

## Reading Youth Hockey Mite Program Information

USA Hockey and Mass Hockey have been in the process of a multi-year transition for Mite aged players. USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM) calls for a specific practice structure and small area games, using cross-ice as opposed to full ice (details of the ADM can be found on <http://www.usahockey.com/ADMKids.aspx> ).

In order to facilitate our continuing transition to the ADM, Reading Youth Hockey will offer the following options for Mite hockey players (born 2005 or younger) for the 2013-14 season:

**Travel Hockey** – We will be entering 2 teams in the new Tri-State Mite Hockey League (<http://www.tsmhl.com>). Intended for our more advanced players, this full travel option will include 2-3 practices during the week and games at various rinks in the area. We expect the game schedule to be approximately 30-35 games. Players will be required to tryout in the late summer/early fall. Cost for the program: \$1,150.

**Reading Developmental Hockey League (RDHL)** – We are creating a new in-house program which will consist of 1 practice on Saturday and 1 game on Sunday, all at Burbank arena (replaces the “buzzer” program). The games will be **HALF-ICE**, utilizing a new set of full-boards that divide the rink at the red line. As the season progresses we will look for opportunities to incorporate full-ice scrimmages, potentially with other town programs. Cost: \$750.

**RDHL Plus** – Players are part of the RDHL but get one additional coach's skill session/practice during the week. Cost: \$900.

Players registering for the RDHL/RDHL Plus programs are not required to try out. Practices will start in early to mid-September and players will be notified via email once the schedule is available.

All travel players must tryout. Players who try out are not guaranteed a spot on a travel team, as some may be placed on an RDHL team instead.

Registration for these 3 programs will be available soon on our website; a notification email will be sent regarding registration details.

In addition to the team programs above we will be offering “Learn To Play” and “Learn To Skate” programs. These are one session per week, Sunday mornings at Burbank Arena. Details and a registration form for these programs will be posted in September.

**For more information on the mite programs please contact Mite Director Jim Abbott at [James.W.Abbott@wellsfargoadvisors.com](mailto:James.W.Abbott@wellsfargoadvisors.com) or 724-316-1308.**