



WAHA's POSITION PAPER ON 8U (MITES)



1. What is WAHA's stance on Mites moving up to Squirts?
 - The American Development Model supports small teams at the Squirt level, therefore, WAHA's stance is to allow associations to move players up to fill a squirt team that would need a few players. WAHA will not allow a squirt team to have more than 50% of the players on the roster who are of 8U (Mite) Age and those players on the roster of 8U (Mite) Age must be 8 year olds (7 year olds must be approved by all of your Regional Directors).
2. What constitutes a Cross Ice Game?
 - On a regulation rink WAHA allows Mites to play cross ice games on 1/3 of the ice surface at a time (blue line to goal line, neutral zone, and blue line to goal line) or half ice games (red line to goal line).
 - WAHA considers a **Studio Rink** a half rink which is permissible for Mite games.
3. Does WAHA allow cross ice tournaments and/or jamborees?
 - Yes, WAHA allows for associations to have cross ice tournaments, leagues, and/or jamborees provided that you are only playing 4 on 4 or 3 on 3.
4. Does WAHA allow full ice scrimmages?
 - WAHA does **NOT** allow full ice 5 on 5 scrimmages
5. When does WAHA allow full ice games?
 - WAHA will not sanction full-ice tournaments, jamborees or full-ice games for 8 and Under players (Mites) between the dates of September 1 and April 1 of the current playing season.
 - **Coaches who break this rule will be suspended from coaching for one year and must appear before a three member discipline committee before returning to coaching.**
 - **Any WAHA association that allows a registered or non-registered 8 and Under (Mite) team to participate in a full-ice tournament, jamboree or game, shall be penalized by the loss of the right to host any sanctioned invitational tournament for the period of one playing season, and a WAHA State Tournament for the period of three playing seasons.**
6. Does WAHA allow Mite Tournaments, games, or scrimmages, etc playing 5 on 5?
 - No, WAHA only allows Mites to play 4 on 4, or 3 on 3.
7. Pond Hockey for Mites?
 - The same rules apply as above.
 - **NOTE: Coaches who break these rules will be suspended from coaching for one year and must appear before a three member discipline committee before returning to coaching.**