



Swiss Netball President's Report 2023-2024

Firstly, a thank you to our netball family for the very warm welcome as Swiss Netball President. We had many firsts this season as we continue to build on solid foundations. I am proud to share the progress made against our strategy with limited resources and look forward to seeing our members back on court after a well deserved summer break.

RAISING AWARENESS AND INCREASING PARTICIPATION

We saw the creation of two new clubs this year, one junior club - the LGB Jets based in Geneva - and one senior club, Val de Bagnes in Valais/Wallis. We welcome both clubs into our netball family and wish them the very best success in the netball world and beyond.

STRENGTHEN COMPETITION AT ALL LEVELS

Matchplay

This season we organized three junior matchplays and two senior matchplays, all of which, to date, were well attended. Matchplays offer a more informal setting for players and umpires in training. Particular thanks go to the coaches who were involved in the junior scratch plays that allowed court time for everyone.

National League

The Swiss Netball National League expanded to a third division and continued with fixture dates and venues across the country making it a truly national league. The season started strongly but unfortunately saw a spate of forfeits towards the end of the season. We hope the National League will maintain the starting momentum next season.

Congratulations to all the teams that participated this season making this the largest National League run to date.

Division	Champions	Vice-Champions
Matterhorn	GGNA	Zurich Blau
Monte Rosa	Nyon Red Romans	Lausanne
Mönch	Zug	Zurich Weiss

National Competitions

Our National competitions, the Junior Clubs Tournament (JCT) and The Peppermill were highly contested. One first was that Swiss Netball trialed the sourcing of umpires which proved more challenging than expected; thank you to the many umpires and player-umpires stepping up.

Congratulations to all the teams that participated in the JCT across the 4 age groups:

Age Group	Gold	Silver	Bronze
U11	GGNA	Meinier	-
U13	GGNA	Kingfishers	LGB Jets
U15	GGNA	AGNA	Meinier
U17	GGNA	AGNA	Kingfishers

And to the teams at The Peppermill, where there were 16 teams for the first time:

Gold	Silver	Bronze
GIN	Lancy	Zurich Limmat

At The Peppermill, we awarded the Carmela Vonlanthen DiNenna Spirit of Sport Award for the second time. The award is awarded to someone or a group of people who encourage team spirit, who nurture and promote fair play and who champion netball in the local community, just as Carmela did. The award this year went to two very well-deserved recipients, Annie Richardson and Marneylea Browne. Congratulations both!

I would like to extend our thanks to Centre Sportif Bois-des-Frères for their continuing support that allows these tournaments to be held.

Officiating

We have appointed a new Officiating Lead, Jana Maritz, this season who took over from Carol D'Alberti. We would like to thank Carol for the invaluable work she has done for Officiating in Switzerland.

During the season, an Into Umpiring Course and a Europe Netball C Award Course were delivered, with Swiss Netball's in-country Europe Netball C Award Assessors undertaking several assessments. Europe Netball Assessors and Mentors visited Switzerland to provide mentoring and undertake B Award assessments. We are proud to have gained 4 new C Award Umpires and 2 new B Award Umpires in the 2023-2024 season. Congratulations to you all!

An Umpiring Mentor Programme has been introduced and trialled, over two weekends, towards the end of the season and we are looking forward to have it formally implemented in the 2024-2025 season.

We bid farewell with our eternal thanks to both Helen Ashton and John Sturgess. Helen has retired from her role as Europe Netball Theory Tutor after 5 years and John has retired as a C Award Umpire.

PROGRESS INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

We started the season with a new Head Coach, Mollie Brodie, complemented by Assistant Coaches Jess Brown, Annette Waterman, Bronwyn McGinity and Marneylea Browne. For the first time, Swiss Netball entered a team in the inaugural Europe Netball U21 Combined Event placing 4th in the division. We continued the season with the 2024 U17 Europe Netball Challenge event, placing 4th in our division with Brooke MacDonald winning Players Player – very well deserved!

Ahead of the Europe Netball Open Challenge, we hosted some international friendlies with Sweden, the Valley Vipers (France) and Dinas Devils (Wales) that we hope to have as a permanent fixture moving forwards. I wish our Open team success!

Our sincere thanks are extended to our previous Head Coach, Vanessa McErlain-Naylor, and Assistant Coaches Jess Brown and Marneylea Browne who stepped down during the season. Thanks too for our National Squad Team Manager, Emma Connolly, and National Squad Assistant Team Manager, Luisa Jud, who have made organization look effortless.


REINFORCE SWISS NETBALL FOUNDATIONS

Another first was the introduction of the Club Council to raise, debate and make proposals to the Committee regarding Swiss Netball policies, procedures, strategies and organisational improvements. A total of 16 proposals were covered during the year.

Based on this, we have also reviewed and revised our Swiss Netball Strategy which will be presented at the AGA.

The streamlining of queries to the Committee has greatly improved however, we would like to take this opportunity to remind our Members to submit queries to admin@swissnetball.ch unless there is a specific request which should be sent to the appropriate mailbox, for example, communications@swissnetball.ch or operations@swissnetball.ch always copying in admin@swissnetball.ch.

Lastly, I am proud of the progress Swiss Netball continues to make despite the limited resources that it has available. A final thanks to my fellow Swiss Netball Committee Members, all the Swiss Netball volunteers and our netball community for your commitment of time and energy that you continue to give so selflessly.



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Swiss Netball President

Swiss Netball International and National Match Programme 2024-2025

International

- Europe Netball 2025 U17 Challenge: 7-9 March 2025
- Spring International Friendlies: April 2025
- Europe Netball Open Challenge: 15-18 May 2025

National

Swiss Netball Matchplay

- 6 October 2024 – Junior
- 18 October 2024 – Senior
- 3 November 2024 - Junior
- 16 March 2025 – Junior
- 16 March 2025 – Senior Mixed
- 7 June 2025 – Senior Mixed

National League

- Round 1 – 26 October 2024
- Round 2 – 24 November 2024
- Round 3 – 7 December 2024
- Round 4 – 18 January 2025
- Round 5 – 22 February 2025
- Round 6 – 22 March 2025
- Round 7 – 31 May 2025
- Round 8 – 8 June 2025

Tournaments

- Junior Clubs Tournament – 17 November 2024
- Peppermill Challenge Cup – 15 March 2025