

9v9 Field Orientation for U13 OPDL

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Background

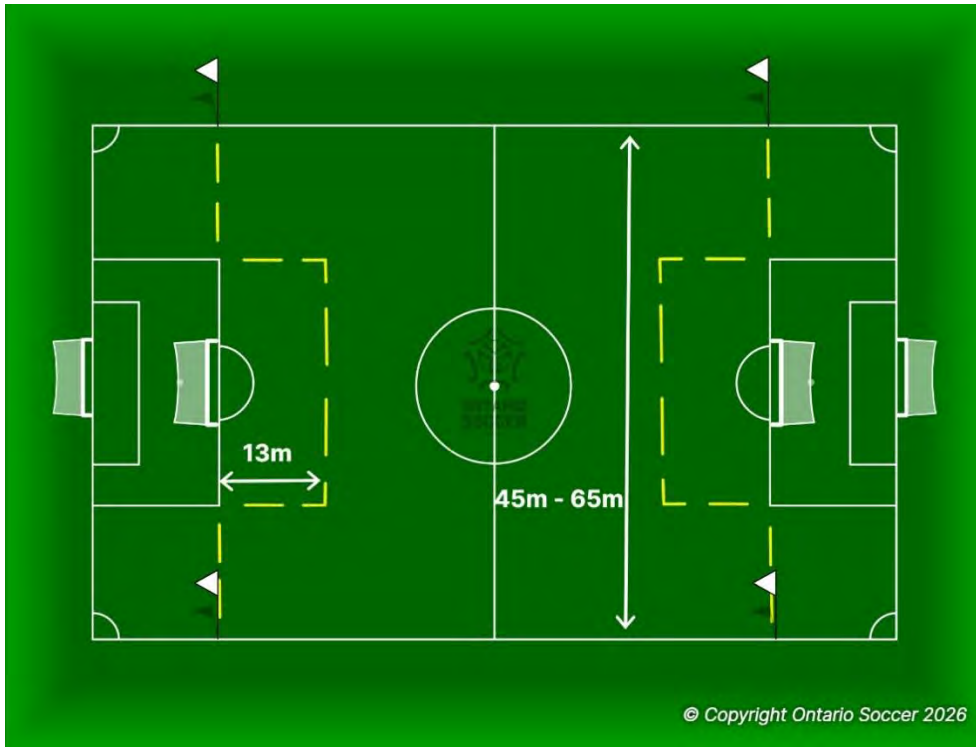
Starting for OPDL 2026, the Under-13 age group will adopt the 9v9 format in accordance with Canada Soccer's Grassroots Standards. To assist Clubs with field setup, the following information provides a *how to* adapt existing 11v11 fields for the U13 age group in the OPDL. Recognizing the varying constraints across Ontario relative to field inventory, the below serves as recommend best practice guide.

Field Setup Overview

U13 OPDL Field Setup

- Use of the full 11v11 pitch (use of width dependent on field dimensions).
 - If the pitch width is greater than 65 metres, it must be reduced to 65 metres in width.
- Play box-to-box (penalty area to penalty area) - provides appropriate playing space for all moments of the game and more advanced tactical development.
- For the use of Goalkeepers: the arc at the top of the full field penalty area will be used as 6-yard box for the goalkeepers
- Minimum Dimensions:
 - Length: From penalty box to penalty box
 - Width: 45–65 metres (Use current field width unless outside of recommendation)
 - Box Depth: 13 metres.
 - Box Width: Same as 18-yard box width on the field
 - 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 Minimum Requirements

Temporary Spray Paint or Chalk Application

- Paint or spray chalk is preferable. Follow the yellow dash markings in the diagram above as a reference if applying spray paint or chalk.
- Ensure that the material being used to line the field is temporary.

Flat Marker Use

- Use minimum of 1 flat, rectangular, marker per yellow dash on diagram. Use corner flat markers if possible and where necessary.
- Recommended: minimum of 20 flat markers to create the field layout (10 markers per side of the field).



Additional Information

- Fixed goals are accepted
- Portable and transportable goals must be secured and safely weighted or anchored at all times and according to the manufacturer's requirements
 - [Garrett's Legacy Act \(Requirements for Moveable Soccer Goals\), 2024, S.O. 2024, c. 13 – Bill 99](#)
- Ensure Corner Flags are being used



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