



Swiss National U19 Selection Criteria

To qualify for the Swiss National Squad 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 purpose 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/torzzbwzb4rzqmer8hfk.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 U19 Squads 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 squad are paramount. The players can present different attributes to convince the selectors about their abilities.

Domestic Performance:

Cricket Switzerland organises different competitions throughout the year. A player's performance in domestic cricket is of high importance when considered for selection for the national squad. Whilst a player may have a bad patch during one season or so, overall, the player's domestic performance will have a significant impact on national squad selection.

Consequently, it is expected that a player, who is part of the national squad, will play as many domestic games as possible, except for valid reasons (such as work or study). In such circumstances, the player shall inform both his/her club coach and the national coach to discuss such issues and find necessary accommodation if possible.

Failure to meet this commitment could result in deselection or even dismissal from the national squad. Such decisions would be taken by the selection committee.

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.

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 minutes. A player who runs between 8 and 9 minutes 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.

Attendance to National Squad and National Team Activities (training sessions, practice games, tours, events, etc):

Being selected into the national squad is a great honor for any player. It also comes with a commitment to participate in the activities set forth by the coaching team and/or Cricket Switzerland.

A player, selected for the national squad or pool, is expected to participate in national training and practice games as those are scheduled by the coaching team to improve our national players in all areas of the game, and to further the group's ability to play as a team, as well as to enhance team spirit and resilience. A player missing training sessions or practice games may be dropped from the national squad. Exceptions may be granted for health reasons, for example.

Furthermore, whilst the competition committee and the national squad staff will endeavor, to the extent possible, to plan their respective events (games, etc) to avoid possible calendar conflicts between playing domestic games and fulfilling national squad duties,¹ players' participation in those training sessions and practice games should take priority over domestic games in cases of calendar clashes. Exceptions may be granted by the head coach and/or team manager for specifically important domestic games (like a semi-final or final of a CS sanctioned competition) if such a request is made at least two weeks in advance, or a club international tour if such a request is made as soon as possible (when the said tour is announced) and at least four weeks in advance. No exception is granted for friendly domestic or international games, and after the deadlines set above. Therefore,

A national squad player, selected to be part of the national team for an event (such as games or tournaments), should focus on preparing for the said event.² So, they must give priority to dedicated national training and practice games over any other solicitation or club commitment they may have.

Failure to meet the above commitments could result in deselection or even dismissal from the national squad. Such decisions would be taken by the selection committee.

Non-discrimination and non-biased:

Players are selected based on talent, regardless of race, religion, or any bias.

Overseas Players:

Players who are Swiss Nationals or born in Switzerland but who are not living in Switzerland can also be considered for selection in the national squad. 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.

¹ CS will announce the dates for national squad trainings (by the AGM at the latest). Any changes to those dates, for any reason, will be communicated to clubs as soon as possible so they can make the necessary arrangements, either to release players, find replacements, or request an exception.

² National team fixtures are not under CS control, as they depend on host teams and the ICC. Clubs will be required to release their players accordingly.

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. 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:

The following members will have the voting rights for selection:

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

(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:

- 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 national team will be announced as early as possible in advance of an upcoming tour.

Team Selection for matches:

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

Annex A – Additional criteria for selection to friendly events and games not sanctioned by the ICC

To qualify for the Swiss National U19 Squad 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 (CS) approved cricket club for at least the last 3 preceding years, AND
The player has participated in at least 5 Cricket Switzerland Youth League (CSYL) games in the relevant age group competition (or above). Performance in the CS men's competitions will also be considered, AND
The Player 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).
- 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.

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