



THERE ARE ALSO AREAS THAT ARE NEGOTIABLE, WHERE AN MHA HAS FLEXIBILITY TO ADOPT CERTAIN STANDARDS OF PLAY OR NOT.

IN MAKING DECISIONS ON THESE ITEMS, MHAS ARE REMINDED TO KEEP THE CONCEPTS OF AGE APPROPRIATE AND MEANINGFUL COMPETITION AT THE FOREFRONT.

NEGOTIABLES

GAME PLAY GUIDELINES:

- **Shift Length:**
recommend 3 minutes or less for Initiation
recommend 1.5 minutes or less for Novice
- **Blue Puck:** recommended for Novice game play
- **Game Length:** recommend no longer than an hour with two halves
- **Net size:**
recommend 3' x 4' for Initiation
recommend either 3' x 4' or regulation size (4' x 6') for Novice

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES:

- **Age groups:** one- or two-year age groups are acceptable
- **Grouping of players for games** (see Pg 28)
- **Seasonal Structure:** recommend 2:1 practice to game ratio, ideal season outlined
- **Practice Format:** recommend station work
- **Player Acceleration:** determined by MHA policy
- **Player Movement:** determined by the MHA