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1. General Information

Swiss Roundnet (SR) is an association of Swiss Roundnet clubs. In cooperation with these clubs, the aim is to promote the increasingly popular sport of Roundnet and, together with the clubs, to foster its growth. SR is responsible for coordinating tournaments and establishing guidelines for competitive events, including national rankings, tournaments, and national teams.

SR reserves the right to change or modify the provisions and conditions contained in these guidelines at any time and at its sole discretion, to ensure the fairest possible competition and gameplay. These changes may be initiated by the board without convening a delegates' assembly (see Articles of Association Art. 28.2).

2. Tournament Calendar 2026

2.1 General Information

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

- SR Playerzone
- Tournament date
- Advertising (Social Media, Website)
- Support for balanced pools (seeding – based on RGX)
- Standard templates for match schedules (game system, tournament brackets)
- [SR Assistance for Tournament Organization](#)

SR coordinates tournament dates among the clubs and maintains an up-to-date tournament calendar on the [Playerzone](#).

2.2 Registering a tournament with SR

Contact SR at least one month before the tournament date via the [SR Homepage](#) and register the tournament/event. The following information is required for this:

- Club
- Contact person
- Email address
- Mobile number
- Event name
- Event date
- Category (Open, Women, Mixed) and max. number of teams per category
- Registration date (start and end)

SR reviews the information provided. If all SR criteria are met, SR will then confirm the tournament and add it to the Playerzone as an official tournament.

2.3 Club Behavior with Insufficient Registrations

- 2 weeks before the tournament, the tournament organizers must notify SR if there are still too few registrations in a category/division.

- SR will then try to promote the relevant categories again through existing channels (WhatsApp chats and social media).
- No later than one week before the tournament, a decision will be communicated as to whether two divisions will be combined or whether a category/division will have to be cancelled.

2.4 Annual Tournament Structure

The SR 2026 season begins with the Swiss Winter Squad Championship, which will take place from January to March. Starting in January 2026, the first Tourstops will be held, and from spring 2026 onwards, the Masters will take place. In the autumn, the World Championships and the SR Championship 2026 will serve as the season's grand finale.

Since the start of the 2024/25 season, SR distinguishes between SR Masters and SR Tourstops. The four SR Masters are the main tournaments of the season. Four Masters are planned, one of which will be a dedicated Women's. The SR Tourstops are intended to complement the Masters. The goal of this distinction is to host fewer but higher-quality tournaments in Switzerland. The SR Masters are designed to attract many players, make season planning easier, allow for different categories/skill levels, and strengthen the hosting clubs both financially and in terms of reputation.

SR encourages clubs, in addition to the major Masters tournaments, to also organize alternative tournaments such as SR Tourstops, youth tournaments, or fun tournaments.

2.4.1 Swiss Winter Squad Championship

The Swiss Winter Squad Championship is a special format in which several players register as a squad and compete together over three tournament days for the Swiss Winter Squad Championship title. There are two skill divisions: the 1st and 2nd leagues. All further information can be found at: <https://www.swissroundnet.ch/squadchampionship>.

2.4.2 SR Masters

The SR Masters tournaments are specially selected events aimed at offering the largest tournaments with the highest level of play. In these Masters, players benefit from a higher multiplier as a reward (see 3.2.3).

Master Dates 2026

May 3: Masters Women Bern

May 23: Masters Lausanne

June 20: Masters Basel

July 18: Masters Schaffhausen

Requirements for Hosting Masters

To be able to host a Masters, the following requirements must be met:

- Masters may only be hosted by official SR clubs
- The tournament venue must have artificial or natural grass. Cleats must be allowed 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

Participation Conditions and Registration for Masters

The announcement and opening of registration for the Masters is carried out by the clubs and, in collaboration with SR, made public. In the following areas, the clubs are supported by SR:

- Announcement of the venue
- Announcement of the call for entries
- 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 SR Championship, players who do not have permanent residence in Switzerland are also allowed to participate.

2.4.3 SR Tourstops

All tournaments officially registered with SR and played according to the SR regulations (see 4.1) are part of the SR Tour and thus classified as SR Tourstops.

2.4.4 SR Championship

The SR Championship will take place on **August 15/16, 2026**. On Saturday, the national championship title will be contested in the Open and Women categories. On Sunday, the national championship title in the Mixed category will follow.

Requirements

- Tournament surface: (Artificial) grass, cleats must be allowed
- Capacity for at least 80 teams – Based on experience, this requires space for 24-30 nets.

Participation Conditions and Registration

To participate in the SR Championship, the following condition must be met:

- Both players of a team must have had permanent residence in Switzerland for at least 365 days and must still have it at the time of the Swiss Championship.
- The specific registration start time will be announced in advance by SR. The tournament spots will be allocated as follows:
- After official registration has started, for the first 96 hours only teams consisting of two players who have both already earned points on the SR Tour in 2026 may register.
- In general, spots are allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. However, if the maximum number of spots is exceeded within the 96 hours, teams with a higher SR Tour points total will be given priority.

After the 96-hour period, any team that meets the participation requirements may register, and the "first come, first served" principle applies to all teams.

2.5 Divisions

For the Open category, there are three divisions that can be offered: Basic, Intermediate/Advanced, and Contender/Pro. For the Women and Mixed categories, there are two divisions each: Basic/Intermediate and Advanced/Pro.

2.5.1 Least Size of Divisions

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

Women: All divisions (6)

Open: Contender/Pro and Intermediate/Advanced (8), Basic (6)

Mixed: Contender/Pro and Intermediate/Advanced (8), Basic (6)

2.5.2 Merged Divisions

Divisions may only be combined if the minimum number of teams specified in 2.5.1 for the division has not been reached through registrations.

3. Ranking System 2026

From 2026 onwards, the RGX will be adopted as the official ranking and seeding system of SR. It enables a fair and precise assessment of the skill level of players and teams. This system provides transparent performance evaluation and promotes sporting competition. The SR Power Ranking will remain in place as a ranking alongside the RGX.

3.1 Roundnet Germany Index

The Power Ranking of the SR Tour rewards regular participation by adding up the best three tournament results. However, it focuses exclusively on the final placement at a tournament and therefore does not always fairly reflect a team's actual performance throughout the entire tournament.

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

roundnetgermany.de/ranking-rgindex/.

Starting with the 2026 season, the RGX will be mandatory as the seeding and ranking system for all Swiss tournaments. It provides a fair and transparent representation of the teams' skill levels and will be used for seeding at all official SR tournaments.

3.2 SR Power Ranking

The SR Power Ranking covers the categories Open and Women, with points from the Open category also being transferable to the Women's category. The ranking list is based on a score that each player receives depending on their placement at tournaments. Only tournaments that are officially registered with SR (see 2.2) are considered. Points are awarded based on the difficulty level (see 3.2.3) and the type of tournament.

The SR Power Ranking was developed to recognize players' performance throughout the season. Each player accumulates points, but only their three highest scores from the last 365 days are counted in the ranking. Expired points are automatically replaced by the next highest valid score.

Note: Tournament organizers are required to enter the final results completely into the Playerzone no later than 48 hours after the tournament ends.

Each year, the SR Power Ranking leaders in the Open and Women categories are recognized. The ranking will be finalized on **November 1, 2026**, and the honoring of the leaders will traditionally take place at the beginning of November as part of the SR Gala.

3.2.1 SR Points

Point allocation is based on placement and category. The following table shows the point 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: Point distributions by placement and category

Special regulations:

- If a placement match is forfeited (e.g., due to injuries), both teams are assigned the lower rank.
- Results not reported on time are also considered forfeits.

3.2.2 Requirements for a tournament to be included in the ranking

A tournament will be included in the ranking if it is officially registered with SR (see 2.2) and confirmed. In addition, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) Registration: Registered with SR at least one month before the tournament date.
- 2) Fair registration conditions: The same criteria for all teams.
- 3) Participant diversity: Teams from at least three different clubs.
- 4) Rules: Played according to the current SR rules or new test rules from the IRF (to be announced in advance).
- 5) Mode: The tournament mode must be reviewed and approved in advance.
- 6) Seeding: Based on the current RGX ranking and provided by SR.
- 7) Transparency: Group allocations should ideally be published via live stream.
- 8) Minimum size:
 - Open: At least 8 teams.
 - Women: At least 6 teams.
- 9) Schedule planning: No overlap with other Tourstops or important international tournaments.

3.2.3 Tournament Difficulty and Multipliers

The point allocation for SR Tourstops is based on the ranking sequence shown in Table 1. However, to take the strength of a tournament into account, each tournament is subsequently assigned a multiplier. This multiplier reflects the number and quality of participating top players and is determined based on the current Power Rankings.

Initial multiplier values

Highest divisions (Open / Women): 1.0

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

Calculation of the multiplier

The difficulty level of a tournament depends on the number of participating top players:

- In the Open category, only teams are considered where both members are listed in the Top 30.
- In the Women category, both players of the team must be in the Top 18 to be included in the calculation.

After the tournament, SR reviews the ranking list and calculates the multiplier. This multiplier is applied to the point values presented in Table 1, and the adjusted points are entered into the SR Power Ranking.

Note: The multiplier can never be lower than 0.3.

Calculation of the multiplier – Open

In addition to the starting value, the following adjustments are made:

- For each Top 10 player: multiplier +0.10
- For each Top 20 player: multiplier +0.06
- For each Top 30 player: multiplier +0.03

If players drop out in the main bracket before the quarterfinals (e.g., due to injury), they are not counted towards the multiplier.

International players – Open

If international players participate in Tour Stops, their placement in the tournament is considered. They are included in the calculation as follows:

- For each international player in the tournament's Top 3 (team ranking): multiplier +0.10
- For each international player in the tournament's Top 8 (team ranking): multiplier +0.03

Calculation of the multiplier – Women

In addition to the starting value, the following adjustments are made:

- For each Top 6 player: multiplier +0.15
- For each Top 12 player: multiplier +0.10
- For each Top 18 player: multiplier +0.05

If players drop out in the main bracket before the semifinals (e.g., due to injury), they are not counted towards the multiplier.

International players – Women

If international players participate in Tour Stops, their placement in the tournament is considered. They are included in the calculation as follows:

- For each international player in the tournament's Top 2 (team ranking): multiplier +0.15
- For each international player in the tournament's Top 4 (team ranking): multiplier +0.05

Multiplier for Master tournaments

For all Master tournaments, an artificial point multiplier is set in advance to make the Master tournaments more attractive. However, the minimum number of participating teams must be met for the artificial multiplier to apply:

- Multiplier for the highest division: +0.3 to the normal calculation.
- Multiplier for the second-highest division: +0.1 to the normal calculation.

Multiplier for the Swiss Championship

For the SR Championship, an artificial point multiplier is also set in advance to make the SR Championship more attractive. However, the minimum number of participating teams must be met for the artificial multiplier to apply:

- Multiplier for the highest division: +0.5 to the normal calculation.
- Multiplier for the second-highest division: +0.2 to the normal calculation.

4. Tournament Regulations

4.1 Game Rules

For a tournament to be listed as an official SR Tourstop on the website, it must be played according to the official SR rules (which will be updated to reflect the new IRF [rules](#)). SR places great importance on ensuring that the sport in Switzerland is based on fairness and honesty. Therefore, the use of observers is generally avoided. However, if it becomes necessary to use observers due to new rules or disputes, these observers must be organized by the athletes themselves, with both teams agreeing to the selection.

5. Contact

If you have any questions or need further information about tournament operations, we are happy to assist you. We look forward to seeing you at the next tournament!

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