

AAU sanctions Northern States Junior Hockey League

The **Northern States Junior Hockey League** is proud to announce its membership in the **Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)**. The AAU's national junior program is the **United Hockey Union**. The new **(NSHL), Junior A league**, will consist of teams which competed in other leagues last year combined with some new organizations and will play its inaugural season beginning in September 2012.

The **NSHL Organizations**, will come from New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

The NSHL has as its focus to develop and promote amateur "Junior A" hockey players with the ability and desire to play at the college level. The common goal is to produce athletes that are committed to excellence in academics as well as athletics. All teams, coaches, and officials are committed to be positive influences and to uphold a high standard of integrity and discipline. By providing a high level of competition, players will be able to contribute and succeed at the next level of hockey and education.

Membership in AAU provides the benefit of a long standing organization with deep ties to amateur athletics while at the same time providing autonomy to individual leagues. NSHL looks forward to building partnerships with other teams who have joined the AAU ranks to provide high quality competition to all its players.

AAU National Hockey Chair, Keith Noll commented, "The AAU Sports program is very pleased to have another Junior Hockey program sanction with AAU Hockey." Noll went on to state, "Hockey is one of the fastest growing sports in the AAU Sports program which currently boasts 633,000+ athletes in 40 sports".

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About the AAU:

The (AAU), Amateur Athletic Union, (EST. 1887), with its 633,000+ athletes is one of the largest, non-profit, volunteer multi sports organizations in the United States. A multi-sport organization, the AAU is dedicated to the promotion and development of amateur sports and physical fitness programs. For more about the AAU Sports Programs, go to the website www.ausports.org

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