



The Avenir Suisse programme is now in its 5th year – not counting the year with the global pandemic. Swiss Netball hopes that the number of athletes participating in the programme will continue to grow, building on the previous success by supporting, encouraging and developing the athletes in their aim to progress to the National Squad.

What is Avenir Suisse?

Avenir Suisse has been designed to give a boost to netball development, acknowledging that some players in clubs have limited opportunities for training. Swiss Netball recognises that there is a great deal of potential out there and designed this inspirational programme to run alongside our National Squad, thus sharing both knowledge and resources. Developing athletes will be given access to additional coaching through this programme which will also help raise the level of netball in clubs. Our National Squad coaches will be on hand to identify future talent for the National Squad and Swiss representative teams, which will also benefit from having a greater pool of elite athletes to select from.

Who is eligible?

Avenir Suisse is for eligible girls with limited netball opportunities which means primarily girls only playing in a club. Those who have netball at school can train regularly, are able to participate in competitions and tournaments and can also attend a club should they wish.

Avenir Suisse candidate profile: Swiss passport holding/residents, i.e. those meeting the eligibility criteria of playing for Switzerland, born 2007 – 2010 with limited access to netball (club netball only). All nominated athletes must be an Individual Member of Swiss Netball. www.swissnetball.ch top right hand corner – “Member registration” for the 2023-24 season.

Training information:

Training will take place alongside the National Squad approximately 8 times a year mainly on a Saturday afternoon.

Dates 2023-2024:

Saturday 2 September 2023

Friday 22 September 2023 – evening

Saturday 23 September 2023 – all day

Saturday 21 October 2023

Saturday 11 November 2023 – all day

Saturday 9 December 2023

Saturday 27 January 2024 – all day

Saturday 13 April 2024

Times:

Saturday afternoons from 13h30 – 16h00

These times can change depending on the venues

Communications will be mainly in French, depending on the athletes in the group and the coach. Swiss Netball are looking for a volunteer French-speaking Team Manager. Please email emma.connolly@swissnetball.ch if this role would interest you.

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Cost:

Swiss Netball aims at keeping costs of participating in netball in the country as low as possible. In this case, the cost of participating in the Avenir Suisse programme is **CHF 200.-**, which includes a training top and the Swiss Netball Introduction to Umpiring award course fee.

Attendance:

Athletes are required to attend all training sessions and must continue with their club netball. The aim of Avenir Suisse is to provide **more** netball opportunities to these developing young athletes.

Attached is a form for the Avenir Suisse. Kindly fill the form out for every athlete you wish to nominate for the programme. Deadline for nominating athletes for the programme is **25 August 2023**.

All nominated athletes must be an Individual Member of Swiss Netball for the 2023-24 season.

Umpiring:

All Avenir Suisse athletes may be expected to attend the Swiss Netball Into Umpiring award course (if not an active qualified umpire or if they have not already completed the course). The cost is included in the Avenir Suisse Annual Fee.

Trials:

If the programme is over-subscribed, there will be trials for a place in the programme. Information regarding this will be communicated once the nomination deadline has passed.

Invitation: Swiss Netball may offer an athlete a direct place in the programme if spotted or scouted at an event or U17 trials. These athletes will not be required to trial. There may also be athletes who have been informed about the programme and who are encouraged to send in their nomination by the National Squad management team.

Next steps:

Clubs are requested to fill in and return the nomination form for each athlete together with the "Athlete Declaration" form and the "General Indemnity" form for minors.

Kind regards,

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ATHLETE DECLARATION

I..... (insert name), accept the place offered to me in the Avenir Suisse Squad 2023-24. I agree to uphold and respect the Athlete Responsibilities outlined in the Athlete Agreement, including the Code of Conduct, and solemnly and sincerely declare:

Eligibility to represent Switzerland in terms of nationality:

Tick the relevant box(es) below and provide at least one piece of corresponding documentation to support your eligibility.

- I am a citizen of Switzerland (attach copy of passport or other document evidencing citizenship).
- I have been living permanently, and have been physically present in Switzerland for at least 24 months prior to the trials (attach your residence permit or a Carte de legitimisation¹ evidencing that you have lived in Switzerland for 24 months).
- I am a resident of Switzerland and I confirm that I will become eligible to represent Switzerland on (insert date and attach full supporting documentation). I understand that I will not be eligible to represent Switzerland until I have lived in Switzerland for 24 months.

With regards competition eligibility in terms of age (where relevant):

My date of birth is (insert date).

Photography/Filming:

I am aware that Swiss Netball trials, training sessions, and competitive matches may be filmed and/or photographed by Swiss Netball, the event organizer or spectators. I irrevocably and unconditionally consent to the making of recordings and the creation of still and moving representations (visual, audio, or audio/visual and in or any medium) of my performances and/or official appearances at these events and/or at event related functions.

Date:

Athlete's name:

Athlete's signature:

For minors (under 18):

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian:

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian:

¹ Athletes holding a Carte de Legitimation will also need to provide additional documentation attesting to their date of entry into Switzerland, and their place of residence since entry, from an appropriate authority (e.g. Head of Human Resources at a United Nations agency; School Director).

General indemnity (for minors)

I confirm that I,,
(name of parent/legal guardian; please print),

am the parent/legal guardian of
(name of minor child; please print) (hereinafter referred to as "my minor child").

I confirm that I am aware of the possible risks for my minor child when participating in netball and any related activities, which are inherent in the nature of sport. I understand that netball involves physical contact and exertion and that there is a potential for injury, sickness, body harm, death and property damage.

Being aware of the risks referred to above, I assume the risks referred to above and any other risk which might be associated with the participation of my minor child in any activity undertaken or provided by Swiss Netball, and allow my minor child to participate in any such activity.

I confirm that my minor child is physically fit and has no known medical condition which would prohibit her participation in netball and any related activity undertaken or provided by Swiss Netball.

I confirm that my minor child carries the relevant personal health and accident insurance. I further confirm that I am aware that Swiss Netball does not provide any insurance for my minor child in respect of any activity undertaken or provided by Swiss Netball. I further confirm that I understand that Swiss Netball does not accept any liability for any accident and/or any injury that may occur in the context of any such activity.

I hereby give my consent to emergency transportation and the administration of first aid, medical and/or dental treatment in case of injury or illness of my minor child and accept responsibility for the payment of any expenses to cover such transportation and/or treatment.

I hereby forever release Swiss Netball, its officials, members, committees, employees, volunteers, agents or any other representatives of Swiss Netball ("representatives") from any and all claims, liabilities, demands and responsibility relating to injuries, death or damages to my minor child or her or my property which arise from, or are caused by, the use of facilities, equipment, or from her participation in any activity undertaken or provided by Swiss Netball, including claims, losses or demands caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of Suisse Netball or any of its representatives referred to above, except to the extent that such injury, death or damages is caused solely by any of their gross negligence or willful misconduct.

I understand and agree that Swiss Netball and any of its representatives referred to above makes no express or implied representation to me regarding the adequacy or safety of any activity undertaken or provided by Swiss Netball.

Date:

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian:

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: