



New Jersey Devils Youth Hockey Club

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The Atlantic Amateur Hockey Association, in compliance with the USA Hockey American Development Model, has enacted a new set of Mite rules effective with the 2014 - 2015 season. *All USA Hockey-registered programs including In-House, Recreational and Travel programs* are required to abide by these regulations.

- All Mite teams, both 8 & Under and 6 & Under, are required to play cross-ice or half-ice. No Mite teams are permitted to play full ice. No Mite teams will be permitted to register at the Squirt level. No full ice Mite tournaments will be sanctioned in the Atlantic District.
- In order for a travel organization to be considered in good standing, their Mite teams must observe a 2 practice to 1 game ratio.
- During the 2014 - 2015 season, only players in their last year of Mite eligibility (2006 birth year) will be permitted to advance to the Squirt level, and this will only be permitted in very rare cases and only under extenuating circumstances. *Skill level is not considered an extenuating circumstance.* Player movement is subject to the approval of the league's ADM Committee and the USA Hockey ADM Coordinator for our District.
- Starting with the 2015 - 2016 season, there will be *no exemptions* given for players who are Mite eligible to play at the Squirt level.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please feel free to contact us for further information.