



**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 U7  
recommend 1.5 minutes or less for U9
- **Blue Puck:** recommended for U9 game play
- **Game Length:** recommend no longer than an hour with two halves
- **Net size:**  
recommend 3' x 4' for U7  
recommend either 3' x 4' or regulation size (4' x 6') for U9

## 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