



Swiss National U18 and Swiss National U19 Selection 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.:

- **2.1.1 (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; or
- **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.
- **4.1 (Minimum Age Eligibility)** A *Player* will only be eligible to represent a *National Cricket Federation* in an *International Match* (including *ICC Events* and *U19 Events*) if he/she is aged 15 or over on the relevant squad submission date (in the case of *ICC Events* including *U19 Events*) or on the date of the first match of the series/tournament to be played (in the case of all other *International Matches*).
- **4.2 (Eligibility for ICC U19 events)** A *Player* will be eligible to represent a *National Cricket Federation* in an ICC *U19 CWC* or ICC *U19 T20 WC* if he/she is aged under 19 (i.e. he/she is younger than 19 years of age) on the 31 August immediately preceding the date on which the first match in the relevant *U19 CWC* or *U19 T20 WC* is due to take place. For the avoidance of doubt, this means the *Player's* age at midnight (in the country of birth) at the changeover from the 31st of August to the 1st of September immediately preceding the event.
- **4.3 (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 4.2 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 here:

<https://images.icc-cricket.com/image/upload/prd/torzwbwzb4rzqmer8hfk.pdf>

Additional selection criteria are applicable for friendly events or games not sanctioned by the ICC (see Annex A).

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After a player meets the above criteria, the Swiss National U18 and U19 Sides will be selected on following set of 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 the 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.

The players should be able to meet at least three of the following targets (with no more than four 'orange' limits):

- Run 2 km in less than 8:00 (8 mins). A player who runs between 8:00 and 9:00 mins would be in the 'orange' limit and will be 'on notice'.
- Run 2.8 km at least in the Cooper test. A player who runs between 2.3 km and 2.8 km would be in the 'orange' limit and will be on 'notice'.
- Run between the wickets in less than 7 sec (best of 6 tries: 3 LH turn and 3 RH turn). A player who runs between 7 sec and 8 sec would be in the 'orange' limit and will be on 'notice'.
- Hold a perfect left, right and front plank for at least 2 mins each. A player who holds a plank between 1 and 2 mins would be in the 'orange' limit and will be 'on notice'.
- Carry a board jump of 2.5 m minimum. A player who carries such a jump between 1.5m and 2.5m would be in the 'orange' limit and will be 'on notice'.
- Perform a minimum of 40 push-ups in 60 seconds. A player who performs 10 to 40 pushups in 60 seconds would be in the 'orange' limit and will be 'on notice'.
- Throw a medicine ball of 3kg at a minimum distance of 5.5m (within 5 attempts). A player who achieves a throw of 3 to 5.5 m 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 the team physiotherapist 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 prioritise 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 respect the following:

1. 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.
2. Time Commitment: Players must be ready to commit time for training sessions, matches, and team meetings, understanding that schedules may vary.
3. Voluntary Support: Participation may require players to engage in voluntary support roles, such as helping with coaching, administration, or event organization.
4. Fundraising Participation: Players may be expected to participate in fundraising events (example: showcase of cricket for local events, events organised by Swiss Olympics for promotion of cricket etc.) to support team activities and initiatives.
5. Team Spirit and Collaboration: A willingness to foster a positive team environment, respect & support for management, fellow players, and work collaboratively towards shared goals.
6. Personal Responsibility: Players must take personal responsibility for their performance, conduct and representation of Cricket Switzerland at all events.

Selection Committee – U18:

The following members will have the voting rights for selection:

- Head of Selection Committee U18
- Selectors
- National U18 Coach

(in case of disagreement, there will be voting, and in case of a draw, the vote of Head of Selection Committee will be decisive)

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

- National U19 Coach

- Senior Men representative (in an advisory capacity, who will give input from seniors)
- Junior Committee representative (in an advisory capacity, who will give input from juniors)

In the future, it is also foreseen that the following people will be added as advisors to the selection committee:

- Assistant National U18 Coach
- U18 physiotherapist

Selection Committee – U19:

The following members will have the voting rights for selection:

- Head of Selection Committee U19
- Selectors
- National U19 Coach

(in case of disagreement, there will be voting, and in case of a draw, the vote of Head of Selection Committee will be decisive)

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

- National U18 Coach
- Senior Men representative (in an advisory capacity, who will give input from seniors)
- Junior Committee representative (in an advisory capacity, who will give input from juniors)

In the future, it is also foreseen that the following people will be added as advisors to the selection committee:

- Assistant National U19 Coach
- U19 physiotherapist

Announcement of Squad:

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

Team Selection for matches:

- The U18 team will be selected from the squad by the National U18 Coach.
- The U19 team will be selected from the squad by the National U19 Coach.

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Annex A – Additional criterias for selection for in friendly events and games not sanctioned by the ICC

To qualify for either the Swiss National U18 or U19 Side (or both) playing in friendly 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 aged 15 or over on the date of the first match of the series/tournament to be played (item 4.1 above).
- **U19:** A player will be eligible if he/she is aged under 19 (i.e. he/she is younger than 19 years of age) on the 31 August immediately preceding the date on which the first match in the relevant series/tournament is due to take place. For the avoidance of doubt, this means the Player's age at midnight (in the country of birth) at the changeover from the 31st of August to the 1st of September immediately preceding the event.
- **U18:** A player will be eligible if he/she is aged under 18 (i.e. he/she is younger than 18 years of age) on the 31 August immediately preceding the date on which the first match in the relevant series/tournament is due to take place. For the avoidance of doubt, this means the Player's age at midnight (in the country of birth) at the changeover from the 31st of August to the 1st of September immediately preceding the event.

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