



# Swiss National Junior Men Selection Criteria

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## 1. Purpose and Scope of the document :

The selection criteria outlined in this document apply to teams of the Switzerland Juniors National Cricket Team representing the country in official tournaments and fixtures (U15 and/or U16). Selection for the national team is based on merit, performance, commitment, and adherence to the highest standards of the sport.

At the same time, in order to foster the growth and development of cricket in Switzerland, the selection process for various opportunity-based tours and tournaments will prioritize inclusivity. These events will serve as platforms to provide as many players as possible with the chance to gain experience, improve their skills, and contribute to the overall progress of the sport within the country.

In instances where the player pool is smaller, or availability is affected due to academic commitments, injuries, or other constraints, selection will be adjusted to ensure that available players are given opportunities to participate. This approach is aimed at encouraging wider engagement, strengthening the domestic cricket structure, and promoting long-term sustainability in Swiss cricket. Swiss National teams participating in non ICC events, will be considered Non-representative or Friendly games. (Refer appendix table 1.1 for examples of such tours and tournaments).

This balanced approach ensures that while Switzerland fields a competitive national team, it also remains committed to broadening participation, nurturing emerging talent, and fostering a thriving cricketing culture across all levels of the game. Prior to every season, the Junior Committee shall review the present selection criteria, as well as the composition of the selection committee.

Considering competitive, selection-based teams at the younger age groups (U13 and below), and its long-term impact on the mental health and confidence of players who do not get selected. There will be no national team for these young players and there will be more opportunities and a development based approach.

## 2. Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for the Swiss National Side playing in international events and games as defined by the International Cricket Council (ICC), a player must meet the same criteria as are required by the ICC, i.e.:

- **2.1 Nationality Qualification Criteria**
  - **2.1.1 (Eligibility based on location of birth)**
  - The Player was born in the country whose domestic cricket governing body is the National Cricket Federation; NOTE: The relevant information and documentation required to evidence satisfaction of the Nationality Qualification Criteria must, when requested, be provided in a timely fashion to the ICC.
  - **2.1.2 (Eligibility based on nationality/citizenship)**
  - at the date of submission of the relevant information to the ICC, the Player can demonstrate (by his/her possession of a valid passport issued by the relevant country) that he/she is a national of the country whose domestic cricket governing body is the National Cricket Federation; or



- **2.1.3 (Eligibility based on residency)**
- At the date of submission of the relevant information to the ICC, the Player is a Resident of the country whose domestic cricket governing body is the National Cricket Federation. For the purposes of this Article, a Player will be deemed to be a 'Resident' of a particular country if the Player has had his/her primary and permanent home in the relevant country for the immediately preceding three years, and Residence and Residency shall be construed accordingly.
- **4. Minimum age requirements**
  - **4.1 (Minimum Age Eligibility)**
  - A Player will only be eligible to represent a National Cricket Federation in an International Match (including ICC Events) if he/she is aged 15 or younger at Midnight 1 Sep 2024. Will be at least 15 years old at the time of the Qualifier (circa June/July 2026), hence, minimum age of 13 years old in Summer 2024.
  - **4.2 (Eligibility for qualifying tournaments of ICC U19 events)**
  - A Player will be eligible to represent a National Cricket Federation in an ICC U19 CWCQ or any qualifying tournament for an ICC U19 T20 WC if, based on the criteria set out in Article 4.1 above, he/she will be eligible to compete in the U19 CWC or ICC U19 T20 WC to which that qualifying tournament relates.

Please refer detailed player eligibility regulations in section Impact on junior age group structure of the document [U19 set up and impact on Juniors vDec 2024](#)

To qualify for either the Swiss National U15 or U16 Side (or both) playing in friendly representative events and games not sanctioned by the ICC, a player must meet the following criteria, i.e.:

- Any of the three criteria defined by the ICC for determining a player's nationality (see item 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 above) or
- The player is a member of a Cricket Switzerland approved cricket club for at least the last 3 preceding years, AND has participated in at least 5 domestic games of the player's age group youth competition (ie. previously the Youth Cricket Switzerland Premier League and now the Cricket Switzerland Youth League) in the preceding year, AND is able to travel whether within the Schengen area or outside.
- A player will only be eligible if he/she is also meeting the age criteria item 4.1 above.

After a player meets the above criteria, the Swiss National U15 or U16 Sides will be selected on following set of criteria:

### 3. Selection Criteria

#### **Player's Ability:**

A player's ability, his expertise and experience for the role he is being considered for in the national side are paramount. The players can present different attributes to convince the selectors about their abilities.

#### **Domestic Performance:**

Cricket Switzerland has different competitions throughout the year. A player's performance in domestic cricket is of high importance when considered for the national selection. It can happen that a player has a bad patch during one season or so, but overall, the domestic performance will have a significant impact on national team selection.



If a player does not take part in domestic cricket without a valid reason (e.g., work or study) then he can be disqualified from selection upon selection committee's discretion.

### **Past International Performance:**

As Cricket Switzerland is relatively new to international cricket under ICC, it has only participated in friendly games/series/tournaments at the youth level (U15 through U19). Performance of players (if applicable) at these events will be taken into consideration for future selection processes.

### **Fitness:**

To compete at the highest level, a minimum fitness level is required as described here. The players must be able to demonstrate that they have the required fitness level needed to perform the role for which they are selected.

### **U16 Team :**

The players will be put in the following groups.

- Run 2 km in less than 9:30 (9 mins and 30 seconds). A player who runs between 9:30 and 10:30 mins would be in the 'orange' limit and will be encouraged and regularly monitored (on notice).
- Run between the wickets in less than 9 sec (best of 6 tries: 3 LH turn and 3 RH turn). A player who runs between 9 sec and 10 sec would be in the 'orange' limit and will be on 'notice'.
- Hold a perfect plank for at least 2 mins. A player who holds a plank between 1:30 and 2 mins would be in the 'orange' limit and will be 'on notice'.

### **U15 Team :**

The players will be put in the following groups.

- Run 2 km in less than 10:00 (10 mins). A player who runs between 10:00 and 11:00 mins would be in the 'orange' limit and will be encouraged and regularly monitored (on notice).
- Run between the wickets in less than 10 sec (best of 6 tries: 3 LH turn and 3 RH turn). A player who runs between 11 sec and 12 sec would be in the 'orange' limit and will be on 'notice'.
- Hold a perfect plank for at least 1:30 mins (1 mins and 30 secs). A player who holds a plank between 1 and 1;30 mins would be in the 'orange' limit and will be 'on notice'.

In addition to this, during the selection process, physical fitness will be assessed by team physio/coach and his/her recommendations will be considered.

Fitness levels will be assessed generally for all available players on trials and depending on the timing of the international matches further tests will be conducted regularly.

### **Discipline:**

All players are expected to show exemplary behavior as part of the national team setup.

Players who have exhibited disciplinary problems in domestic cricket or on any previous international tours (whether friendly or not), will not be considered for selection until the Disciplinary Committee's sanctions have been formally cleared.

### **Training and Practice Games:**



All players who are invited are encouraged to attend training sessions. If players cannot attend training sessions, they must inform the trainers and team manager about the situation. A player who continues to miss training sessions without justified reasons, can lose his place in the team. A player who misses 30% or more sessions without any valid reason, would lose his place in the squad.

All players who want to be considered for selection must prioritize National Team Practice and Games over Domestic Cricket matches.

#### **Non-discrimination and non-biased:**

It is the goal of Cricket Switzerland that players are selected based on their talents and regardless of their race/religion or any other bias.

#### **Overseas Players:**

Players who are Swiss Nationals but who are not living in Switzerland can also be considered for selection in the national team. However, to be considered, they are recommended to join a club and play as many domestic games as possible. The selection committee will take the final decision.

This can be waived in extreme circumstances, for example if a player is professionally playing in another country or other extreme cases which can be approved by the selection committee.

#### **Commitment to the national team:**

It is essential to highlight that Cricket Switzerland is largely a voluntary organization. As such, not all activities for participating players can be fully funded. Therefore, players putting their name forward must be willing to accept the following:

1. Financial Contribution: Financial contributions towards participation, including travel, accommodation, and other related expenses, may be required.
2. Willingness to Travel: Players must be willing to travel within Switzerland for training sessions organized at different grounds, which may not necessarily be close to their place of residence.
3. Time Commitment: Players must be ready to commit time for training sessions, matches, and team meetings, understanding that schedules may vary.
4. Voluntary Support: Participation may require players to engage in voluntary support roles.
5. Fundraising Participation: Players may be expected to participate in fundraising events (example: showcase of cricket for local events, events organized by Swiss Olympics for promotion of cricket etc.) to support team activities and initiatives.
6. Team Spirit and Collaboration: A willingness to foster a positive team environment, respect & support for management, fellow players, and work collaboratively towards shared goals.
7. Personal Responsibility: Players must take personal responsibility for their performance, conduct and representation of Cricket Switzerland at all events.

#### **Selection Committee – U15 & U16:**

The following members will have the voting rights for selection:

- All five junior clubs form 3 regional domestic teams, based on this, the selection committee will be formed following members.
  - 1 representative each from all 3 Junior Clubs from Romande Region which forms one Regional Team, with 3 votes ( 1 vote per club)
  - 1 representative from Basel which forms one Domestic league team with 3 votes
  - 1 representative from Zurich which forms one Domestic league team with 3 votes



- National Age Group Junior Coach : one vote

The following members will act as advisors to the selection committee:

- National Age Group Manager (National Age Group Manager will be acting with responsibility of Secretary and Coordinator of the Selection Committee.
- Representative of Senior Men / U18/U19 as an advisory role.

### **Announcement of Squad:**

The squad will be announced as early as possible in advance of an upcoming tour.

### **Team Selection for matches:**

The team will be selected from the squad by the Head Coach.

## **Appendix**

**Table 1.1 :**

Tournament Name	Classification	Competition Type
Ascension Tour	Non Representative	Opportunity Based
County Cricket Festival or any such competition	Non Representative	Opportunity Based
Country Tour with domestic team or when it is not a identified as Representative Team)	Non Representative	Opportunity Based
ICC events	Representative	Competitive
Any matches played by U13 and lower age groups	Non Representative	Opportunity Based