# Concept Swiss-Winter-Squad-Championships

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## Idea

In the Swiss-Winter-Squad-Championships the communities should be able to measure themselves in a team competition during three match days. The focus is on fun, competition and especially team spirit.

## Goal

The goal of the Swiss-Winter-Squad-Championships is to set up an attractive off-season competition format in which the club feeling is strengthened. Besides the winter training there is the possibility to compete among the communities, to fan for each other and to win the attractive Swiss-Winter-Squad-Championships title. Due to shorter tournament days and a two-league system, players of all levels should get to enjoy the competition. While the first league allows players to compete at the highest level in the communities, the second league offers especially younger clubs or tournament newcomers the opportunity to gain their competitive experience.

## Leagues

The Roundnet Winter League consists of the following game classes:

* **1. Swiss Roundnet-Liga (1. SRL)**
* **2. Swiss Roundnet-Liga (2. SRL)**

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| Winter 23/24 | 1. SRL |  | 2. SRL |
| Level | Pro / Advanced |  | Advanced / Intermediate / Beginner |
| Squads | Max. 10 Squads |  | Max. 12 Squads |
| Cadre | **Min.: 8 people (min. 3 women)**  **Max.: 14 people** |  | **Min.: 6 people (min. 2 women)**  **Max. : 12 people** |
| Games per encounter | 2 Open, 1 Mixed, 1 women |  | 2 Open, 1 women |
| Registration | 17.11.2023 – 17.12.2023 |  | 17.11.2023 – 17.12.2023 |
| Schedule /  Matchdays  Group stage  (tentative) | Su, 28.01.2024: Groupe stage  Sa, 24.02.2024: Groupe stage  *Two playing Slots:*  *Morning (09:00 – 14:00)*  *Afternoon (14:00 – 19:00)* |  | Su, 28.01.2024: Groupe stage  Sa, 17.02.2024: Groupe stage  *Two playing Slots:*  *Morning (09:00 – 14:00)*  *Afternoon (14:00 – 19:00)* |
| Schedule finals | Sa, 09.03.2024 Joint final matchday (top 8 in each case)  09:00 – 18:00 | | |

## Shorter Matchdays

Due to the league mode, shorter match days are possible. Depending on the group t is played on the match days of the group phase either from 09:00 to 14:00 or from 14:00 to 19:00. So, the afternoon / evening or the morning remains free, or games of the other group can be followed.

On the final match day, the 1st SRL and 2nd SRL will play in the same hall. This makes it possible to follow each other's games and fan for each other.

## Squad composition

A squad may have members from a maximum of two different clubs. There are no restrictions for players without club affiliation.

All Swiss clubs or players whose residence is in Switzerland are allowed to participate.

Foreign clubs are allowed to participate if they do not already participate in the German Roundnet Bundesliga.

A person may only be represented in one squad.

**Exception:** Women may be represented in a 1st SRL and 2nd SRL squad, but not in two squads of the same league.

**Exception Substitution rule:**

Substitute 1st SRL: A person who plays in a squad of the 2nd SRL may help out in the 1st SRL, provided that the 2-club rule is observed.

Substitute 2nd SRL: A person who plays in a squad of the 1st SRL may help out in the 2nd SRL, provided that the 2-club rule is observed. However, once a person has played twice in the 1st SRL, they may no longer play in the 2nd SRL. On the final match day, persons who have already played in the 1st SRL are not allowed to help out.

**Rules for the final match day:**

A maximum of two people who have never played in the squad may be used on the final match day.

### 1. Swiss Roundnet League

A squad consists of at least 8 people, 3 of whom must be women.

A squad consists of a maximum of 14 people. Not all 14 players have to be registered from the beginning. Late entries are possible. In case of absence due to injury, additional players may be nominated.

### 2. Swiss Roundnet League

A squad consists of at least 6 people, 2 of whom must be women.

A squad consists of a maximum of 12 people. Not all 12 players have to be registered from the beginning. Late entries are possible. In case of absence due to injury, additional players may be nominated.

## Registration

When registering, the core team of the squad of at least 8 (1st SRL) or 6 (2nd SRL) is indicated. It is indicated whether the squad wants to play in the 1st SRL or in the 2nd SRL. If there are too many registrations for the 1st SRL, the places will be allocated according to the cumulative points of the Swiss Roundnet ranking of the best eight players.

With the registration the squad commits to participate on all playing days with at least 8 (1st SRL) or 6 (2nd SRL) persons. If a squad is not able to play a match completely, it will be considered as a forfeit defeat. Exception: Short-term injury / illness.

### Registration rules

1. SRL

The 10 best teams that have registered by the deadline (according to cumulative Swiss-Roundnet-Powerranking points) will receive a starting place in the 1. SRL.

1. SRL

One safe spot per club for clubs that are not represented in the 1st league (for registrations up to and including December 3rd) - thereafter and otherwise 'first come first served' applies.

## Organization of match days

Definite match days:

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| Schedule finals | Sa, 16.03.2024 Joint final matchday (top 8 in each case)  09:00 – 18:00 | | |

Clubs can apply until November 30th to host the match days. Only a hall (space for 9 sets) has to be reserved and sets and balls (can be brought by the squads if necessary) have to be provided.

Playing system, time and tournament schedule will be organized by the Swiss Roundnet Winter Season Committee.

~~Clubs may suggest alternative dates.~~

The costs will be shared by the squads participating on the match day

## Game mode

### 1st Swiss Roundnet League

On the first two match days there will be a group phase in which the squads should compete with as many other squads as possible.

The structure of the group phase depends on the number of registered teams.

**Structure groupe stage**

* Up to 9 Teams: complete round
* 10 Teams:
  + Groupe stage 1
    - Groupe A: 5 Teams, everyone against everyone
    - Groupe B: 5 Teams, everyone against everyone
  + Groupe stage 2:
    - Groupe X: consisting of A1, B2, A3, B4, A5, each against each other
    - Groupe Y: consisting of B1, A2, B3, A4, B5, each against each other

In the group stage there are 3-4 matches per match day. A match is structured as follows:

**Group stage encouter (example Squad A vs. Squad B)**

*Since the matches are played simultaneously, each player may only play once per encounter.*

*If a squad is not able to provide players for all matches, the match will be scored 4:0 (8:0 sets) forfait.*

*Substitutions during a match are not allowed.*

Matches (all take place at the same time)

* Open 1A vs. Open 1B
* Open 2A vs. Open 2B
* Mixed A vs. Mixed B
* Women A vs. Women B

Mode

* Best of 3 on 15 (HC 21)

Scoring

* Wins and sets are scored, points do not matter in the group stage.
* Draws are possible

The first 8 squads qualify for the third match day (final match day). These will compete in a co-system with quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. The seeding will be done according to the ranking after the group stage.

It will be played best of 3 on 21 (HC25). In case of a tie, the match will be decided by a mixed (players from squad freely combinable, 1 women + 1 open), 1 set to 21 (no HC).

### 2. Swiss Roundnet League

On the first two match days there will be a group phase in which the squads should compete with as many other squads as possible.

The structure of the group phase depends on the number of registered teams.

**Structure groupe stage**

* Up to 11 Teams: complete round
* 12 Teams:
  + Groupe stage 1
    - Groupe A: 6 Teams, everyone against everyone
    - Groupe B: 6 Teams, everyone against everyone
  + Groupe stage 2:
    - Groupe X: consisting of A1,B2, A3, B4, A5, B6 each against each other
    - Groupe Y: consisting of B1, A2, B3, A4, B5, A6 each against each other

In the group stage there are 3-5 matches per match day. A match is structured as follows:

**Group stage encouter (example Squad A vs. Squad B)**

*Since the matches are played simultaneously, each player may only play once per encounter.*

*If a squad is not able to provide players for all matches, the match will be scored 3:0 (6:0 sets) forfait.*

*Substitutions during a match are not allowed.*

Matches (all take place at the same time)

* Open 1A vs. Open 1B
* Open 2A vs. Open 2B
* Women A vs. Women B

Mode

* 2 Sets on 15 (HC 21)

Scoring

* Wins and sets are scored, points do not matter in the group stage.
* Draws are possible

The first 8 squads qualify for the third match day (final match day). These will compete in a co-system with quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. The seeding will be done according to the ranking after the group stage.

It will be played best of 3 on 21 (HC25). ~~In case of a tie, the match will be decided by a mixed (players from squad freely combinable), 1 set to 21 (no HC).~~

### Promotion and relegation

The two best teams in the 2nd SRL are guaranteed a place in the 1st SRL for the next competition. There are no fixed relegation places, as it is not yet clear how big the leagues will be next year.

### FAQ

**Can I also play as an Advanced player in the 2nd SRL?**

Yes, that is possible. The 2nd SRL is aimed at players at Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced level. However, once a person has played in the 1st SRL, they are no longer allowed to help out in the 2nd SRL.

**Is there an upper limit for the number of squads per club in the 1st SRL?**

No, there is no upper limit. On the one hand, this allows matches to be played at as similar a level as possible; on the other hand, a squad cannot always be assigned to just one club (see squad composition). However, clubs with several squads are asked to form squads that are as homogeneous as possible.

**Regarding the rule that squads may only consist of people from a maximum of 2 clubs: What about dual memberships (person is a member of two clubs)?**

A dual membership entitles the person to compete for one club or the other. When registering, the person with dual membership must indicate their club affiliation according to the squad in which they play. With regard to the 2-club rule, only one club per person is counted. However, no person may play in two different squads.

**What will the Swiss Winter Squad Championships look like next year?**

That is still unclear. This year will serve as a test phase. At the end of the SWSC, an evaluation will be carried out and used to plan the next event. That's why there are no fixed relegations from the 1st SRL.

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