

# GUIDELINES FOR TOURNAMENT OPERATIONS 2025



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## SWISS ROUNDNET

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**SWISS TOURNAMENT CALENDAR 2025**

**RANKING SYSTEM 2025**

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# 1. General information

Swiss Roundnet is an association of Swiss Roundnet clubs. In cooperation with the clubs, the aim is to promote the increasingly popular sport of Roundnet and to continue to grow with it. Swiss Roundnet regulates the coordination of tournaments and sets guidelines for competitive sport (national ranking, tournaments, national teams).

Swiss Roundnet reserves the right to change or modify the terms and conditions contained in the guidelines at any time and at its own discretion in order to ensure the fairest possible competition and game operations. These changes can be initiated by the Board of Directors without convening a Delegates' Meeting (see Articles of Association Art. 28.2).

## 2. Tournament Calendar 2025

### 2.1 General information

Every Roundnet club in Switzerland is authorized to organize a tournament independently. Swiss Roundnet supports the recognized clubs with the following services:

- Swiss Roundnet Playerzone
- Tournament date
- Advertising (social media, website)
- Support for balanced pools (seeding - based on power ranking/experience)
- Standard templates for game plan (game system, tournament tree)
- [SR assistance with organization](#)

Swiss Roundnet coordinates the tournament dates among the clubs and maintains an up-to-date tournament calendar on the website ([www.swissroundnet.ch](http://www.swissroundnet.ch)).

### 2.2 Registering a tournament with Swiss Roundnet

Contact Swiss Roundnet **at least one month** before the tournament date via the [Swiss Roundnet homepage](#) and register the tournament/event. The following information is required:

- Association
- Contact person
- E-mail address
- Cell phone number
- Event name
- Event date
- Category (Open, Women, Mixed) and max. number of teams per category
- Registration date (start and end)

Swiss Roundnet checks the information. If all SR criteria are met, SR confirms the tournament and lists it on the website as an official tournament (<https://www.swissroundnet.ch/eventcalendar>).

### 2.3 Behavior of the clubs in the event of too few registrations

- 2 weeks before the tournament, the tournament organizers will notify SR if there are still too few registrations in a category/division.
- SR then tries to advertise the relevant categories again via the existing channels (WhatsApp chats and social media).
- At the latest one week before the tournament, it will be communicated whether two divisions have to be merged or a category/division has to be canceled.

### 2.4 Annual tournament structure

The SR season 2025 starts with the Swiss Winter Squad Championships, which take place from January to March. The first Masters tournaments and tour stops will be played from spring 2025. The European Championships and the Swiss Roundnet Championships will follow in the fall as the crowning finale.

Since the start of the 24/25 season, Swiss Roundnet has differentiated between **SR Masters** and **SR Tourstops**. The four SR Masters are the main tournaments of the season. Four Masters are planned, one of which is a pure Women/Open Intermediate Masters. The SR Tourstops are intended to complement the Masters. **The aim** of this distinction is to organize fewer tournaments in Switzerland, but with a better line-up. The SR Masters tournaments are intended to attract a large number of players, facilitate season planning, enable different categories/levels of play and strengthen the financial and reputational standing of the organizing clubs. Swiss Roundnet encourages clubs to organize alternative tournaments such as SR Tourstops, youth tournaments or fun tournaments in addition to the major Masters tournaments.

#### **2.4.1 Swiss Winter Squad Championships**

The Swiss Winter Squad Championships are a selected format in which several players register as a squad and compete together for the Swiss Winter Squad Championship title over three tournament days. A distinction is made between two strength classes, the 1st and 2nd league. *Registration for the Swiss Winter Squad Championships 2025 will take place between September 15 and November 15, 2024. All further information can be found at:* <https://www.swissroundnet.ch/squadchampionship>.

#### **2.4.2 SR Masters**

The Swiss Roundnet Master tournaments are specially selected tournaments that aim to offer the largest tournaments with the highest level of play. In these Masters, players benefit from a higher multiplier as a reward (see 3.4.3).

#### **Dates Master Tournaments 2024**

April / May (exact date to follow) Masters Women/Intermediate  
May 24 Masters  
June 21 Masters  
July 26 Masters

#### **Requirements for the Masters event**

The following requirements must be met in order to host a Masters:

- Masters can only be organized by official SR clubs
- The tournament surface must be artificial or natural grass. Cam shoes must be permitted on the grass surfaces.
- Capacity for at least 80 teams.
- The following categories and divisions must be offered:  
Open: Basic, Intermediate/Advanced and Contender/Pro  
Women: Basic/Intermediate and Advanced/Pro

#### **Conditions of participation and registration for Masters**

The announcement and opening of registration for the Masters is carried out by the clubs and is publicized by the clubs in cooperation with Swiss Roundnet. The clubs are supported by Swiss Roundnet in the following areas:

- Announcement of the venue
- Announcement of the tender
- Announcement of registration / registration deadline
- Support with seeding
- Sharing content on social media, with delegates, on the website and in the Community WhatsApp chat.

Everyone is eligible to participate in the Masters. Unlike the Swiss Roundnet Championships, players who do not have a permanent residence in Switzerland are also allowed to participate.

### **2.4.3 SR Tourstops**

All tournaments regularly registered with Swiss Roundnet that are played according to the SR regulations (see 4.1) are part of the Swiss Roundnet Tour and therefore SR Tourstops.

### **2.4.4 SR Championship**

The Swiss Roundnet Championships will take place on **August 30/31, 2025**. On Saturday, the national championship title will be contested in the Open and Women's categories. The national championship title in the Mixed category will be awarded on Sunday.

### **Venue**

Would your club like to organize the 6th Swiss Championships with the support of Swiss Roundnet? Then apply using [the following application form](#). The application deadline is **01.04.2025**.

### **Prerequisites**

- Tournament surface: (artificial) grass, cam shoe use must be permitted
- Capacity for at least 80 teams - experience shows that you need space for 24-30 nets.

### **Conditions of participation and registration**

To take part in the Swiss Roundnet Championships, the following condition must be met:

- Both players in a team must have had a permanent residence in Switzerland for at least 365 days and still have this residence at the time of the Swiss Championships (September 2025).

The specific registration start date will be communicated by Swiss Roundnet in good time. The places for the tournament will be allocated as follows:

- After the official registration has started, only teams consisting of two players who have both already won points on the Swiss Roundnet Tour in 2025 can register for 96 hours
- Places are generally allocated on a first come, first serve basis. However, if the maximum number of places is already overbooked within the 96 hours, teams with the higher Swiss Roundnet Tour score will be given preference.

After the 96 hours have expired, any team that fulfills the conditions of participation can register and only the "first come - first serve" principle applies to all teams.

## **2.5 Divisions**

There are three divisions that can be offered for the Open category: Basic, Intermediate/Advanced and Contender/Pro. There are two divisions each for the Women and Mixed categories: Basic/Intermediate and Advanced/Pro. An exception is the Swiss Roundnet Championships, where the Contender/Pro division is split in the Open category, with the top 16 teams qualifying for the Pro category according to SR ranking strength.

### **2.5.1 Minimum size of divisions**

The number of places below is the minimum number that must be offered at all official SR tournaments, provided the respective division is offered.

**Women:** All Divisions (8)

**Open:** Contender/Pro and Intermediate/Advanced (12), Basic (8)

**Mixed:** Contender/Pro and Intermediate/Advanced (12), Basic (8)

### **2.5.2 Combined divisions**

Divisions may only be combined if the minimum number of registrations specified in 2.5.1 has not been reached. Swiss Roundnet only recommends combining divisions if there are fewer than 8 teams registered in a division.

### 3. Ranking System 2025

The **Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking** (SR Power Ranking) is the official ranking system of Swiss Roundnet. It enables a fair and precise assessment of the playing strength of players and teams. This system provides a transparent assessment of performance and promotes sporting competition.

#### 3.1 Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking

The **SR Power Ranking** covers the **Open** and **Women** categories, whereby points from the Open category can also be transferred to the Women category. The ranking is based on a number of points that each player receives depending on their ranking in tournaments. Only tournaments that are officially registered with Swiss Roundnet are taken into account (see 2.2). The points awarded are based on the **level of difficulty** (see 3.4) and the **type of tournament**.

The SR Power Ranking was developed to provide a fair and meaningful representation of the playing strength of individual players. Each player collects points, but only the **three highest scores** from the last **365 days** are included in the ranking. Points that expire are automatically replaced by the next highest valid score.

The ranking serves several purposes: it is used for **seeding** to create balanced pools at tournaments and forms the basis for the **nomination of the extended national squad**. In addition, the **Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking Leaders** in the Open and Women's categories are recognized each year. The ranking is finalized on **31 October**, and the leaders are traditionally honoured at the **Swiss Roundnet Gala** in early November.

**Note:** Tournament organizers are obliged to enter the final results in full in the player zone no later than **48 hours after the end of the tournament**.



### 3.2 Swiss Roundnet points

Points are awarded according to ranking and category. The following table shows the points distribution:

Rank	Women	Open
1	420	700
2	378	630
3	336	560
4	294	490
5-6	252	420
7-8	210	350
9-12	168	280
13-16	126	210
17-24	84	140
25-32	63	105
33-∞	42	70

Table 1: Points distribution by ranking and category

#### Special regulations:

- If a placement match is not played (e.g. injuries), both teams will be assigned the lower rank.
- Results that are not reported on time are also considered a forfeit.

### 3.3 Requirements for the inclusion of a tournament in the ranking

A tournament is included in the ranking if it has been officially registered with Swiss Roundnet (see 2.2) and confirmed. The following criteria must also be met:

1. **Registration:** Registered with Swiss Roundnet at least one month before the tournament date.
2. **Fair registration conditions:** Same criteria for all teams.
3. **Participant diversity:** Teams from at least three different clubs.
4. **Rules:** The game will be played according to the current Swiss Roundnet rules or the new IRF test rules (to be announced in good time).
5. **Mode:** The tournament mode must be checked and approved in advance.
6. **Seeding:** Is controlled by Swiss Roundnet.
7. **Transparency:** Group assignments should ideally be published via live stream.
8. **Minimum size:**
  - **Open:** At least 12 teams.
  - **Women:** At least 8 teams.
9. **Scheduling:** No overlap with other tour stops or important international tournaments.

### 3.4 Tournament difficulty and multipliers

The points awarded at **SR Tourstops** are based on the ranking shown in Table 1. However, in order to take the strength of a tournament into account, a **multiplier** is

subsequently assigned to each tournament. This reflects the number and quality of the top players taking part and is calculated on the basis of the current **Power Ranking**.

### **Starting values of the multipliers**

Highest divisions (Open / Women): **1.0**

Second highest divisions, Intermediate/Basic tournaments (Open / Women): **0.3**

### **Calculation of the multiplier**

The **level of difficulty** of a tournament depends on the number of **top players** taking part:

- In the **Open category**, only teams in which **both members** are listed in the top 30 will be considered.
- In the **women's category**, both players on the team must be in the top 18 to be included in the calculation.

After the end of the tournament, Swiss Roundnet checks the ranking and calculates the multiplier. This is applied to the scores shown in Table 1 and the adjusted points are included in the **SR Power Ranking**.

**Note:** The multiplier can never fall below **0.3**.

#### ***3.4.1 Calculation of the Open multiplier***

In addition to the initial value, the players are included in the calculation as follows:

- Per top 10 players multiplier +0.10
- Per top 20 players multiplier +0.06
- Per top 30 players multiplier +0.03

If players drop out of the main bracket before the quarter-finals (e.g. due to injury), they do not count towards the multiplier.

### **International Players Open**

If international players participate in Tour Stops, their ranking in the tournament played will be taken into account. They are included in the calculation as follows:

- Per international player in top 3 (team ranking) of the tournament multiplier +0.10
- Per international player in top 8 (team ranking) of the tournament multiplier +0.03

#### ***3.4.2 Calculation of the Women multiplier***

In addition to the starting value, the players are included in the calculation as follows:

- Per top 6 player multiplier +0.15
- Per top 12 player multiplier +0.10
- Per Top 18 player multiplier +0.05

If players drop out of the main bracket before the semi-final (e.g. due to injury), they do not count towards the multiplier.

### **International players Women**

If international players take part in Tour Stops, their ranking at the tournament played will be taken into account. They are included in the calculation as follows:

- Per international player in top 2 (team ranking) of the tournament multiplier +0.15

Per international player in top 4 (team ranking) of the tournament multiplier +0.05

### **3.4.3 Multiplier Master Tournaments**

An artificial points multiplier is set in advance for all master tournaments in order to make the master tournaments more attractive. However, in order for the artificial multiplier to be applied, the minimum number of participating teams must be met:

- Multiplier for the highest division: **+0.3** to the normal calculation (see 3.4.1).
- Multiplier for the second highest division: **+0.1** to the normal calculation (see 3.4.1).

### **3.4.4 Swiss Championship multiplier**

An artificial points multiplier is set in advance for the **Swiss Roundnet Championship** in order to make the SR Championship more attractive. However, in order for the artificial multiplier to be applied, the minimum number of participating teams must be met:

- Multiplier for the highest division: **+0.5** to the normal calculation (see 3.4.1).
- Multiplier for the second highest division: **+0.2** to the normal calculation (see 3.4.1).

### **3.5 Roundnet Germany Index**

The Power Ranking of the Swiss Roundnet Tour rewards regular participation by adding up the best three tournament results. However, it focuses exclusively on the final ranking of a tournament and therefore does not always fairly reflect the actual team performance over the entire course of the tournament.

The **RGX** (Roundnet Germany **Index**), on the other hand, is based on an Elo rating system. Here, points are not awarded based on the tournament ranking, but on games won and the strength of the opponents. Every single game of a tournament is included in the calculation of the RGX. Detailed information on this can be found at:

[.roundnetgermany.de/ranking-rgindex/](https://roundnetgermany.de/ranking-rgindex/)

In the 2025 season, the RGX will also be introduced for Swiss tournaments on a trial basis. It will run parallel to the Power Ranking and serve as an additional evaluation system on a trial basis.

## 4. Tournament Regulations

### 4.1 Rules of the game

For a tournament to be listed as an official Swiss Roundnet Tour Stop on the website, it must be played according to the official [Swiss Roundnet rules](#). These include regulations such as the no-hit zone, soft touch and the extended playing circle. Swiss Roundnet attaches great importance to ensuring that the sport in Switzerland is based on fairness and honesty. For this reason, the use of observers is generally avoided. However, should it be necessary to use observers due to new rules or inconsistencies, they must be organized by the athletes themselves, with both teams agreeing to the selection. In the 2025 season, rules proposed by the International Roundnet Federation (IRF) can also be tested. Such rule changes must be announced at the latest when registering for the tournament.

## 5. Contact

If you have any questions or require further information about the tournament, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you soon at the next tournament!

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