



Information Pack for the 2022-23 National Squad Trials 18-19 June 2022

Swiss Netball will run trials for the National Squad on 18-19 June 2022 at the Centre Sportif du Bois-des-Frères, Chemin de l'Ecu, 24, 1210 Vernier.

The 2022-23 National Squad programme will run from September 2022 - May 2023 working towards the Europe Netball Championships next season. There will be a summer training programme available to everyone during July and August 2022.

Selection and registration

The deadline for submission of nominations is 1 June 2022

Swiss Netball invites its Member Netball Centres (schools and clubs) to pre-select and nominate athletes born **BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2006 AND 31 DECEMBER 2009** to attend the U17 trials. All other nominations will be considered for Open Trials including U19/21 based on age and if selected, placed accordingly in the relevant training Squad (Junior or Senior).

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:

Be a Swiss National (hold a CH passport)

OR

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

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 2021-2022 National Squad. Commitment to trial is imperative once nominated.

2. Inform all nominated athletes that they must pay the CHF 30.- 2022-23 individual membership fee if selected.

Swiss Netball will not reimburse any athlete their individual membership 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 Coaches to reshuffle athletes over the weekend.

3. Ensure all nominated athletes read, sign and return the Player Code of Conduct form and Squad Expectations, 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. Be an Individual Member of Swiss Netball for the 2021-22 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 Membership Eventene. Please note that only one email address can be saved in the system.
2. If selected, agree to enrol and pay the Swiss Netball **2022-23 Individual Membership fee** www.swissnetball.ch top right, Member registration (**CHF 30.- for the 2022-23 season**).
3. Register and pay the trial fee (CHF 100.-) via Eventene which will be available once you are an individual member of Swiss Netball.
N.B Athletes in the 2021-22 National Squad will not be required to pay a trial fee.
4. 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 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.

Please note that the trials will take place over the weekend and athletes may be asked not to attend the following day on

the 19 June depending on the number of athletes nominated to trial. The 2022-23 National Squad will be communicated via Swiss Netball communication channels **once all athletes have confirmed or not accepted their place in the 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. Any queries should be raised in advance via email to teammanager@swissnetball.ch and any urgent queries onsite should be addressed to the Team Manager(s) supporting the trials. Thank you for your understanding.

Post-Trials Procedure

The 2022-23 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 a 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 2022-23 season are as follows (contingent on venues):

- 3-4 September 2022
- 24-25 September 2022
- 8-9 October 2022
- 29-30 October 2022
- 5 November 2022
- 13 November 2022
- 10-11 December 2022
- 7-8 January 2023
- 28-29 January 2023
- 19 February 2023
- 11-12 March 2023
- 1-2 April 2023
- 22-23 April 2023

Once courts have been confirmed, we assign them to the appropriate Squad for training. There will be a high-season and a low-season for both the Senior Squad and the Junior Squad. When in high season, training is over the 2 days, when in low-season, only on one day.

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 Dates:

U17 (2022) Europe Netball Challenge Competition 11-13 November, Gibraltar
U17 Europe Netball Challenge Competition 24-27 February 2023, Northern Ireland
Europe Netball Open Challenge Competition 11-14 May 2023, Isle of Man
U21 Europe Netball Challenge Competition 6-9 October, 2023, England

Entering all these events is not guaranteed.

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

DEADLINE:

By Wednesday 1 June 2022

Nomination forms should be sent to:

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 100.- for each trialist (except 2021-22 National Squad athletes)
- 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 Junior Squad will be CHF 750.- for the year and for the Senior Squad CHF 600.- (the year runs from September of one year to May 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 for Coaches
- Accommodation
- Coaches
- Venue hire
- Team Manager
- Training top
- Swiss Netball overhead allocation
- Online activities
- Europe Netball C award Theory Course
- 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