




# Team Organization





**DEVELOPMENT FIELD - 47x30 yards**

- U9 and U10 - **7v7** - 14 players per team
- 7v7 formations promote a good distribution of the players on the field and provide a versatile framework to introduce simple tactical elements at an early age
- Formations are focused in the development of attacking elements of the game
- 1-2-3-1 formation: designed to develop passing and movement of the ball
- 1-3-2-1 formation: designed to promote forward runs and 1v1 situations

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**SMALL SIDED FIELD - 75x47 yards**

- U11 and U12 - **9v9** - 16 players per team
- On a bigger field 9v9 formations are ideal to keep developing attacking elements of the game and introduce basic defensive concepts working as a unit
- 1-3-2-3 formation: designed to provide space in midfield areas and provide multiple attacking options at front
- 1-3-3-2 formation: designed to understand basic defensive organization and promote build up play

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Building on the approach, the organization of the team is also an important factor for player development.

Please note that while the development of the individual player is the priority, an individual plays games as part of a team model.

As reference, the visuals listed show the numbers of players on a team and formations that can be utilized to promote development.

Again, these formations are consistent with, and specific to, the player development objectives at the respective age groups.