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RANKING SYSTEM 2024

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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, Swiss championships, national teams).

The 2024 competition will be divided into three different competitions:

- Power Ranking (Open / Women)
- Mixed Ranking
- Swiss Roundnet Index (SRX) (provisional!)
- Swiss Roundnet Championships (Open / Women, Mixed)

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2. Tournament calendar 2024

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

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

2.2 How is a tournament officially registered 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
- Event date
- Event address
- Event document
- Category (Open, Women, Mixed) and rules
- Maximum number of teams
- Flyer or display image
- Registration date (start and end)
- Desired display image

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.swiss-roundnet.ch/eventcalendar>).

2.3 Behavior of the clubs if there are 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

From the 24/25 season, a distinction will be made in Switzerland between SR **Tourstops** and **SR Master tournaments**. The 6 SR Master tournaments (2x Mixed / 4x Open/Women) will be the main tournaments of the season and SR Tourstops will complement them.

The **aim** of this distinction is to organize fewer tournaments in Switzerland, but with a higher number of players. The SR Master tournaments should attract a large number of players, facilitate season planning, enable different categories/strength classes and strengthen the organizing clubs both financially and in terms of their reputation.

Swiss Roundnet encourages clubs to organize alternative tournaments (fun, youth or beginner tournaments) in addition to the large SR Master tournaments.

2.4.1 SR Tourstops

All tournaments regularly registered with Swiss Roundnet that are played according to the SR regulations (see 5.1) are part of the Swiss Roundnet Tour and therefore SR Tour stops.

2.4.2 SR Master Tournaments

Dates Master Tournaments 2024

- 20.04.24 - Open and Women Masters
- 21.04.24 - Mixed Masters
- 04.05.24 - Open and Women Masters
- 22.06.24 - Open and Women Masters
- 27.07.24 - Open and Women Masters
- 28.07.24 - Mixed Masters

Venue

Would your club like to organize and host one of the Master tournaments and bring the Swiss Roundnet world to your location? Then send an e-mail with a specific request (location, date and head organizer) to info@swissroundnet.ch

Prerequisites

The following requirements must be met in order to hold a Master tournament:

- Master tournaments can only be organized by official SR clubs
- The tournament surface must be an indoor floor or (artificial) grass. Soccer shoes must be permitted on the grass surfaces.
- Capacity for at least 80 teams (outdoor) or 32 teams (indoor)
- The following categories must be offered indoors: Mixed (32 teams)
- The following categories and divisions must be offered outdoors: Open Pro, Open Intermediate/Advanced, Open Beginner, Open Youth (U18), Women Advanced/Pro, Women Beginner/Intermediate, Mixed Advanced/Pro, Mixed Beginner/Intermediate.
- As the space available in a sports hall is normally limited, only mixed masters tournaments are permitted indoors. However, exceptions can be approved by arrangement. (Exceptions: A club can provide several sports halls so that the above criteria are met again)

Conditions of participation and registration for Master tournaments

The announcement and opening of registration for the Masters tournaments is carried out by the clubs and is publicized by the clubs and 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.

Anyone and everyone is eligible to take part in the Masters tournaments. Unlike the Swiss Roundnet Championships, "foreign" players are also allowed to participate.

The following recommendations are made for the various strength classes/divisions:

- Players with more than 1000 Power Ranking points are recommended not to start in the Beginner/Intermediate Division.
- The beginner/intermediate division and possibly a youth category can be subsidized with approx. 10 CHF per team and thus be cheaper. This is intended to further promote the sport and young talent and, as far as possible, the price should not be a criterion for abandonment.

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 Advanced / Pro → **+0.3** to the normal calculation (see 3.6.1) with at least 32 teams in the Open Advanced Division / 16 teams in the Women Advanced Division.
 - Multiplier for Intermediate/ Beginner → **+0.3** to the normal calculation (see 3.6.1) with at least 24 teams in the Open category / 8 teams in the Women's category
Category.
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3. Ranking system 2024

3.1 General information

Swiss Roundnet has three different rankings. The **Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking** (see 3.2), the **Swiss Roundnet Mixed Ranking** (see 3.3) and the **Swiss Roundnet Index - SRX** (see 3.7 SRX = provisional only!).

To involve as many women of the community as possible, the following 3 versions are discussed in the clubs until 22.2.24:

Version 1: The Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking includes the Open and Women categories. Points from the Open category can be transferred to the Women category. The Mixed category is listed as a separate category.

Version 2: The Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking includes the Open and Women categories. Points from the Open category can be transferred to the Women category. The number of points transferred should reflect the actual performance. SR reserves the right to adjust the points transferred from an Open tournament to the Women's ranking downwards (e.g. small field of participants, low level of difficulty). If the multiplier of an Open tournament is lower than 1.3, the points will be halved when the points are transferred to the Women category. The Mixed category is managed as a separate category.

Version 3: Delete paragraph: In the Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking, the categories Open, Women and Mixed are listed separately.

Both rankings (SR Power Ranking, SR Mixed Ranking) are based on a number of points that each player receives depending on their final ranking in tournaments. Only tournaments that are officially registered with Swiss Roundnet are included in the ranking (see 3.5). The number of points depends on the respective **level of difficulty** (see 3.6) of the underlying tournament.

Tournament organizers are obliged to report the final results to Swiss Roundnet no later than 48 hours after the end of the tournament. Swiss Roundnet is obliged to publish the updated ranking within 7 days after the end of the tournament.

3.2 Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking

The SR Power Ranking is intended to reflect the playing strength of individual players in a fairer and more meaningful way. All players collect points in the Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking, but of the points won at SR Tourstops, only the **three** highest scores are taken into account and added together. The points won expire after **365 days**. The next highest number of points won at SR Tourstops that have not expired will be added to the SR Power Ranking.

The SR Power Ranking is the relevant ranking for **seeding** at the tournaments in order to generate balanced pools. Furthermore, the line-up for the **extended national squad is** based on the Power Ranking (see 4.2). The Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking Leaders in both categories (Open and Women) are chosen on 31.10. of the respective year (big SR Gala at the beginning of November). The points in the SR Power Ranking expire after 365 days.

3.3 Swiss Roundnet Mixed Ranking

The SR Mixed Ranking is intended to reflect the playing strength of individual players in Switzerland in the mixed category. All points earned at official SR Tourstops in the mixed category are included in the SR Mixed Ranking. The SR Mixed Ranking is not used for mixed seeding. The seeding is calculated by adding the two SR Power Ranking positions (SR Power Ranking Female + SR Power Ranking Male).

On October 31 of the respective year (big SR Gala at the beginning of November), the two (m/f) Mixed Ranking Leaders in the Mixed category will be chosen. The points in the Mixed Ranking expire after **365 days**.

3.4 Swiss Roundnet points

Once the results of a tournament officially registered with Swiss Roundnet have been received, they are checked by Swiss Roundnet and updated in the ranking. The following table is used as a guide for awarding points depending on the category.

Important: Points from several tournaments for **the same players** will only be added if the players' names on the tournament registration forms are identical. In the event of errors, the tournament organizer must be contacted, who will then forward the changes/errors to Swiss Roundnet. Unreported incorrect rankings due to misspellings of players' names **made** more than **30 days ago** will not be changed for administrative reasons.

Rank	Category		
	Women	Open	Mixed
1	500	1000	1000
2	450	900	900
3	400	800	800
4	350	700	700
5	250	500	500
6	250	500	500
7	200	400	400
8	200	400	400
9-12	150	300	300
13-16	112.5	225	225
17-24	75	150	150
25-32	62.5	125	125
33-40	50	100	100
41-49	37.5	75	75
50-57	25	50	50
58-71	12.5	25	25
72-82	5	10	10

Table 1: Points distribution by ranking and category

If two teams decide to voluntarily forgo a placement match, or both teams drop out (e.g. due to injury), they will both be assigned the lower rank in the overall ranking. For example, if the teams decide

If the players decide not to play the match for third/fourth place, they will both be awarded fourth place. If the results are not reported (even up to 48 hours after the tournament), this is also considered a voluntary forfeit of the placement match.

3.5 When does a tournament count towards the ranking?

A tournament counts towards the ranking if the tournament has been officially registered and confirmed with Swiss Roundnet (see 2.2). If all criteria are met, the board can define the tournament as a tour stop and give it a starting score of 1.0. Other tournaments can also be ranked as fun tournaments, but have a starting value of 0.1:¹

Criteria:

- Tournament is reported to SR at least 1 month before the tournament date
- "Fair" registration criteria
- "Fair" registration conditions for all teams that meet the registration criteria
- Teams from at least 3 different clubs
- Tournament must be played with the current Swiss Roundnet rules
- Tournament mode is checked and approved in advance by Swiss Roundnet
- Seeding was checked and approved in advance by Swiss Roundnet
- For reasons of transparency, it is recommended to hold the grouping via live stream
- Tournament size (Open 16/ Women 8)
- Not at the same time as other tour stops / major international tournaments

The ranking can be updated as soon as the results have been received and checked. The results of a tournament must be reported to Swiss Roundnet within 48 hours of the end of the tournament.

3.6 Tournament difficulty / multipliers

Points are awarded at the SR Tourstops on the basis of the table shown above. However, so that tournaments with a strong or weak field can be weighted accordingly, a multiplier is subsequently assigned to the respective tournament. This multiplier is calculated on the basis of the current Power Ranking. Based on the number of Top 30 (Open) or Top 18 (Women) players who took part in the tournament, the tournament is assigned a degree of difficulty.

¹ St. Gallen clause: SR reserves the right not to count tournaments as Tour Stops or to subsequently withdraw or adjust points from a tournament (e.g. in the event of irregularities during registration or in the course of the tournament).

For top players to be included in the ranking, the team member must also be a top player. For all constellations competing in the Open category, both team members must be in the top 30 in the Open category in order for them to be taken into account for the calculation of the multiplier. The same applies to the Women category (Top 18). After the tournament, the ranking list is checked by SR and the multiplier is calculated. The points assigned to the ranks (see Table 1) are then multiplied by the multiplier of the tournament and awarded to the respective players in the official SR Power and Community Ranking. The multiplier can **never be lower than 0.1**. SR determines the multiplier based on the difficulty of the tournament.

3.6.1 Calculation of the Open multiplier

In addition to the starting value (1.0 for Tour Stops, 0.1 for Fun Stops), the players are included in the calculation as follows:

- Per top 10 players multiplier +0.06
- Per top 20 players multiplier +0.04
- Per top 30 players multiplier +0.02

If players in the main bracket drop out 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 at the tournament played will be taken into account. They will be included in the calculation as follows:

- Per international player in top 3 (team ranking) of the tournament multiplier +0.06
 - Per international player in top 8 (team ranking) of the tournament multiplier +0.02
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3.6.2 Calculation of the Women multiplier

In addition to the starting value (1.0 for Tour Stops, 0.1 for Fun Stops), the players are included in the calculation as follows:

- Per top 6 player multiplier +0.1
- Per Top 12 player multiplier +0.06
- Per Top 18 player multiplier +0.04

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 +0.1
 - Per international player in top 4 (team ranking) of the tournament multiplier +0.04
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3.6.3 Calculation of the multiplier Mixed

The following fixed multipliers are used for the rankings of the mixed category:

Swiss Roundnet Tourstop:

- Division Advanced/Pro - Multiplier +1.0
- Division Intermediate/Beginner - Multiplier +0.1

Swiss Roundnet Master tournaments:

- Division Advanced/Pro - Multiplier +1.5
- Division Intermediate/Beginner - Multiplier +0.1

Swiss Roundnet Championships:

- Division Advanced/Pro - Multiplier +2.0
- Division Intermediate/Beginner - Multiplier +0.1

International Mixed players

International players in mixed tournaments do not count towards the multiplier.

3.7 SR Index

By adding up the best three results, the Swiss Roundnet Tour Power Ranking primarily encourages frequent participation in tournaments and, by focusing purely on the final position in a tournament, does not necessarily reflect the team's performance fairly over the course of the entire tournament.

Explanations

The **SR Index** (Swiss Roundnet **Index**, SRX for short) is based on a so-called Elo rating system. This means that points are no longer awarded according to tournament rankings, but according to games won and the strength of the opposing team. Every game of a tournament is used to calculate the RG Index.

The SR Index is therefore a **statistical value** that calculates and reflects the **playing strength of an individual**. As Roundnet is a team sport, the individual values of the players are added together and form the SRX of the team. This ensures that games with different partners can be included in the SRX. The SRX of the two teams determined in this way is compared in each match in order to determine the point gains/losses for all players based on the match result. The **most important information about the SR Index is** explained below.

Calculation of the SR Index (SRX)

To calculate the SR Index, all tournaments registered with us as **Swiss Roundnet Tourstop** or **SR Masters** as well as the **Swiss Roundnet Championships** and the **SR Winter League** in the **Women's, Open** and **Mixed** categories since 2024 are taken into account (it may be possible to include past tournament data in the system). In order to guarantee a certain significance of the rating, at least 15 matches are required to be displayed in the overall table.

In principle, all players playing their first tournament start with a **base value corresponding to the division** - this value can be **increased** or **decreased with each game**.

The decisive factor here is not only the distinction between a win, draw or loss, but also whether the match is won 2:1 or 2:0 in a "best of 3" match, for example, or 3:2, 3:1 or 3:0 in a "best of 5" match. In addition, one-set matches are weighted less. Each player can win or lose a maximum of 25 points per match.

The amount of points gained or lost is calculated using the index value of the opposing team. **In simple terms, the following can be said:** If a (strong)

avored team against a weaker team, few points are added and just as few are deducted from the losing team. If the away team wins, it gains a lot of points and the favored team loses a lot of points. Taking into account whether a game has ended 2:0 or 2:1, for example, means that favored teams could receive minus points even if they win 2:1, but an "underdog team" can also gain points for winning a set despite losing the overall game.

Because the SR Index takes into account the strength of the opposing team, the different performance-related divisions are also rated equally.

SRX during inactivity

Due to the constant further development of Roundnet, inactive players are **deducted points in the SR Index** after defined **periods of inactivity** of 9 and 15 months without participating in tournaments. After 18 months, the points are completely reset so that players who play a tournament again after a break of more than 1.5 years are treated as complete newcomers.

Remarks

We are convinced that the SR Index has great potential and can be a real added value for the Roundnet community. But we are also aware of two things:

1. Despite the use of existing data, it will take a while until sufficient data is available for the SRX to be meaningful in all performance areas.
2. An elobased system has never been used in Roundnet (except for the Roundnet Germany test phase), so it is possible that individual properties and parameters may not prove to be optimal for the current typical tournament event, for example. We will monitor this and make continuous adjustments if necessary.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact us at any time (info@swiss-roundnet.ch).

Comments on the SRX:

As the cooperation with Roundnet Germany in the Swiss player zone is still in its infancy, there are still many uncertainties as to how and in what form the SRX can be introduced in Switzerland and what makes sense here in Switzerland. What is certain is that the SRX will be the Swiss Round-

net Power Ranking, as this will certainly be much more meaningful in the start-up phase and until sufficient data can be generated for the SRX.

4. Swiss Roundnet Championships Open/Women/Mixed 2024

4.1 General information

The Swiss Roundnet Championships will take place on **September 14-15, 2024**. The national championship title in the Open and Women's categories will be contested on Saturday. The national championship title in the Mixed category will be awarded on Sunday.

4.2 Venue

Would your club like to organize the 5th Swiss Championships with the support of Swiss Roundnet? Then apply using [the following application form](#). The application deadline is **01.04.2024**.

Prerequisites:

- Tournament surface (artificial) turf (use of cam shoes must be permitted)
 - Capacity for at least 80 teams - experience shows that you need space for 24-30 nets.
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4.3 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 been permanently resident in Switzerland for at least 365 days and still be resident in Switzerland at the time of the Swiss Championship (September 2024).

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 2024 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.
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- After the 96 hours have expired, any team that fulfills the participation requirements can register and only the "first come - first serve" principle applies to all teams.

4.4 Multiplier Swiss Roundnet Championships

For the multiplier at the Swiss Roundnet Championships, 0.5 is added to the normal multiplier calculation for the Advanced/Pro division. This means that the SR Championships remain the most attractive tournaments of the season.

5. Tournament rules

5.1 Rules of the game

In order for a tournament to be listed as an official Swiss Roundnet Tour Stop on the website, it must be played with the official [Swiss Roundnet rules](#) (incl. no-hit zone, soft touch, extended playing circle, etc.) Of course, other tournaments can also be held (e.g. fun tournaments without NHZ or youth tournaments with adapted rules). However, these are not counted in the two Swiss Roundnet Rankings.

5.2 Observer

Swiss Roundnet appreciates that the sport in Switzerland is based on fairness and honesty. For this reason, no observers are required. However, if observers are required due to new rules or discrepancies, they must be organized by the athletes themselves. Both teams must agree to the choice of observers.

6. Contact us

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 at the next tournament soon!

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