



This coming Fall season AHAI is offering the AHAI Mite American Development Model (ADM) Program as a unique opportunity for 7 and 8 year-old mite players. The AHAI Mite ADM Program will be administered by the four AAA Tier I Organizations (Fury, Chicago Young Americans, Mission and Team Illinois) and will offer a 25-week development program run by the Tier I coaches. Participants will be evaluated in late August and 44 players will be selected per Tier I organization. These skaters will be trained under a strict and fully compliant ADM development structure consisting of station-based skills practices, small-area games, and half-ice hockey games. Each player in the program will be tested before, during, and after the season. Players and parents choosing this Mite ADM option will agree not to participate in full-ice hockey games during the program. Each group of 44 players will be broken down into four teams and will play games each weekend against the other AAA organizations in Illinois. No full-ice games will be played or allowed by these skaters. If a skater does not make a team, they can return to their local association for September 1st tryouts or evaluations.

The Mite ADM Program will focus on skill development, with 6 Tier 1 AAA coaches on the ice for each practice (2 times per week) and the teams will play half-ice games on weekends, a minimum of 3 ice touches per week. The clubs will run a series of jamborees that may include some of the Tier II organizations. If a skater makes one of the ADM teams, they will not be allowed to double-roster with a full-ice team.

Tryout costs will be \$99 (early registration discount) and the fee for the 80-100 ice slots will be approximately \$1500. Each AAA club will offer an equipment package separate from the ice fees. Each club will purchase the hard-divider boards and jerseys will be provided. Parents are encouraged to register their skaters at the closest Tier I club to your home and will only be allowed to register at one club for evaluations.

AHAI and Tier I are excited to offer this opportunity to our young skaters (boys and girls) with a focus on what is most important at these ages; skill development. It is an opportunity to be instructed by some of the best coaches we have in the state. Registration will open on June 1 so follow the AHAI newsletter and the Tier I websites for more details as the date approaches.

