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In a statement this week, **AAU National Chair, Keith Noll** announced the **NASH and AAU Licensing of the AAU North American Championship** being held March 24-26, 2017 in Michigan. The AAU National Hockey Committee www.aauicehockey.org and Michigan Amateur Youth Hockey <http://mayhl.rsportz.com/> will host the Mite and Squirt North American Championships.

The **AAU Hockey Chair, Keith Noll**, recently commented, "we are very excited to head north of the border for the **NASH - AAU North American Championship events in Canada.** The NIHF (National Independent Hockey Federation) www.nihf.hockey will host the Pee wee, Bantam, Midget (contact and non-contact) and Girls program at U19, U16, U14, U12 North American Championships for Canada and USA.

This year a new powerful registration program will ensure every player playing in the National Championships is eligible. The North American Select Hockey (NASH) is the next generation of the AAU Ice Hockey national program and is intended to provide each of our individual members with the ability to join and participate within AAU Ice Hockey within North American Select Hockey.

These important program improvements include:

1. **REGISTRATION:** The keystone feature of North American Select Hockey (NASH) will be our Online Registration process. This RSportz administered process will serve as our base for integrating all other operations, which will be vastly improved, streamline and simplify operations. This process will be mandatory for all participants to register through this new system if they wish to become eligible for any AAU Ice Hockey Program National Championship and/or North American Championship or wish to enjoy other benefits provided through NASH.
2. **ROSTERING:** Benefits of the NASH Membership will include: • Eligibility for participation within the AAU North American Championships. • AAU National Championship Rings for participants of North American Championship winning teams. • Free National Championship T-Shirt for all participants of the AAU North American Championships.
3. **NASH** will also be members of the **(AAU) Amateur Athletic Union** program

We are very excited about the growth of AAU Ice Hockey and expect to have a record number of teams competing for the North American Championships.

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