

9v9 Field Orientation for U12 & U13

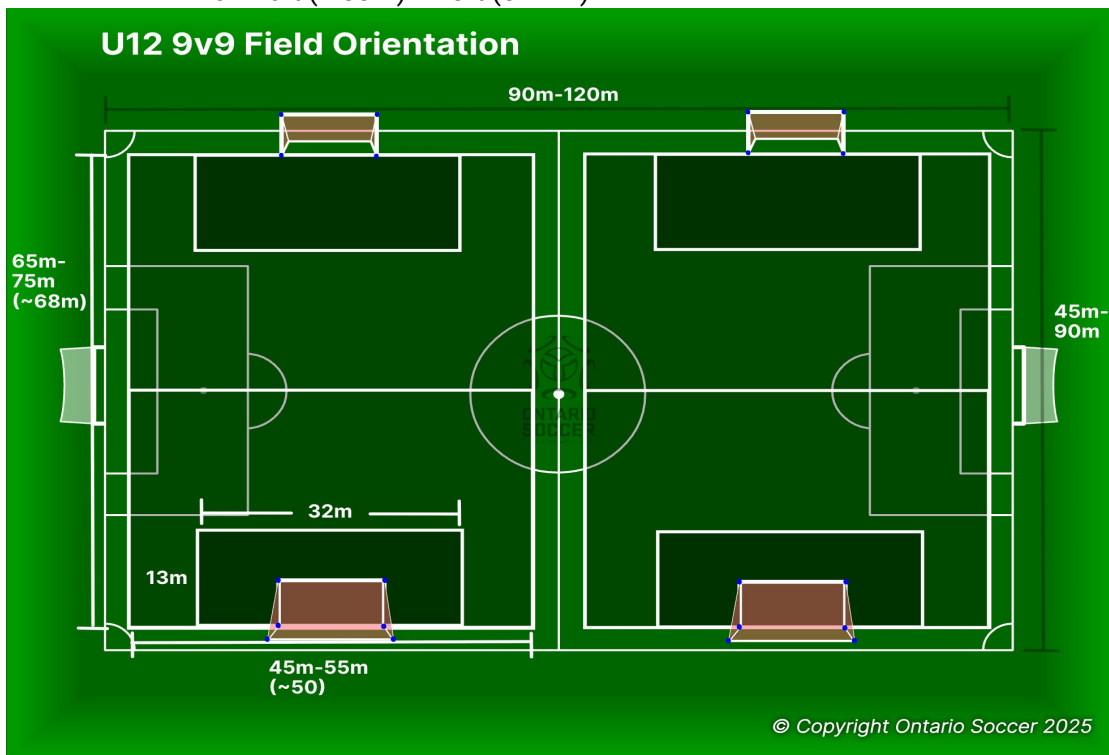
Background

Starting for Indoor 2025-26, the Under-12 & 13 age groups will adopt the 9v9 format in accordance with Canada Soccer's Grassroots Standards. To assist Clubs with field setup, the following information provides a *how to* adapt existing 11v11 fields for both U12 and U13 age groups. Recognizing the varying constraints across Ontario relative to field inventory, the below serve as recommend best practice.

Field Setup Overview

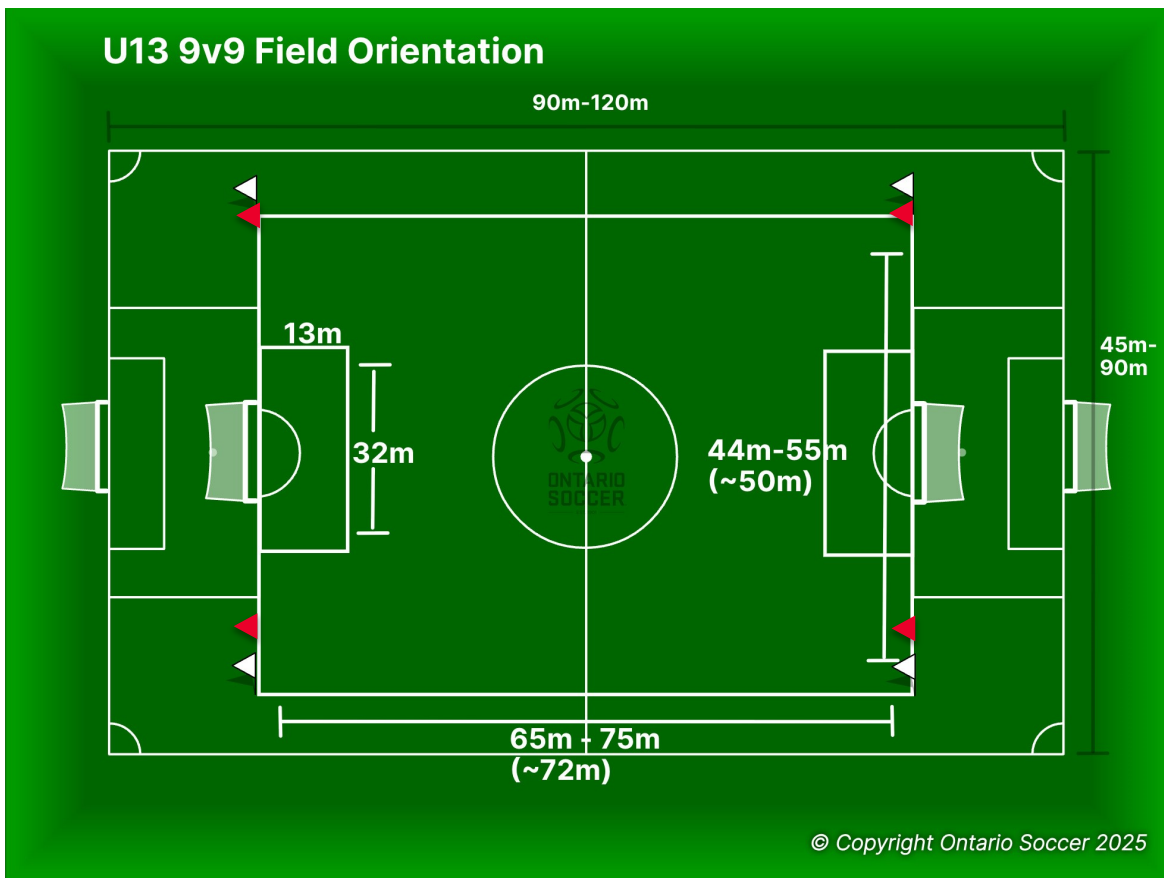
U12 (Double Field Setup)

- Use of the full 11-a-side pitch width.
- Set up two 9v9 fields across the width of the 11v11 pitch – maximizes space usage and supports scheduling flexibility.
- Example Dimensions (per field with preferred measurements noted as ~#):
 - Length: 65–75m (from sideline to sideline)
 - Width: 45–55m (half 11v11 pitch length)
 - Goal Size:
 - Ideal: 6.5ft (1.98m) x 18.5ft (5.46m)
 - Maximum: 7ft (2.13m) x 21.5ft (6.55m)
 - Minimum: 6ft (1.83m) x 18ft (5.49m)



U13 (Preferred Setup)

- Use of the full 11v11 pitch (use of width dependent on field dimensions).
- Play box-to-box (penalty area to penalty area) - provides appropriate playing space for all moments of the game and more advanced tactical development.
- Example Dimensions (preferred measurements noted as ~#):
 - Length: 65–75m (from penalty box to penalty box)
 - Width: 45–55m (half 11v11 pitch length)
 - Goal Size:
 - Ideal: 6.5ft (1.98m) x 18.5ft (5.46m)
 - Maximum: 7ft (2.13m) x 21.5ft (6.55m)
 - Minimum: 6ft (1.83m) x 18ft (5.49m)



Field Marking Recommendations

- Use cones, temporary paint, or flat markers for clear boundaries.
- Ensure penalty area and build-out lines are clearly marked.
- Goals must be secured and safely weighted or anchored at all times.

