



## Information Pack for the 2024-25 U17 National Squad Trials 14-15 September 2024

Swiss Netball will run trials for the U17 National Squad on 14-15 September 2024 at the **Centre sportif du Bois-des-Frères, Chem. de l'Ecu 22, 1219 Vernier**. Saturday 10h30-16h30, Sunday 09h00-15h00

The 2024-25 National Squad programme will run from September 2024 – February 2025 working towards the Europe Netball events next season. There will also be a pre-season Summer training programme available to register for. We recommend any wishing to trial to register for the programme.

### Selection and registration

**The deadline for submission of nominations is 1 September 2024**

Swiss Netball invites its Member Netball Centres (schools and clubs) to pre-select and nominate athletes born **BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2008 AND 31 DECEMBER 2011** to attend the U17 trials.

**All athletes currently part of the National Squad and wishing to gain a place in next season's squad will be required to trial.**

We want to underline that all athletes are trialling for a place in the Swiss National Squad. **Expectations are high.** Please note that athletes who have been involved in Swiss Netball squads or past teams will not gain automatic entry. The trial days can be stressful for athletes, so we would ask Netball Centres to provide adequate advance preparation and support, to manage expectations realistically, and to only put athletes forward whom you believe meet the standards required.

### To be eligible for the National Squad, athletes must:

1. Be born in Switzerland or have at least one parent or grandparent born in Switzerland; or
2. Be a Swiss National (hold a CH passport); or,
3. Have been resident in Switzerland for 2 years or more

Proof of eligibility will be required and must be provided when requested.

Swiss Netball reserves the right to consider exceptional athletes who will become eligible in a forthcoming season provided there is a commitment to the Squad in the long-term.

NB In any such cases, the athlete will be able to train and participate in match play but will not be able to represent Switzerland in an official (Europe Netball) team until they meet the eligibility criteria.

Each Netball Centre should send the appropriate form with all the names of their nominated athletes to attend the trials to [teammanager@swissnetball.ch](mailto:teammanager@swissnetball.ch)

### Netball Member Centres should:

1. **Complete and return the nomination form with the name of each nominated athlete.**  
**All athletes' names must be submitted including those athletes who were in the 2023-2024 National Squad who wish to trial.** Commitment to trial is imperative once nominated.
2. **Inform all nominated athletes that they must pay the CHF 30.- 2024-25 individual licence fee.**  
Swiss Netball will not reimburse any athlete their individual licence fee or their trial fee should they not attend trials since no-shows to a trial cause considerable disruption to the organisation and create more

work for the Management Team to reshuffle athletes over the weekend.

3. **Ensure all nominated athletes read the Swiss Netball Code of Conduct form, the Athlete Agreement and read, sign and return the Athlete Declaration Form**, which should be used to help all trialists to understand some of the commitments involved and the standards expected of all those selected.

- Netball Centres should coordinate communications related to nominations directly with Swiss Netball
- No nominations will be accepted from individual athletes/parents unless the athlete is not a member of a Netball Centre
- Netball Centres nominating multiple athletes should send all of the information requested, at the same time, in one email

#### **Nominated athletes must:**

1. **Hold an Individual Swiss Netball licence for the 2024-25 season** [www.swissnetball.ch](http://www.swissnetball.ch) top right, Member registration (CHF 30.- for the 2024-25 season). It is important that all athlete information is correct and is kept up-to-date as this information will be used for the trials and for later events as and when required. Trial information will be sent to the email address used when registering for the Individual Licence in Eventene.
2. **Register and pay the trial fee (CHF 40.-) via Eventene** which will be available once you have paid the CHF 30.- individual licence fee to Swiss Netball.
3. Each nominated athlete will receive further information from Swiss Netball regarding the trials closer to the trial date.

#### **Selection**

The Swiss Netball Committee has entrusted the entirety of the decision-making related to the selection of the National Squad to the Selection Panel. Selectors will be advised on the day. Swiss Netball reserves the right to add or change the Selection Panel during the season (event to event). Assistant/Support Coaches and Team Managers may support the trial as called upon to do so.

The trials may include but is not limited to:

- Matchplay
- Fitness

#### **Trialists must wear a plain white t-shirt and plain coloured shorts or skirts to the trials.**

Club, school, camp or any other kit that shows allegiance to one of the former is not permitted. Trialists may be asked to leave if their kit is inappropriate.

Please note that the trials will take place over the weekend and athletes may be asked not to attend the following day on the 15 September depending on the number of athletes nominated to trial. The 2024-25 National Squad will be communicated via Swiss Netball communication channels **once all athletes have confirmed or not accepted their place in the U17 National Squad and paid at least a deposit for the National Squad training**. There is no capacity to give any non-selected athletes specific individual feedback.

#### **Observers and Support**

The trials will be open, which means that accompanying parents/supporters from a Swiss Netball Member Centre are welcome, should they wish, to observe the trials from the upstairs gallery. Observers are kindly asked to respect the role and working space of the National Squad Management Team. **Please note that no observers are permitted on the courts at any time.** Trialists must not have any contact with anyone

else other than the Swiss Netball management team and other trialists during the trials, speaking to anyone outside of this group may result in the trialist being requested to leave. Any queries should be raised in advance via email to [teammanager@swissnetball.ch](mailto:teammanager@swissnetball.ch) and any urgent queries onsite should be addressed to the Team Manager(s) supporting the trials. Thank you for your understanding. **No videoing and/or photographing is allowed. If anyone is seen doing so, they will be asked to delete what was taken and leave the venue.**

## **Post-Trials Procedure**

The 2024-25 National Squad will be communicated via Swiss Netball communication channels once all the athletes have accepted their place in the Squad and paid at least a deposit.

Selected athletes will be expected **without** exception to attend all allocated training sessions for the forthcoming season, to pay the National Squad annual training fee and, if selected into the U17 national representative team, to be available for competition dates and to pay the corresponding tour fees. Should these commitments **not be met**, Swiss Netball reserves the right to withdraw the athlete's place in the Squad.

The **in-person** training dates for the 2024-25 season are as follows (contingent on venues):

- 28-29 September 2024
- 27 October 2024
- 9-10 November 2024
- 23 November 2024
- 11-12 January 2025 - La Grande Bossière, Geneva
- 1-2 February 2025
- 22-23 February 2025 - Bois-des-Frères, Geneva

Please note there will be additional online sessions that will form part of the schedule

Personal fitness is the responsibility of the individual and will NOT form part of the in-person sessions

**Competition Date: U17 Europe Netball Challenge Cup, 7-9 March 2025**

Other fixtures may be arranged and selection will take place for them in advance

**DEADLINE:**

**By Sunday 1 September 2024**

Nomination forms should be sent to:

[teammanager@swissnetball.ch](mailto:teammanager@swissnetball.ch)

Please note that late and incomplete nominations **will not** be accepted.



## Information on Related Financial Commitments

The financial commitments related to the National Squad Performance Programme are as follows:

- A trial fee of CHF 40.- for each trialist
- An annual fee for each athlete selected into the programme
- Competition entry fees for athletes selected into a representative team

The Annual Fee for the National Squad will be CHF 750.- for the year (the year runs from September of one year to February of the next). At least a deposit must be settled immediately when an athlete accepts her place in the programme and before any training commences. No Squad announcement will be made until all this has been done.

**No refunds will be given if an athlete withdraws or is de-selected from the programme.**

The **Annual Programme fee** covers costs associated with:

- Travel expenses and accommodation for Management Team
- Coaches
- Venue hire
- Team Manager
- Training top
- Swiss Netball overhead allocation
- Online activities
- Equipment, First Aid and any other additional expenses

### Competition Entry Fees:

Athletes selected onto a representative team will need to pay competition entry fees in addition to the Annual Programme fee. The costs of these competitions will be divided among the selected athletes and fees will cover, amongst other things, costs for:

- Kit
- Accommodation
- Travel
- Food
- Competition entry/umpires
- Coaches, Primary Carer and Team Manager

**Approximate estimation of the competition fee paid by each athlete is between CHF 1600.- and CHF 2000.-**

The total tour fee is dependent on length of competition, destination, etc. By agreeing to be part of the Programme, the athlete is agreeing to pay these fees if selected. Athletes are encouraged to individually approach their local club, commune or canton for assistance with these costs and to endeavour to fundraise at local level before competition to help reduce the individual financial burden.

Swiss Netball recommends that athletes are adequately insured in case of not being able to attend competition at the last minute (e.g. in the event of illness or injury) so that they can claim back associated costs from their own insurance.

### Financial hardship assistance

Swiss Netball understands that our athletes or their families may experience financial difficulty from time to time. As such, the Committee has worked to put aside a small amount of funding each year to support elite athletes to cover the Programme and Competition fee (National Squad and representative teams). The amount is very limited and will be allotted at the discretion of a sub-group of the Committee upon the receipt of applications from interested player (or parents in the case of minors).

Anyone wishing to obtain more information should please contact the Swiss Netball Committee Finance Director: [finance@swissnetball.ch](mailto:finance@swissnetball.ch)