIHL)**

Ontario
www.pointstreaksites.com/view/cihl

Midwest Junior Hockey League (MWJHL)

IL & MI
www.mwjhl.com

Northern States Hockey League (NSHL)

MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY & PA
www.northernstateshockey.com

Western States Hockey League (WSHL)

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