



Mite ADM Rules for 2014–2015

MITE ADM/RED, WHITE & BLUE HOCKEY

USA Hockey, in partnership with the National Hockey League, has developed and approved the ADM philosophy which includes criteria for the 8 & Under Mites. See <http://www.admkids.com> and http://www.admkids.com/pdf/RedWhiteBlue_Brochure.pdf. Effective the 2014-2015 playing season, USA Hockey has designated cross-ice or half-ice as the age appropriate standard playing surface for the 8 & Under age level. All games and scrimmages at the 8U age level shall be played either cross-ice or half-ice, or on a surface that is equal to or less than the dimensions of cross-ice or half-ice. All Organizations are expected to be knowledgeable of Mite ADM Guidelines and shall follow Mite ADM — Red, White and Blue Hockey for players age 8 and under. SAHOF will dedicate funds to cover ice cost for a number of cross-ice Mite jamborees (SAHOF Pond) and for ice dividers and smaller nets. Organizations may apply to the Affiliate for a grant to support ice cost for cross-ice jamborees, dividers and nets.

Mite General: For the 2014-2015 SAHOF will NOT apply for a waiver for full ice mite play from USA Hockey. In the 2014-2015 playing season there will be no Mite rosters signed by the Associate Registrar for SAHOF because rosters are not necessary to play cross ice hockey. Programs that register mite age players can print a report of all registered players in that age group to verify USA Hockey registration if mite players are traveling for jamborees between rinks. Mite teams shall play cross ice or half ice games, and follow the ADM guidelines for practice/game ratios. Member Organizations that fail to follow the USA Hockey requirement that all games at the 8 & Under age level be played on cross-ice or half-ice will be ineligible to advance any Association teams to State, Affiliate, Southeastern District or USA Hockey National Championship. Member Organizations that fail to follow the USA Hockey requirement of cross-ice or half-ice games will be ineligible for any Affiliate Grants. Rinks that have Member Organizations that comply with this policy will be given a priority for all bids involving SAHOF sponsored events. SAHOF will waive any fees or dues it receives from any registered mite aged (8 & Under) player. SAHOF will support and promote any mite aged Florida based tournaments that are in the format for cross-ice or half-ice games.

Cross-Ice/Half-Ice Mite Games: Cross-ice and/or half-ice games played within the Affiliate may have team coaches serving as referees for those cross ice/half ice games. Organizations playing cross-ice/half-ice games are also free to arrange for USA Hockey officials through normal procedures in scheduling officials. Blue pucks are to be used for all Mite games. Programs may play cross ice/half ice mite games as 3-on-3 or 4-on-4 plus goalies. The objective of cross-ice/half-ice Mite games should be skill development and fun for the players. Scores and standings should not be kept for cross-ice/half-ice Mite games.

Mite Cross-Ice/Half-Ice Partnerships: Organizations/clubs are encouraged to form partnerships with other local Organizations/clubs to hold Mite jamborees and to avoid any excessive mite travel to participate in games. Organizations/clubs participating in cross ice/half ice mite games or jamborees should match skill levels to best promote the skill development of mite age players.

Affiliate ADM Review: SAHOF shall review Mite ADM rules and policies on an annual basis and encourages Organizations to submit Mite-level performance reports to the Affiliate at the end of each playing season. The Affiliate has appointed an ADM Coordinator, Jim Haverstrom. The Affiliate ADM Coordinator shall form an ADM Committee made up of knowledgeable Member Organization head coaches to make recommendations to the Affiliate and to advise the Affiliate on ADM questions or issues.

Mite Age Players Playing Up: Starting the 2014–2015 playing season, USA Hockey has mandated that the appropriate playing surface for 8 & Under players is cross-ice or half-ice. It is the Affiliate policy that players 8 & Under should participate on age appropriate teams registered at the 8 & Under age classifications. The Affiliate will not recognize any Squirt roster, at any playing level (AA or A), that includes more than three (3) players in the 8 & Under age classification. The SAHOF USA Hockey Associate Registrar will reject any Squirt rosters that include more than three (3) players in the 8 & Under age players classification. No players in the 8 & Under age classification may play above the Squirt level under any circumstances unless approved by the ADM Coordinator.