



National Team Guidelines 2024

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1 Swiss Roundnet National Team

The Roundnet World Championship will take place in August (29.08.2024-01.09.2024) in England, London. There will be an individual team world championship and a so-called squad world championship, which will be played between the nations. Five open teams and five women's teams from each country will compete against other nations individually for the world championship title in the squad nations ranking. The mode for qualifying for the Swiss national team is described below. Both the squads and the individual teams are selected by a committee in Switzerland. The members of the Swiss national team are supported by Swiss Roundnet in their preparation for international tournaments.

2 "Extended national team squad" and national team moves

In Switzerland, the national teams should also be brought together to further develop the top athletes. As many athletes as possible should benefit from this further development and act as multipliers in their home clubs in order to increase the quality of play throughout Switzerland. Last but not least, other compositions of the top players should also be tried out in order to have the best possible teams representing Switzerland in the national team. In addition, the national team meetings should offer an opportunity to present oneself and one's team and to compete at the highest possible level in Switzerland. For this reason, an "extended national team squad" is called up for each national team match. 16 open and 16 women players who are also eligible to play for Switzerland at the World Championships are called up for the "extended national team squad" (see 2.3). The individual Swiss Roundnet Power Ranking on the respective cut-off date is decisive for the call-up to the "Extended National Squad" (see 2.4). Complying with the call-up to the national team meetings is only mandatory as part of the qualification for the national team, but is also expected of ambitious players. To be part of the 2024 Swiss national team, it is mandatory to have taken part in at least one of the first two national team meetings. Otherwise you are not eligible for the Swiss National Team 2024. Cancellations must be communicated to Swiss Roundnet as early as possible (mail to: nationalteam@swissroundnet.ch). It is also requested that players who occupy a top 40 (Open) or top 20 (Women) rank in the SR PowerRankings before an upcoming national team meeting keep the dates of the national team meetings free and inform Swiss Roundnet in good time of any foreseeable absences. You will find a list of possible absences below, other reasons are possible after individual consultation.

2.1 Sequence of the national team formation

The following applies to the first two national team meetings (NZZ): Two weeks before the upcoming NZZ, on deadline date 1 (see 2.4), the 40 players in the Open category and the 20 players in the Women category with the best power rankings will receive an invitation to the NZZ. The deadline will be announced via community chat and social media. The players **themselves** are **responsible for checking whether they belong to the possible selection (check their own ranking) and to contact us if they have not received an invitation by mistake.**

In the invitation, you will be asked to confirm or cancel your participation in the NZZ in a table. They have until deadline 2 (see 2.4) at 18:00 to mark the invitation as "accepted" in the online list.

The 16 Women and the 16 Open players with the best power ranking who have accepted the invitation in the table by 18:00 on the cut-off date 2 are invited to the NZZ. Those who have not accepted the invitation in the online table by 18:00 on the cut-off date will not be considered. Players may only accept the invitation to the NZZ in one of the two categories. On the cut-off date 2 (see 2.4), attention will be drawn to the closing of the registration window in the community chat and on social media. Players are requested to check their invitation status independently. Players invited to the NZZ will receive detailed information by e-mail, usually 1 week before the NZZ. If they do not receive this information, they are requested to contact us.

It is possible that there will be fewer than 16 players in the Women and Open categories due to cancellations.

2.2 Absences

Absences must be reported as early as possible to the person responsible for SwissRoundnet (Freya Levie for 2024) and/or the responsible committee member.

Reasons for absence may include, for example: funerals, exams, vacations planned well in advance, injuries or illness. However, these are included in the committee's decision-making process and therefore also influence the selection for the national team.

Half days are generally not permitted and will only be approved in exceptional cases with the agreement of SwissRoundnet and the committee.

2.3 Eligibility for the 2024 national team

SwissRoundnet bases the eligibility of the 2024 national team on the guidelines prescribed by the IRF.

To be a member of a country's national team, you must fulfill at least one of the following requirements:

- be a citizen of the country concerned
- permanent residence in the country*
- Holders of a valid immigration visa for the country**
- Have lived permanently in the country before the beginning of 2024

*Permanent residence (PR) is defined as the residence status of a person in a country of which they are not a citizen. PR is granted by the government of a country to a person who is allowed to stay in the country indefinitely.

**Immigrant visa is a general term that refers to long-term visas or visas that are part of the naturalization process.

In addition, as already mentioned above, participation in one of the first two national team meetings.

2.4 Dates of the national team meetings and deadlines

The "extended national team squad" will be called up for two national team squads in 2024. The last national squad meeting is reserved for the players and alternates selected by the committee. The dates of the drafts and the cut-off dates for the SR Power Ranking are listed below:

Date NZZ	Key date 1. link	Key date 2nd Excel
27.04.2024	13.04.2024	17.04.2024
23.06.2024	10.06.2024	13.06.2024
17.08.2024	Only for the finally elected national players	08.08.2024

3 Selection of the national team

The national team will be selected by an elected committee in 2024. The exact steps can be found in the committee guidelines.

Swiss Roundnet reserves the right, in consultation with the committee, to exclude candidates from the national team for non-compliance with the National Team Guidelines.