



Swiss Netball Match Play: Guidance Notes

AIM

By organising match play events, Swiss Netball aims to provide more opportunities for everyone (players, coaches, umpires, scorers and timekeepers) to practice their craft in a fun, friendly and safe environment without the pressure of a formal tournament. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for anyone who wishes to participate in match play events.

MATCH PLAY RULES

All matches (Junior and Senior) will be played following the Rules of Netball in force on the day of the match play. The rules can be found online at www.netball.sport/game/the-rules-of-netball/ or on the Rules of Netball App, available on the app store and google play.

We suggest that all attendees review the rule book to ensure they are familiar with the rules.

PARTICIPANTS

Swiss Netball agrees that inclusion is an important part of development for the sport. While female players must remain at the forefront of netball in Switzerland at this stage, we believe the inclusion of U11 boys in match plays is an appropriate and important first step to inclusion of all genders.

Clubs are kindly asked to remind players that they may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players, specifically:

- a) No adornment or jewellery may be worn other than a wedding ring which must be covered with tape (all piercings must be removed; no taping will be permitted)
- b) A medical alert bracelet may be worn provided it is covered with tape
- c) Fingernails must be short and smooth
- d) Hair must be suitably tied back

Umpires will check nails and jewellery at the beginning of the day and/or each team's first match. No jewellery exceptions for any piercings will be made.

MIXED NETBALL TEAM COMPOSITION

- a) Clubs can only field male players under the age of 11 at any matchplay
- b) A team may start with at least one male on the court, with a maximum of three males on the court at any time.
- c) Teams may use more than three males during the game but **must only have three on at any one time** with any extras being used as substitutes.
- d) Male players shall play one in each area of the court (mid court, goals, and defence. The positions of males are limited to one at either GS / GA, one male at either GK / GD, and one male at either WA / WD / C.
- e) Alternatively, if teams have two male players in the mid court, then they cannot have a male player in defence or goals.

For example:

- WA and C – cannot have a male in GS or GA
- WD and C – cannot have a male in GD or GK
- Male participation is restricted to a maximum of 2 players on court at any one time, with a maximum of one male player in each third of the court – I know we don't have to worry about this yet (as we potentially only have 1 boy) but I would prefer this approach

EQUIPMENT

Goalposts used will be full-size posts (10 ft / 3.05m) and balls will be size 5. Upon agreement by participating clubs, the goalposts may be lowered for the U11 age category. Each team must provide a size 5 netball.

UNIFORMS

Clubs are required to be in matching uniforms and all players must wear positional bibs.

UMPIRES

Umpires are in charge of the matches and all attendees must treat umpires with respect.

Each participating club must provide at least 1 qualified umpire (C Award or above). In addition, this is a great opportunity for learner umpires to gain more match experience, knowledge and confidence and develop their umpiring skills under the guidance of a qualified umpire (see link [here](#) to Swiss Netball Match Play: Guidelines for Umpires and Technical Officials). Clubs are required to umpire their own teams on the day.

SCORING

It will be the prerogative of each participating club to provide a scorer(s) for their matches if they wish. However, scores will not be recorded or published by Swiss Netball.

TIMING

Timing will usually be done through a central timer however the match will begin and end on the umpire's whistle. The clock will not stop for injury time.

CODES OF CONDUCT

By attending the match play, all attendees, including but not limited to players, parents, spectators, coaches, umpires, scorers, timekeepers, volunteers, etc., agree to the Swiss Netball codes of conduct. These can be found on the Swiss Netball website www.swissnetball.ch under the tab **Useful info > General Information > Codes of Conduct**. Swiss Netball reserves the right to remove attendees from the premises if they do not follow the code of conduct.

VIDEOS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Swiss Netball may take team and individual photographs and/or video on the day to use for promotional materials or publicity/marketing purposes etc., in addition to being shared on social media for the purposes of promoting Netball in Switzerland. By attending the match play, all attendees give their permission to Swiss Netball to take and use photos/videos of attendees as Swiss Netball sees fit.