

## **SAM 2016-2017 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, and 1 bantam team and had several participants in a cooperative girls hockey team.

Again 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 continuing the 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, new and experienced, who gave of their time and equipment to make it a total success.

SAM hockey players should look to sign up soon for another exciting HNIM summer hockey program with a new format on how teams are formed for SAM members. Games will be starting in June with sign ups now underway. Also, look for an upcoming checking clinic that will be conducted prior to summer hockey and open to birth years of '05, '04 and '03.

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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