



COUNCIL

24th January 2026

Minutes of the Meeting.

1. Opening of the Meeting

President Michael Hall welcomed all participants to the remote meeting, noting that there was a full agenda today, and that the proposed timing for items would be adhered to as much as possible.

The meeting commenced at 10.02 am CET.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted unanimously as proposed.

3. Apologies for absence

Geneva Sri Lankans and CC Wettingen sent apologies.

A list of participants is attached to the Minutes.

4. Adoption of the minutes of the previous Council Meeting (October 2025)

The Minutes were adopted unanimously.

Athletes' Commission

5. Player Survey 2025

The Athletes' Commission was invited to provide an update on the 2025 Player Survey and to identify near-future activities.

The Player survey had elicited fifty-four responses, which, while relatively low in number, provide sufficient indicators of the main issues of interest or concern to players.

While detailed results are not being distributed at this point, some general outcomes provide useful pointers towards further work that will address player interests/concerns, including:

- physical health

- mental health
- training and facilities
- financial support
- safeguarding and governance
- career and prospects.

Noted that overall experience with Cricket Switzerland was rated as:

- 3/5 42%
- 4/5 34%
- 5/5 13%

6. Current initiatives

Near-term activities are likely to include:

- identifying open-source pages on physical and mental health
- pathways to coaching, umpiring and administration
- women in administrative roles.

Competitions 2025

7. Cricket Switzerland Premier League (CSPL)

A comprehensive document '*Cricket Switzerland Competitions – Senior Men 2026 Season* was distributed in advance of the meeting. A final version will be published when all information is available.

The CSPL will comprise nine teams, the top seven from 2024 and two promoted teams.

Tournament Start Date: 01.04.2026 Tournament End date: 18.10.2026.

The two lowest placed teams will be relegated to the Cricket Switzerland National League (CSNL).

The CSPL playing conditions for 2026 were agreed. *See the document for details.*

8. Cricket Switzerland National League (CSNL)

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The two lowest placed teams will be relegated to the Cricket Switzerland Regional League (CSRL).

The two leading teams will be promoted to the CSPL in 2026.

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The CSNL playing conditions for 2026 were agreed. *Full details are to be found in the document.*

9. Cricket Switzerland Regional League (CSRL)

There will be two groups, currently comprising nine teams in each, though additions are possible.

Tournament Start Date: 01.04.2026.
 Semi-Finals: 26/27 September
 Reserve Date for Semi-Finals: 3/4 October
 Finals: 12 October
 Reserve Date for the Finals: 18 October

The CSRL playing conditions for 2025 were agreed. *Full details are to be found in the document.*

10./11. Cricket Switzerland T20 Competitions

The Cricket Switzerland T20 competition again features two tiers:

- 1. Elite Division: Mr. Pickwick Cup T20 Championship
- 2. Division 2: CricketerPro Cup

The premier T20 competition in Switzerland is again sponsored by Mr. Pickwick Pub.

Elite Division

The 12 teams from the PT20 Tournament 2025 have been ranked based on their performance and divided into two groups:

The two promoted teams from Division 2 are allocated to Group A and Group B alphabetically.

The bottom-ranked team from each group will be relegated to Division 2 in 2027

Participating teams are to be found in the document.

Semi-finals: 22/23 August. Reserve date 29/30 August.

Finals: 6 September. Reserve Date: 12 September

Division 2

The Division 2 T20 competition is sponsored by CricketerPro.

All new entrants begin their journey in Division 2. The two finalists of the CricketerPro Cup 2026 will be promoted to Division 1 (Pickwick Cup) in 2027.

28 teams will compete in four divisions.

Participating teams and qualifying details are to be found in the attached document.

Quarter finals: 15/16 August. Reserve dates 22/23 August

Semi-finals: 22/23 August. Reserve date: 29/30 August.

Finals: 6 September. Reserve Date: 12 September.

12. T10 Competition

In 2026 there will be a national franchise-based Twenty10 competition designed to strengthen the cricket ecosystem in Switzerland. The primary objective of the tournament is to commercialise the

sport within the country while creating new opportunities for players, clubs, officials, sponsors, and commercial partners. By introducing a franchise model, the CS-T10 aims to attract investment, enhance visibility, and establish sustainable revenue streams for cricket in Switzerland.

At the same time, the tournament provides an innovative and competitive platform that supports player development, professional exposure, and long-term growth of the sport.

The following elements were agreed; some subject to additional details during the planning phase:

Franchise and Financial Structure

- Franchise Base Price
 - Base price per franchise team: CHF 1,500
 - If there are more than 8 teams interested, an auction will decide the 8 participating teams
- Prize Money
 - Total prize money pool: CHF 4,000
- Player Registration
 - Each franchise team may register a squad of up to 30 players.

Player Draft and Auction Mechanism

- Draft Participation
 - Each franchise has the option to spend an additional CHF XXX (amount to be decided later after consultations with the franchises) to participate in the Cricket Switzerland Player Draft.
- Draft Allocation
 - Through the draft, each participating team may select up to three (3) players.
 - More details of the draft will be provided in due course in after consultation and discussions with the participating franchises Competitions Committee,

Key Dates and Timeline

- | • Milestone | Date |
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| • Tournament Announcement | 24 January 2026 |
| • Deadline for expression of interest for the Participating Teams | 1 April 2026 |
| • Team Confirmations | 10 April 2026 |
| • Submission of Final Team Lists | 15 June 2026 |
| • Tournament Period | July-Aug 2026 |

Governance and Compliance

All participating franchises, players, and officials must comply with Cricket Switzerland's competition regulations, code of conduct, and disciplinary framework. Detailed playing conditions, draft rules, and operational guidelines will be communicated separately.

Conclusion

- The CS-T10 Franchise Tournament represents a strategic step towards building a commercially viable and competitive cricket landscape in Switzerland. Through collaboration with franchises, players, and partners, Cricket Switzerland aims to deliver a high-quality tournament that contributes to the sustainable development and broader recognition of the sport nationwide.

13. Juniors

A detailed provisional schedule of competitions for both indoor and outdoor tournaments was distributed to the meeting participants; '*Cricket Switzerland Junior Men Domestic and International Competitions 2026*' distributed in advance of the meeting. Final details will be published progressively when finalised. Key elements of the competitions agreed are:

Domestic Indoor Tournaments

- Basel Indoor Tournament at Basel Feb-Mar
- U11, U13
 - 3 Regional Teams
 - April to Aug: dates and venues to be confirmed.

Domestic Outdoor Tournaments

- Zuoz Junior Cricket Festival (23-24 May / 6-7 June)
 - U9/U11/U13/U15 - 4 team 15 to 20 over tournament
 - Possibility to have International Teams
- Cricket Switzerland Youth League U11
 - 3 Regional Teams
 - April to Aug: dates and venues to be confirmed
 - Will be umpired by qualified junior umpires
- Cricket Switzerland Youth League U13
 - 3 Regional Teams
 - April to Aug: dates and venues to be confirmed
 - Will be umpired by qualified junior umpires
- Cricket Switzerland Youth League U15
 - 2 Regional Teams
 - April to Aug: dates and venues to be confirmed
 - Will be umpired by qualified junior umpires
- Cricket Switzerland Youth League U17
 - 4 Regional Teams ■ 50 overs match
 - April to Aug: dates and venues to be confirmed
 - Final: 30th August ■ Scheduling and organization by Senior Men's Competitions Committee
- Cricket Switzerland Youth League U19
 - 8 to 12 Regional Teams expected (Including U19 Pathway Team)
 - April to Oct: dates and venues to be
 - Playoffs: Semi finals and Final ■ Final: 4th October ■ Scheduling and organization by Senior Men's Competitions Committee
- Youth T20 League (U17 & U19 Combined)
 - Minimum 12 Regional Teams expected
 - T20 format
 - April to Sept: dates and venues to be confirmed
 - Playoffs: Semi finals and Final
 - Final: 12th September
 - Scheduling and organization by Senior Men's Competitions Committee

- U13-U15 Summer Festival
 - Minimum 3 teams (composed of players from multiple clubs)
 - T20 format
 - Structure: played over a one-week period (weekdays) during the Summer
 - If ICC metric met -> it will be played in a more recreational format
- U17-U19 Summer Festival
 - Minimum 4 teams ■ T20 format
 - Structure: played over a one-week period (weekdays) in August
 - If ICC metric met -> it will be played in a more recreational format
 - Scheduling and organization by Senior Men's Competitions Committee.

It was noted that some details above were not made known or considered in the budget preparation.

14. Cricket Switzerland Women's League

Outlook for 2026

It was noted that 2026 is set to be a pivotal year for women's and junior girls' cricket in Switzerland, with expanded competitive opportunities, structured skill development, and improved participation pathways.

A summary of all intended competitions was tabled for information and discussion. Please refer to the meeting document '*Cricket Switzerland Women's Committee Report 2026 outlook*'.

Leagues and tournaments

Key elements agreed are:

- CS Women's Indoor League (January – March 2026)
The 2026 CS Women's Indoor League (CSWIL) will feature a record eight teams divided into two groups. The top two teams from each group will advance to the finals on 21 March 2026.
- Indoor League for Junior Girls (January – March 2026) The Junior Girls Indoor League, which started in Oct 2025, will continue into Q1 2026.
- Outdoor League for Women (April – September 2026) The League will transition to an 11-player T20 format, aligning with international standards.
- Women's Indoor League (October – December 2026) The second indoor season will be strategically scheduled, considering player workloads, national events, and feedback from the earlier league.
- Indoor League for Junior Girls (October – December 2026) The junior indoor season in Q4 will offer structured match play during the off-season.

Grassroot Development & Player Pathways

Open Days & Taster Sessions

- To broaden the sport's base, the committee will host Open Days and Taster Sessions in multiple regions, introducing cricket to new female participants of all ages. Collaboration with local clubs and schools will be essential to reaching wider audiences.

Player Development and Education

Structured development for players and officials.

- Planned initiatives include:
Specialised coaching sessions and national squad training camps to refine technical and tactical skills.
Umpiring and scoring workshops to enhance the quality and consistency of match officiating.
Leadership and coaching pathways for women who wish to contribute to cricket beyond playing, fostering the growth of female mentors and administrators in the game.

15. Competitions Rules changes

Changes to competitions, formats, regulations, player registration, and safeguarding requirements were distributed before the meeting.

Major changes include:

Competition Formats

- The Cricket Switzerland National League (CSNL) shall be played as a 45-over per side competition, aligned with the current CSPL format.
- From the 2027 season onwards, the Cricket Switzerland Premier League (CSPL) and Cricket Switzerland National League (CSNL) shall be played as a 50-over per side competition.
- All competition rules and regulations shall be aligned with ICC ODI and T20 Playing Conditions.

Over Rate Regulations

- Over rates shall be monitored using a timer, controlled by the umpires in coordination with the official scorers.
- Penalties for slow over rates shall be applied in accordance with the ICC ODI and T20 Playing Conditions, as applicable.

Player Registrations

- A new player registration module will be introduced in 2026 due to the requirement to submit age-wise player data to Swiss Olympic and other reporting agencies.
- It will be mandatory to provide accurate date-of-birth and age-related information.

Home Ground Eligibility

- Teams without a designated home ground shall be restricted to participation in the CSRL and CricketerPro competitions.

Safeguarding Requirements

- Agreed that all clubs are to implement and maintain clear safeguarding procedures at match venues, particularly junior players are involved.
- A list of minimum safeguarding requirements was included in the document.

Player Movement Between Divisions

- The main purpose of the more flexible rules is to ensure that players in the U19 National Team pathway receive appropriate match exposure at the correct competitive level, supporting player development while maintaining fairness and integrity across divisions.
- The changes are also intended to support the development of players in the U19 World Cup qualifying pathway.

Fixture Deadlines and Forfeit Provisions

- Complete fixture list by 31 March. Any extension will be granted at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.
- Fixtures to be finalized no later than 31 July, otherwise forfeit rules applicable to the home team shall apply.

16. Competitions Balls

This issue was decided at the October 2025 Council Meeting.

17. Code of Conduct and Disciplinary and Appeals Processes

Noted that the Code and the processes are under review and will be presented no later than the AGM.

18. Kit supplies

Full details of offers from CricHeroes to supply kits were circulated before the meeting.

Clubs were invited to contact the Director Finance to enquire about purchasing from this source.

19. Digital scoring, live streaming and statistics platform

CricHeroes will again be used for all CS events.

Noted that a live streaming application had been purchased and all clubs were invited to stream their home games.

20. Coaching

A document outlining future strategies was distributed to participants.

As in 2025, priority will be given to high-performance training, foundational growth, and expanding capabilities within women's cricket.

Enhanced Coach Management and Athlete Development

Considering future cricketing growth requirement, goals and development guidelines from Swiss

Olympic Cricket Switzerland is planning to launch and implement a structured coach management organization and strategic allocation principles to meet the requirements of high performance and development.

One of the key priorities for Cricket Switzerland and a requirement from Swiss Olympic is to launch a structured Performance Pathway program for athletes. Cricket Switzerland is in active discussion with Swiss Olympic on this issue.

- Key Priorities for Future Coach Management Model and Athlete Development
 - Comprehensive Coaching (Trainer’s Plan) & Talent Management (FTEM)
 - Coach Management Organization (Trainers Concept for Development and High Performance)
 - Define future compensation model For Coaches (Trainers) based on availability of funding from Swiss Olympic
 - Enhance Access to Existing Coaching Capabilities and Certified Pool with a defined Coach Allocation and Management to support needs of high performance, development and grassroots cricket.
- Implementation Plan for 2026 and beyond
 - Centralized and Cross functional Coach management/development operating model to manage athletes and implement FTEM
 - Support national trainers with time and expenses reimbursements and initiating funding request from SO for Coaching Personnel (likely to come in 2027, if Cricket Switzerland meets the required criteria.

21. Umpiring and scoring

A detailed summary of activities for 2026 was provided to participants “SwissFOCUS – Update to Members”.

Key elements are:

Umpiring and Scoring – Courses

- Planned Courses
- ICC Level 1 Courses

Requirements to Officiate in Competitions

- Guidelines were described for senior competitions, including minimum age, completion of courses, and appointment of Junior umpires.

Umpiring Compensation Model

- A partially revised compensation model was agreed, including eligibility, travel reimbursement, match fees and lunch provision.

Other points made were due to the ICC changing it portal courses can commence only in March, and umpires till be advised to leave the field if they are threatened.

International

22. Senior Men

A slide presentation was distributed to all participants before the meeting. Noted that all activities have and will continue to be planned in conjunction with the Senior Men's Competitions Committee.

National training dates

- Considering the key domestic competitions dates, all national training dates have been finalised, which are:
 - 14 March, 28 March, 11 April (DBMT – to be confirmed), 26 April, 02 May, 30 May, 20 June, 18 July, 8 August, 12 September.

International tours (work in progress)

- 14 May to 24 May – ICC Men's T20 World Cup Europe Sub Regional Qualifier
- Additional tours are being discussed with other Boards and to be confirmed by March end 2026

Important Points for clubs and players

- Domestic competitions committee alignment done to avoid clashes with scheduling
- Trainings are booked at the Swiss Olympic Magglingen Facility
- Trainings will not be rescheduled or cancelled
- CS Clubs with national players are requested to organize scheduling around these dates
- CS Clubs are requested to support their respective national players to participate in national activities.

23. Junior Men

A slide presentation had been distributed to participants regarding U19 & Youth High Performance in 2026. Following are the key elements:

- Two squads:
 - U19 pathway born on or after 1 September 2008
 - Youth: born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2008
- Selection for the U19 and Youth national squads is underway:
 - Preparation for the U19 CWC qualifiers (Division 2 - Guernsey July 2026) will commence in February 2026, with multiple competitions and matches planned.
- Bridge between juniors and seniors:
 - Constraints include players' availability
 - Focus will be on training sessions until the summer
- Friendly matches:
 - Italy late June (tbc)
 - Inbound Middlesex in August 2026

24. Women

Noted that the 2025 Manager/Coach would not be available to assist in 2026. Role descriptions for the two positions will be developed and circulated.

<p>Planning for inbound and outbound tours will proceed, with on inbound tournament comprising four teams already planned for late July/early August 2026.</p>
<p>Finance</p> <p>25. Update 2025</p> <p>The projected outcome for 2025 was detailed to the meeting.</p> <p>26. Forecast 2026</p> <p>The budget for 2026 was shared with the participants and elicited no comments. The AGM will be invited to approve the budget.</p>
<p>27. Conflict-of-Interest Policy and Procedure</p> <p>The meeting was informed that the Conflict-of-Interest Policy and Procedure had been finalised and would be implemented from the AGM onwards. All persons who are elected or appointed to the Board, Committees or other CS roles will be required to make a Declaration of Interests.</p>
<p>28. Any Other Business</p> <p>There was none.</p>
<p>29. Next meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AGM 28th February, in Ittigen bei Bern (Haus des Sports) ● Council, 24th October 2026 (online)

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am.

Kenneth McKeown
Honorary Secretary