

9v9 Formations

After reading about [lineup creation](#), [player positions](#), and [basics of formations](#), you should have a solid grounding to select your formation for the season. Here are specific recommendations for 9v9.

3-2-3

Pros:

- 4 spots to put less developed players (wings and fullbacks)
- Very strong center
- Excellent width
- Provides good passing and clearing options
- Tends to isolate your forward with opposing centerback
- Transitions well to the popular 4-3-3 formation at 11v11

Cons:

- Higher work rate needed from center mids
- Four strong players needed on the field at all times

This has become the more popular formation among most club organizations however I really like it at the rec level for separate reasons. It matches up very well with the traditionally more popular 3-3-2 formation.

3-3-2

Pros:

- Balanced offense and defense
- 5 spots to put less developed players (outside fullbacks/mids and either forward)

Cons:

- Does not match up well against 3-2-3 in the middle of the field

- Less offensive / easier to cover

Other formations and opinions:

<http://www.youthsoccer101plans.com/9v9-formations.html>

[*9v9 Soccer Formations : What is the best formation for 9 a side soccer*](#)