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AAU approves an August 1st start date for Youth Ice Hockey

AAU Hockey has received approval from our national office to begin our 2013-2014 season on August 1st, which will allow early registrations from August 1st through August 14th.

AAU ice hockey Clubs (Teams) may register their programs on August 1st through 14th 2013 by calling the membership department directly at: **(407) 934-7200** and asking for **Jackie Markham**. For additional information: membership@ausports.org

On August 15th and thereafter, all registrations must be processed online in the conventional AAU manner.

This early registration process will provide important AAU membership benefits "such as insurance coverage" to our Players, Coaches and Clubs during this traditional tryout, practice and scrimmage season, throughout the month of August.

Please be aware that no Club (Team) may conduct on-ice practices prior to the receipt of the form and payment by the national AAU membership office. Or, in the case of Clubs (Teams) who wait for August 15th and register online, until their registrations are processed.

Please note: Some youth participants may already possess memberships for the 2013-2014 season, since those under 18 may obtain multi-year AAU memberships. While adults must obtain new memberships every season. Further, the memberships of Players and Coaches from the 2012-2013 season do not expire until after August 31, 2013.

League and Tournament information wanted for our August edition

Our August edition of the AAU Hockey newsletter will attempt to list contact information and details concerning as many of our Leagues and Tournaments as is possible. During the Spring and early summer, AAU Ice Hockey has been quickly spreading around the US and Canada. Publishing this growth can foster additional growth and opportunities within AAU Hockey. With AAU Nationals coming up, this is our year!

Please contact Keith Kloock at: keith@hockey-michigan.org or (734) 692-5158 to supply AAU league and/or tournament contact information as well as details for any that are not already listed on the last 3 pages of this newsletter as soon as possible, but no later than Friday July 19th.

Anyone wishing to find more information about forming new or additional AAU leagues and/or teams within your own area may also contact: Keith Kloock or the national chairperson Keith Noll at (715) 231-4000.

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House Select Teams

Recognizing that some of the newer AAU Clubs may have difficulty in creating teams that can compete within Travel level ice hockey and that the majority of tournament and event opportunities within some regions will exist primarily at the Travel levels, AAU Hockey has developed a procedure to allow House level programs to create Select (All-Star type) teams, in order to provide their more advanced players to take part within Travel level opportunities, while continuing to participate within their local AAU house level programs.

AAU Ice Hockey - House Select Process

Within some locations, there may a sufficient numbers of AAU ice hockey players for the creation of local community-based house level teams to participate within an AAU-sanctioned house level league or division, while at the same time there may be an insufficient number of players existing to create a competitive level AAU Travel league.

In such cases, AAU-sanctioned house level Clubs, Leagues and/or Divisions may request approval to form a program to host Select (All-Star type) team(s), which may then participate during AAU-sanctioned travel level events.

Following approval from the AAU Hockey National Chairperson or his/her appointed AAU Hockey national committee, AAU teams within the same Club, League and/or Division may jointly create Select (All-Star type) team(s) from players within their existing house level AAU Club, League and/or Division, to participate within more advance competitive level Travel events and/or tournaments.

Players shall remain as participants of their House level teams, while voluntarily participating on a Select (All-Star type) team, provided that they have written approval from their Club, League and/or Division.

However, no Select (All-star type) teams shall be permitted to compete within a National Qualifier or National Championship tournaments.

Please be aware that our House Select policy grew from a simple question by one of our AAU coaches.

Many coaches have never been asked what they want or expect from their hockey organization. This has always been wrong.

AAU Hockey can be more than a simple sum of our parts. We can draw upon the experience, talent and ideas of our coaches, managers and parents. And we can create the world-class program that our athletes and their families deserve.



Watch for our 2014 Regional Tournament

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EASTERN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DROPS THE PUCK SEPTEMBER 7TH

Six (AA) 8U Clubs to Compete in their Inaugural Season

The Eastern Amateur Hockey Association is proud to announce that six 8U clubs will drop the puck on its inaugural season on Saturday, September 7th. The New Haven Nighthawks, CT Blue Crabs, CT Kings, CT Jr. Islanders, Hamden King Cobras and CT Patriots will play a competitive full-season, full-ice schedule culminating in the EAHA playoffs and the opportunity to qualify two clubs for the AAU Mite National Championships, March 6-9 in Edina, MN. EAHA teams will also take part in the Frozen Biscuit Tournament over Christmas break in Stamford, CT.

The Eastern Amateur Hockey Association competes at the AA level and was organized to provide a positive and rewarding experience for hockey players in Connecticut and surrounding states. The EAHA emphasizes player development, leadership, excellence in coaching, sportsmanship and competitive fair play. It operates as a Level 3 member under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

To learn more about the EAHA, please visit www.eahahockey.org.

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AAU Full-Ice Frozen Biscuit

Mite (2006-2005)

Dec. 26-29, 2013

Stamford, CT

4-game minimum \$1200

www.ctkingshockey.com



AAU Full-Ice Mite (2006-2005)

Oct. 18-20, 2013

Rochester, NY

4-game minimum \$1050

rochesterinvitational.com

Hockey Michigan (AAU) - Volunteers Needed

Michigan is expecting a massive increase of AAU Hockey participation for 2013-2014. Certainly at the Mite level (Minor A 2006, Major AA 2005 and the House level 2006-2005). We are expecting over 20 teams at each level, just in SE Michigan alone. Possibly at the Squirt 2004 classification as well.

In response, Hockey Michigan will need volunteers to participate on our State Championship committee and we'll also need proposals for hosting these 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 or call (734) 692-5158



AAU Hockey Announcements

Hockey Illinois www.aauhockeyillinois.org has released their new logo, which will be used during their 2013-2014 league. The Illinois State Championships are being developed for February of 2014.

Hockey Michigan www.hockey-michigan.org and Michigan's newest AAU Hockey league www.mayhl.com have continued to grow. Coaches, managers and organizers have gathered at 6 meetings this spring and early summer throughout the greater Detroit and Southeast Michigan. Primarily from the Mite B, A and AA levels. As the summer progresses, efforts will switch to the Squirt (Atom) and older classifications.

Tulsa Jr Oilers have announced their new website at: www.tulsajroilers.com. The Tulsa Jr. Oilers mite/squirts are pleased to announce the development of youth hockey players within the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) for the 2013/14 season. The Jr. Oilers will work towards building teams from 6U-10U and offer teams the opportunity to attend monthly AAU tournaments in Dallas, TX from September to March and compete for a National Championship.

Building on a successful 2013 President's Cup Mite Travel Tournament, the Tulsa Jr. Oilers have announced the second annual event slated for February 15-16, 2014, at **BOK Center** in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Last season's tournament featured select squads from Denver, Colorado; Northern Colorado; Pekin, Illinois; Northwest Arkansas; San Antonio, and Tulsa.

It should be noted that the **Tulsa Jr Oilers President's Cup** has now been upgraded to **AAU National Qualifier** status.



MWJHL - Junior A

The Midwest Junior Hockey League announced today the seven member teams that will participate in the 2013-14 season.

Six teams from Michigan and one from Illinois make up the league's footprint as the MWJHL moves forward to its second season as an AAU-sanctioned junior hockey league.

The seven MWJHL teams include:

- Alpena Street Cats @ Northern Lights Arena – Alpena, MI
- Berkley Bruins @ Berkley Ice Arena – Berkley, MI
- Bloomington Jr. Blaze @ U.S. Cellular Coliseum – Bloomington, IL
- Detroit Fighting Irish @ Allen Park Civic Arena – Allen Park, MI
- Michigan Ice Dogs @ Farmington Hills Ice Arena – Farmington Hills, MI
- Soo Firehawks @ Big Bear Arena – Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- Traverse City Hounds @ Centre ICE Arena – Traverse City, MI

“All seven franchises have very, very solid and reputable ownership groups and in junior hockey, that is the biggest asset to making a franchise viable and successful,” said MWJHL commissioner Scott Gardiner. “These are eight teams that we, as a league, can be proud of and that will continue to give players an opportunity to play junior hockey at a high level with coaches that are second to none and have the players’ best interests in mind.”

“The MWJHL is on solid ground and with these seven teams firmly in place and 100 percent committed to the league, I am looking forward to a very competitive season amongst all our member teams.”

The 2013-14 MWJHL schedule will be released shortly.

Teams continue to hold open skates and tryout camps and are actively getting players under contract for the 2013-14 season.

FOLLOW THE MWJHL:

- Official website: www.mwjhl.com
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/MWJHL
- Twitter: @MWJHLHockey



AAU Invitational Tournaments

This page will continue to be updated as additional Invationals become available. National Qualifying tournaments are listed on the following page. Tournament operators should be aware that we hope to publish a large tournament list within our August edition. Please get details to the editor before July 15th. Please supply: Logo, Name, Dates, Location, Costs, Game minimum, Period length and age classifications (such as Mites or 2006-2005).

Stars & Stripes (AAA) 4-game minimum, 17-min periods	Aug. 2-4, 2013 2005s through 1999s	Edina, MN	minnesotamadehockey.com
Rochester Invitational 4-game minimum, \$1050	Oct. 18-20, 2013 Mite (2006-2005)	Rochester, NY	rochesterinvitational.com
Glacier Pointe Halloween 4-game minimum, \$500, 12-min periods	Oct. 18-20, 2013 Mite (Novice, 2005, 2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003, 2004) B, A & AA (Select)	Port Huron, MI	www.glacierpointe.com
Glacier Pointe Thanksgiving 4-game minimum, \$475, 12-min periods	Nov. 29– Dec. 1, 2013 Mite (Novice, 2005, 2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003, 2004) B, A & AA (Select)	Port Huron, MI	www.glacierpointe.com
Red Circle Select 4-game minimum	Dec. ??-??, 2013 Mite (Novice, 2005-2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003-2004), PeeWee (2001-2002) Select, A & AA	London, ONT	redcirclehockeyclub.com
Glacier Pointe Christmas 4-game minimum, \$450, 12-min periods	Dec. 20-22, 2013 Mite (Novice, 2005, 2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003, 2004) B, A & AA (Select)	Port Huron, MI	www.glacierpointe.com
Frozen Biscuit 4-game minimum, \$1200	Dec. 26-29, 2013 Mite (2006-2005)	Stamford, CT	www.ctkingshockey.com
Christmas Invitational 4-game minimum, \$800	Dec. 27-29, 2013 Mini-Mite (Tyke, 2007), Mite (Novice, 2005, 2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003, 2004) B, A & AA	St.Clair Shores, MI	
Glacier Pointe North American 4-game minimum, \$500, 12-min periods	Jan. 17-19, 2014 Mite (Novice, 2005, 2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003, 2004) B, A & AA (Select)	Port Huron, MI	www.glacierpointe.com
Original 6 House 4-game minimum	Jan. ??-??, 2014 Mite (Novice, 2005-2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003-2004), PeeWee (2001-2002) House League	Burlington, ONT	www.wavehockey
Griffin Cup 4-game minimum	Feb. ??-??, 2014 Mite (Novice, 2005-2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003-2004), PeeWee (2001-2002) Select, A & AA	Burlington, ONT	www.wavehockey
Red Circle House 4-game minimum	Feb. ??-??, 2013 Mite (Novice, 2005-2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003-2004), PeeWee (2001-2002) House League	London, ONT	redcirclehockeyclub.com
Glacier Pointe Shamrock 4-game minimum, \$500, 12-min periods	Feb. 28 - Mar 2, 2014 Mite (Novice, 2005, 2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003, 2004) B, A & AA (Select)	Port Huron, MI	www.glacierpointe.com
World Championship 4-game minimum	April ??, 2014 @ Nottawasaga Resort Arena in Alliston, ONT Mite (Novice, 2005-2006), Squirt (Atom, 2003-2004), PeeWee, Bantam & Midget Select, A & AA		

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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.



<u>10th Annual Labor Day</u>	Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, 2013	Arizona
<u>Motown Showcase</u>	Nov. 9-11, 2013	Michigan
<u>CDHL Thanksgiving</u>	Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2013	California
<u>15th Annual Coyotes Cup</u>	Dec. 27-30, 2013	Arizona
<u>Christmas</u>	Dec. 27-29, 2013	Minnesota
<u>President's Cup</u>	Feb. 14-17, 2014	Oklahoma
California #2	Dates to be determined	California

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.

AAU 2014 Michigan State Championships February 14-17, 2014
Mites & Squirts @ greater Detroit, MI rinks (exact location TBD)
6-games, \$TBD, 12-min periods, Full-Ice, Black Puck, Delayed Off-Sides

AAU 2014 Illinois State Championships February ??-??, 2014
Mites & Squirts @ greater Chicago, Illinois (exact location TBD)

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American Revolution Showcase Series Louisiana, Oklahoma & Texas	www.americanrevolutionhockey.com	(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-??)
California California	<i>link coming soon</i>	(6U-8U)
Choice League Minnesota	www.minnesotamadehockey.com	(6U-12U)
CIHF Ontario	www.cihfhockey.com	(6U-18U)
EAHA Connecticut	www.eahahockey.org	(6U-8U)
Tulsa Jr Oilers Oklahoma	www.tulsajroilers.com	(6U-10U)
Greater Niagara (GNAHL) New York	www.eteamz.com/greatniagaraamateurhockeyleague	(6U-8U)
Hockey Colorado Colorado-Wyoming	www.hockeycolorado.org	(6U-12U)
Hockey Illinois Illinois	www.aauhockeyillinois.org	(6U-8U)
MAYHL Michigan-Ohio	www.mayhl.com	(6U-18U)



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MWJHL: www.mwjhl.pointstreaksites.com/view/mwjhl
NSHL: www.northernstateshockey.com
WSHL: www.wshl.org

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