



Swiss Netball President's Report 2024-2025

And just like that, another season has flown by for Swiss Netball. I am thrilled to share what has been delivered in the first year of our revised strategy and look forward to building on the excellent work moving forwards, bringing more opportunities to PLAY, PERFORM, GROW and GOVERN.

PLAY

Matchplay

This season we organized three junior match plays and three senior match plays, two of which were mixed for the first time. Match plays offer a more informal setting for players and umpires in training. Particular thanks go to the coaches, players and umpire-in-training mentors who were involved in the junior scratch plays that allowed court time for everyone.

National League

The Swiss Netball National League continued with fixture dates and venues across the country in a condensed season. Congratulations to all the teams who participated this season and on the highly competitive play.

Division	Champions	Vice-Champions
Matterhorn	Aubonne All Stars	Zurich Blau
Monte Rosa	Zug	Zurich Weiss

National Competitions

Our National competitions, the Junior Clubs Tournament (JCT) and The Peppermill, were highly contested. In a first for Swiss Netball, umpire mentors were able to support the umpires in both tournaments.

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

Age Group	Gold	Silver	Bronze
U11	GGNA	LGB Jets	Meinier
U13	GGNA	LGB Jets	Aubonne All Stars
U15	Meinier	GGNA	Aubonne All Stars
U17	Aubonne All Stars	GGNA	LGB Jets

And congratulations to all 11 teams in The Peppermill, as well as Players' Player Anabelle Soarez from LausAngeles:

Champions	Vice-Champions	Bronze
GIN	Aubonne All Stars	GGNA

At The Peppermill, we awarded the Carmela Vonlanthen DiNenna Spirit of Sport Award for the third 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, Bronwyn McGinty and Sarah Irwin. Congratulations both!

Next season, we are proud to share that there will be an inaugural mixed tournament in addition to JCT and The Peppermill.

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

PERFORM

The National Squad has continued to grow and develop this season, aligning with its long-term vision and strategic objectives.

U17

We successfully re-established our junior pathway with the introduction of the Emerging Talent Programme (ETP) engaging 28 athletes across the Performance and ETP Squads. The ETP has allowed us to expand player involvement compared to previous years, promoting continuity for future player development and creating more coaching opportunities. We initiated open dialogue with clubs to strengthen relationships and promote collaboration. The U17 Challenge competition saw us secure a notable win against the Isle of Man and quarters taken against Gibraltar, making clear progress in performance. The junior pathway is proving to be an effective feeder for the Open squad, with two athletes advancing this season and being named as non-travelling reserves for the Open competition.

Open

A larger Open squad of 24 athletes was selected this season to foster increased internal competition and elevate performance standards.

Unfortunately, the scheduled Open event was cancelled just a week before its start by Europe Netball, due to security concerns. In response, participating nations still interested in trying to play, coordinated independently to organise replacement world ranking matches. This required significant effort from our team and with the support of World Netball, the replacements proceeded successfully, featuring matches against the Isle of Man, Gibraltar, Malta and France. We recorded strong performances, winning quarters against all teams and notably securing the second half against Gibraltar, the eventual winners and the highest-ranked team. We recognise that to support our ongoing development and ensure optimal preparation for next year's event, securing more high-level competition will be a key priority.

Looking ahead to next season, our key areas of focus across the Squads will include:

- Ensuring stability and consistency within the coaching team
- Enhancing transparency and communication with junior clubs regarding the annual programme
- Increasing opportunities for high-level match play
- Building on our competitive results
- Recruiting a performance analyst to provide data-driven insights into both individual and team performance, supporting coaches and athletes in their pursuit of optimal results.

I would also like to extend our thanks to Maaree Sports Bras as our Open National Squad sponsor. We will continue to explore commercial opportunities to unlock future funding for our national athletes.

GROW

Swiss netball continues to go from strength to strength; demonstrating growth across all areas outlined within Swiss Netball three-year strategy.

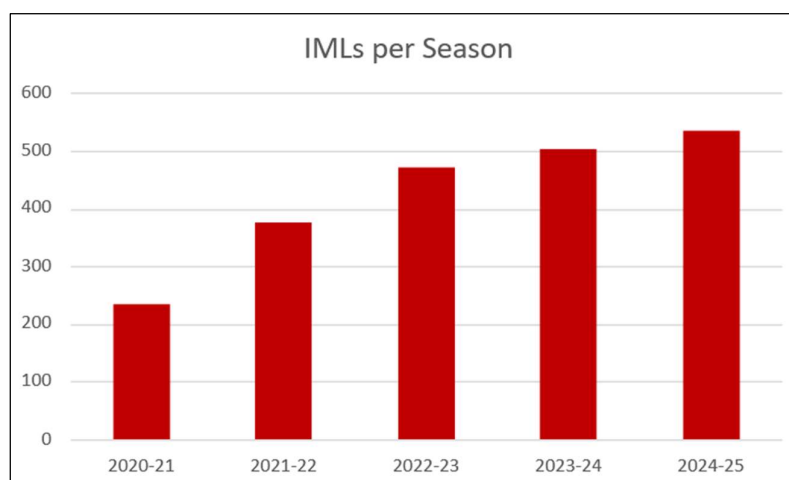
Encourage & Support New Clubs

Val de Bagnes officially qualified for the Swiss Netball funding package this year, and we look forward to seeing them go from strength to strength. Thank you to Jo Beveridge for her feedback on how we can improve supporting new clubs. We have had two further enquiries about new clubs which we hope to welcome as early as next season.

Increase Membership

For the first time, we have surpassed 500 Individual members across 15 clubs, moving us closer to Swiss Olympic recognition. We continue to circulate a newsletter twice a year and have introduced an officiating newsletter.

Our Instagram account has continued to grow, now approaching 2,000 followers with 2,300 followers on Facebook. In March 2025, we launched a TikTok account, which has already garnered nearly 1,500 likes.



Coaching

Swiss Netball now has more than 15 qualified coaches in country with a number passing this year via Europe Netball. Congratulations to all.

Swiss Netball would welcome applications for the Coaching Lead position for next season.

Officiating

Swiss Netball introduced an ambitious Officiating programme which included a Mentoring and Support Programme, 10 well attended officiating courses, four continuous development sessions, an officiating kit, opportunities for in-training umpires to gain more practical experience at Junior Matchplays and a Europe Netball endorsed Technical Official Pathway which will be implemented next season.

We are very proud to share that we have five newly qualified C Award umpires with four more assessments to take place before the end of the season. In a first for Swiss Netball, we are also proud to share that we have two new B Award Assessors, one new B Award Tutor and seven new umpire mentors.

I would like to extend my person thanks to Jana Maritz for continually striving to improve and grow our Officiating programme and who has also successfully passed her A Award this year; an incredible contribution to Swiss Netball.

GOVERN

Swiss Netball continues to strive for robust financial discipline and governance excellence to ensure we have a sustainable organisation. As is good practice, we will be reviewing the Swiss Netball Statutes next year to ensure they remain fit for purpose.

The Club Council, now in its second year, met frequently throughout the season and shared 5 proposals with the Committee. This helped refine the 2025-2026 season's National League structure and Swiss Netball calendar.

Additionally, we launched our redesigned website which offers a more streamlined and user-friendly experience to help our community easily access the information they need.

I would like to extend our thanks to Amarillo Treuhand for their continuing support as our independent accountant and to the members of the Club Council.

Lastly, I remain proud of the progress Swiss Netball continues to make despite the limited resources 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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Debbie Brown
Swiss Netball President

SWISS NETBALL INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL MATCH PROGRAMME 2025-2026

International

- Europe Netball 2025 U17 Challenge: 5-8 March 2026 (provisional)
- Spring International Friendlies: January and April 2026
- Europe Netball Open Challenge: 14 –17 May 2026 (provisional)

National

Swiss Netball Matchplay

- 14 September 2025 – Junior 1
- 5 October 2025 – Junior 2
- 26 October 2025 – Senior and Mixed 1
- 31 January 2026 – Senior and Mixed 2
- 9 May 2026 – Junior 3

National League

- Round 1 – 21 September 2025
- Round 2 – 4 October 2025
- Round 3 – 9 November 2025
- Round 4 – 22 November 2025 (provisional)
- Round 5 – 30 November 2025
- Round 6 – 25 January 2026

Tournaments

- Junior Clubs Tournament – 23 November 2025
- Peppermill Challenge Cup – 14 March 2026
- Mixed Tournament (name to be selected) – 15 March 2026