



# Policy for U19 Refugee Travel Fund

## Introduction

The Cricket Switzerland U19 Refugee Travel Fund is primarily to be used to support refugees in U19 and lower age ranges to travel to Cricket Switzerland organised events. Note that at present this does not cover U19 players travelling to participate in Senior Men's domestic competitions, but this will be revisited if/when additional funds are available.

If, at the end of the season, there are still reserves in the fund, Members shall be able to make a request for other U19 refugee travel requests and the Board shall assess an appropriate distribution of the remaining funds.

In all cases, applications must be submitted within the calendar year of the travel. Please submit applications for funding to [finance@cricketswitzerland.ch](mailto:finance@cricketswitzerland.ch)

The policy shall be reviewed annually or on an ad hoc basis (e.g. should additional funding become available).

The date of effect of the policy is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

## Motivation

U17 and U19 (where the majority of the U19 refugee players are) refugees are not able to earn sufficient funds by themselves and also make up a significant portion of the player base in their age groups. The funds are to encourage this group to be able to participate in cricket in Switzerland and representing Switzerland where relevant.

Note that the U17 and U19 CSYL (Cricket Switzerland Youth League) matches are very important for two ICC criteria which help support the fund:

- The Junior Male portion of the ICC Associate Member scorecard has the highest weighting, and hence these matches directly drive ICC funding
- The U19 World Cup pathway qualification depends on a certain number of teams (10) in the U15-U19 age groups

## In Scope Expenses

- Travel of an U19 player to a CSYL or another CS Junior fixture
- Travel of an U19 player to a CSWL (CS Women's League) or CSWIL (CS Women's Indoor League) fixture
- Travel of an U19 player to a National training event (Senior or Youth)
- Travel of an U19 player to an international match/tour (Senior or Youth)



## Out of Scope Expenses

The Fund **does not cover** the following types of expenses:

- Travel expenses related to **Senior Men's League cricket matches**
- Travel costs for **training sessions organized by clubs**, as most Cantons provide funding to support such travel. If this avenue has been explored and still not forthcoming, these expenses can be covered from the fund if available.
- **International travel** and associated expenses for participation in tournaments such as the **European Cricket League (ECL)** or other domestic competitions.

## Guidance to Members

Cricket Switzerland should always be seen as a last resort for supporting Refugee travel. Many Cantonal or more local refugee associations support travel costs, particularly when the travel is within the Canton. Additionally, charitable Foundations exist, and the sporting use case is a strong one.

Members should look for efficient use of public transport. SBB provide two options that are particularly cost effective:

- [Day Pass for Schools](#) can also be applied for "Youth and Sport". While Cricket Switzerland is not yet a member of Y+S, many SBB offices accept evidence of a sport's club travelling for a sport's event. The ticket is for a minimum of a group of 10, with U25s and up to two accompanying adults, for a cost of CHF15 per person for GA travel for a day. Assuming a squad of 12 and two accompanying adults, the whole group can travel for CHF210.
- [Friends Day Pass Youth](#) allows up to four U25s to travel together for a flat cost of CHF80 in GA area for a day. This means a squad of 12 can travel for CHF240 plus any accompanying adult costs.

Use of these options will help the funds go further. In general, other options (e.g. minibus rental), permission should be sought ahead of making bookings. Sustainable travel will always be preferred.

## Notes for Future

- Expansion of the fund to cover all CS organised events, including Senior Men's
- Alignment of the age group to Jugend+Sport requirements (U21), if the individual is unemployed