

**Connecticut Hockey Conference
Final Mite Structure (Approved 1/26/10)
2010-2011**

The following proposal for the structure of mite play in Connecticut for 2010-2011 season is designed to further implement the concept's contained in USA Hockey's American Development and is based on the discussion and feedback we have received over the last two months.

The proposed structure shall be as follows:

Mite A

- Full ice game allowed up to a maximum of 40 (excluding all tournament games).
- Required to a minimum of ten (10) cross ice events (games) during the season. These games will be posted on CHC website just like full ice but in separate designated area. For programs playing less than 40 full ice game, the number of cross ice games may be reduced on a proportional basis.
- Practices shall be focused on cross ice concepts for the development of skills

Mite B

- Cross ice only until November 1st.
- Full ice game allowed up to a maximum of 25 (excluding all tournament games).
- Required to play a minimum of fifteen (15) cross ice events (games) during the season. These games will be posted on CHC website just like full ice but in separate designated area. For programs playing less than 25 full ice game, the number of cross ice games may be reduced on a proportional basis.
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- Practices shall be focused on cross ice concepts for the development of skills

Mite Developmental

- All mite hockey below Mite B shall be developmental in nature. All mite developmental hockey shall target having the recommended two (2) practices to one (1) game ratio throughout the season.
- ADM principles will be adopted and cross ice will be used for both practices and games. Some full ice games may be played as the season progresses.
- Programs will be encouraged to establish cross ice games with other neighboring programs.

General Principals

- All programs with less than 125 mites registered with program shall be limited to a maximum of two travel teams at the Mite level, only one of which may be designated as a Mite A team. These programs may have two Mite B teams rather than one Mite A team and one Mite B team. All programs with greater than 125 mites registered with program, and any program which has declared all of its teams above the Pee Wee level Tier 1, shall be limited to a maximum of three travel teams at the Mite level. These programs may have two Mite A teams, provided at least 80% of the players on each team are eight (8) year old participants, and one Mite B team or one Mite A team and two Mite B teams; provided that Tier 1 programs with less than 125 mites may only declare one Mite A team.
- A CHC cross ice committee will be established not later than February 1, 2010. The Committee will be responsible for developing, in conjunction with USA Hockey, both a cross ice manual and a cross ice coach's training program, based in part this year's experience. CHC will hold a mandatory coaching education clinic (in addition to the USA Hockey coaching clinic) for all Mite coaches prior to the start of the 2010-2011 season to discuss all aspects of implementation of this program, and as well review best practices for cross ice instruction.
- Enforcement: Penalty for teams violating cap on full ice games will be suspension of that team's coaches from coaching in CHC for one year. Failure to meet minimum cross ice games will disqualify team from participating in a state tournament.