



## **Information Pack for the 2021-22 U17 National Squad Trials** **4-5 September 25-26 September 2021**

Swiss Netball will run trials for the U17 National Squad on **4-5 September 2021 and 25-26 September 2021, Centre Sportif du Bois-des-Frères, Chemin de l'Ecu, 24 1219 Vernier.**

The 2021-22 U17 National Squad programme will run from October 2021 - June 2022 working towards the Europe Netball U17 Championships in March 2022.

### **Pre-selection and registration**

**The deadline for submission of nominations is 20 August 2021**

Swiss Netball invites its Member Netball Centres (schools and clubs) to pre-select and nominate athletes **BORN BETWEEN 01 January 2005 AND 31 December 2008** to attend the 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 trialing for a place in the Swiss U17 National Squad. **Expectations are high.** Please note that athletes who have been involved in Swiss Netball development 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 U17 National Squad, athletes must:**

1. Be a Swiss National (hold a CH passport)  
**OR**
2. 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 eligible to represent Switzerland in an official 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 2020-2021 National Squad.* Commitment to trial is imperative once nominated.
- 2. Inform all nominated athletes that they must pay the CHF 30.- 2021-22 individual membership fee.** 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. *NB. Athletes in the 2020-21 U17 National Squad will not be required to pay a trial fee.*
- 3. Ensure all nominated athletes have read and understood the Player Code of Conduct 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
  - Netball Centres nominating multiple athletes should send all of the information requested, at the same time, in one email

### **Nominated athletes must:**

1. Enrol and pay the Swiss Netball **2021-22** Individual Membership [www.swissnetball.ch](http://www.swissnetball.ch) top right, Member registration (CHF 30.- 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.
2. Register and pay the trial fee (CHF 100.-) via Eventene which will be available once you are an individual member of Swiss Netball. Swiss Netball will contact nominated athletes who were in the 2020-21 National Squad when their 2021-22 individual membership has been paid.
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 U17 National Squad to the Selection Panel. Selectors will be advised at a later date. Swiss Netball reserves the right to add to or change the Selection Panel once communicated at any time. Other Assistant Coaches and the Team Manager may support the trial.

The trials may include and is not limited to:

- Matchplay
- Fitness

**Trialists should wear a white t-shirt and plain coloured shorts or skirt 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 several days and athletes may be asked not

to attend the following day on the 5, 25 and/or 26 September depending on the number of athletes nominated to trial. The 2021-22 U17 National Squad will be communicated via Swiss Netball communication channels at approximately 18h00 on Sunday 26 September 2021. 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](mailto:teammanager@swissnetball.ch) and any urgent queries onsite should be addressed to the Team Manager supporting the trials. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Post-Trials Procedure**

The 2021-22 U17 National Squad will be communicated via Swiss Netball communication channels on Sunday 26 September 2021.

Selected athletes will be asked to commit to attend (if required) all 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 training dates for 2021-22 season are as follows (contingent on venues):

- 17 October 2021, BDF, Geneva
- 20-21 November 2021, TBC
- 11-12 December 2021, BDF, Geneva
- 15-16 January 2022, BDF, Geneva
- 29-30 January 2022, TBC
- 19-20 February 2022, BDF, Geneva (selected athletes only)
- 03 April 2022, BDF, Geneva
- 24 April 2022, BDF, Geneva
- May (TBC)
- June (TBC)

Competition Date: U17 European Championships 4-6 March 2022, Gibraltar

### **DEADLINE:**

**Nomination forms should be sent to:**

**[teammanager@swissnetball.ch](mailto:teammanager@swissnetball.ch)  
by Friday 20 August 2021**

**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 2020-21 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 Programme will be **CHF 750.-** for the year (the year runs from October of one year to June of the next). This cost must be settled immediately when an athlete is accepted onto the Programme before any training commences.

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
- Coaches
- Venue hire
- Team Manager
- Training top
- Swiss Netball overhead allocation
- 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
- Feed
- Competition entry/umpires
- Coaches allowances
- Team Manager

**Approximate estimation of the competition fee paid by each athlete is between CHF 1600.- and CHF 1800.-**

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).