



# NIHL's MITE DIVISION PROGRAM 2016 - 2017

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**To:** NIHL Club Presidents & NIHL Club Representatives

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## **I. Levels of Play offered for Mite Division.**

**A. Half ice seeding round:** Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

## **II. Game Counts / Game Start Dates.**

- A. Mite Team Declarations Due September 12, 2016 at the NIHL Presidents Meeting
- B. Cross ice seeding round scheduling and manager meeting September 17, 2016
- C. Seeding round games begin September 19, 2016
- D. Seeding round games conclude by October 29, 2016
- E. Regular season schedules posted in StatMGR by November 6, 2016
- F. Regular season of six (6) cross-ice and 12 full-ice games
- G. Regular season begins November 7, 2016
- H. Regular Season Play Concludes February 11, 2017

## **III. Half-ice play**

- A. Playing Surface. Rinks will be divided into two (2) equal halves.
- B. Benches. Both teams share a bench.
- C. Goal Nets. Full size.
- D. Officials. One (1) Official per game. Managers NOT responsible for ordering Officials. Officials have been pre-ordered thru IHOA.
- E. Score Keeping. Portable clocks where available. If not, flip-chart scorecards need to be utilized. One (1) person from each team should be present.
- F. Scores of the Game. HOME team responsible for reporting the scores of the game by means of StatMGR.
- G. Game Length. Three (3), 15-minute running clock periods.
- H. Players. Games are to be played with four (4) Skaters and one (1) Goalie.
- I. Line Changes. On the fly.
- J. Face Offs. At center ice to start each period. Pucks will start from behind the net after goals and saves. Each time official blows the whistle and retrieves the puck.
- K. Penalties. Penalty shots are awarded. Clock remains running.
- L. Goalie Saves and Goals. Team that shot the goal has to retreat behind the center line; while defending team takes puck behind the net.
- M. No Coaches are Permitted on the Ice!

## **IV. Mite Playoffs**

Will begin in February 2017 at the Allstate Arena. The Mite playoffs and State Mite playoffs are independent of each other, however they will both be played at the Allstate Arena on the same weekend. NIHL Semi-Final games will be played on Friday night and the State Single Elimination Games will be played on Saturday and Sunday. The NIHL Wolves Cup Championships will be held at Inwood Ice Arena in Joliet and the AHAI State Championships will be held at the Edge in Bensenville.