

## **SAM 2015-2016 Annual Tier IV Hockey Report**

Another great season has come and gone for the SAM hockey families. With each passing year, tireless volunteers with the SAM organization, continue their work to make the youth hockey experience better. [SAM hosted 4 mite teams, 2 squirt teams, 2 peewee teams, 2 bantam teams and](#) had several participants in [a cooperative girls hockey team](#).

This year, SAM has experienced the most successful improvements in the Atoms program. The Atom program is the key in sustaining the SAM organization. Through an innovative approach of offering the 1st 4 week session for free by securing sponsors and making free equipment and skates available for most participants, the Atoms program saw around 60 participants. The success of this program can be accredited to a small group of dedicated volunteers, spearheaded by Dan Foster, Phil Davidson, Ian Gould and several others, who gave of their time and equipment to make it a total success.

[I would like to send a special thanks](#) to Tanya Quigley, who has been the skating instructor for the Atoms program and power skating sessions. She has conducted these programs with professionalism and made them truly effective in providing proper skating skills to all our players. From all the kids who took their first stride with you, to the players who you helped advance their skills, from the coaches who worked with you, a sincere thank you!

The 2nd annual Pond Hockey Classic was a sold out affair again and went off without a hitch. The indoor pond hockey event was expanded to two, 2 hour sessions of 10U and 12U competitions. It was again, a fun and successful fundraiser.

SAM hockey players should look to sign up soon for another exciting HNIM summer hockey program with games starting in June and teams forming now. Also, look for an upcoming checking clinic that will be conducted prior to summer hockey and open to upcoming 2nd year peewees and bantams.

[On behalf of the Hockey Steering Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the dedicated coaches, parents and volunteers which make the hockey experience at SAM a positive one for all.](#)

[Respectfully submitted,](#)

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