



Annual Report 2025





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1. Overview / Chair's Report

In 2025 we saw another year of growth of cricket within Switzerland and our teams internationally.

I was particularly happy to see the performance of our first international women's team, going undefeated in Women's T20Is. They ended the year with a fantastic ranking (27th in the world at the time of writing), and now expectations for 2026 are sky high!

The Committees have enabled more people from the community to get involved in running the game than ever before too, which means more voices from the members and also enables us to build a pathway for people to get involved in the administration of the game. We see new faces nominating for Board positions, looking to bring their experience and voice to the strategic planning of the game. I won't repeat all the achievements in my colleagues' reports, but it is incredible to see every metric increasing.

As the game continues to grow, as do the requirements from our two main governing organisations – Swiss Olympic and the ICC. We hope to take the next step in professionalising the administration with introducing full or part time staff to look after the day-to-day running of the game. Over time the Board will continue on its path to resemble other nation's Boards - an independent oversight authority.

I was fortunate to attend two ICC conferences in 2025. There was a two-day Europe region conference in Madrid in April, where topics such as developing Women's and Girl's cricket and infrastructure development were discussed. The ICC's Annual General meeting was held in Singapore in July where many of these topics were also discussed in addition to the future commercial landscape. I was also invited to present the great progress we have achieved in Junior cricket. Swiss Olympic held their SportParlament in November, where Cricket was welcomed as a new Olympic sport.

I would like to thank the Board and the Committees for their tireless efforts during 2025.

Michael Hall



2. Cricket Switzerland Administration

This is a summary report on the administration of Cricket Switzerland (CS) in 2024. For the purposes of this report, activities and meetings that took place in calendar year 2024 are included. Full details of all key decisions taken are to be found in the official meeting records.

CS members were kept informed on a regular basis of developments chiefly via the CS website, social media, emails, and a new quarterly Newsletter.



Governance

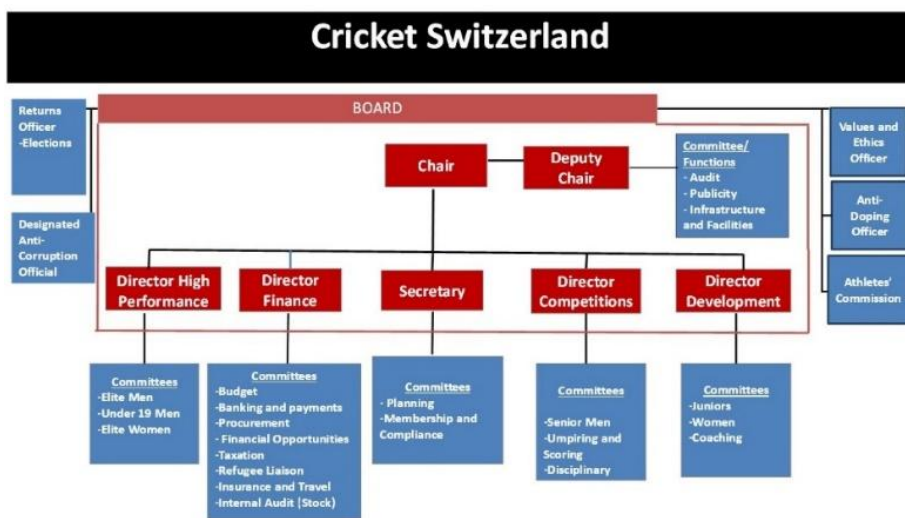
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The twelfth Cricket Switzerland general meeting since the creation of the organisation in 2014 was held in Berne on 22nd February 2025.

Re-organisation of Cricket Switzerland

The proposal to revise the CS organisation structure that was approved at the 2024 AGM was implemented progressively in 2024 and 2025.

The Board took the opportunity to conduct a review of the new organisation and structure during the year. A separate report has been submitted to the AGM, containing a summary of the conclusions and decisions taken by the membership, subject to some amendments being made to the Constitution at the 2026 AGM.



Amendments to the Constitution

Several necessary amendments were adopted including strengthening of provisions relating to elections to the Board, the requirement that CS members remain solvent and specifying that Board members may not hold subsidiary positions within the CS organisation.

Membership Changes

Basle Afghan Cricket Club, Basle Supernovas Cricket Club, Eagles Cricket Club, Luzern Cricket Club and Zurich Mavericks Adliswil Cricket Association were unanimously accepted as Full Members.

Geneva Eagles Cricket Club, Solothurn Cricket Club, and Sportclub Roche Cricket Chapter were admitted unanimously as Associate Members.

Embrach Cricket Academy had made application for Affiliate Membership, which was accepted unanimously.

National Development Plan

The National Development Plan for 2024-2026 remained in force for the current planning period

National Development Plan

The Plan was written in two parts:

- the strategic elements for 2024-2026 (Vision, Mission, Purpose, (overall) Strategic Objectives, and Strategic Focus Areas/Priorities; and
- the Operational Plan 2025 (Goals and Targets/Metrics).

As part of the 2025 Budget process conducted with the ICC, the Strategic Focus Areas/Priorities were approved.

The major priorities for the planning period were:

1. **Focus Area: Growing the core** – ensure continuing thriving domestic competitions.
2. **Focus Area: Further enhancing women's and girls' cricket** – increasing opportunities for and participation by female players.
3. **Focus Area: Catch then young and retain them** – inspire juniors to become better cricket players and enthusiastic fans.
4. **Focus Area: High performance** – compete and succeed at higher levels in the international arena.

Details are to be found in the Plan document.

Outcome

Fifty-seven targets/metrics had been set in the 2025 Operational Plan. A vast majority of them were achieved.

Discussions and Decisions

The minutes of the AGM contain details of the discussions and decisions.

Council

The Council is required to meet at least at least once each year.

Main Items of Business

The Council met for the first time in Season 2025 on 18th January. The most important items of business were the organisation of the various Cricket Switzerland competitions and activities.:

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| - Premier League (Premier, National, Regional) | - National representative teams |
| - T20 Mr. Pickwick Cup, CricketerPro Cup | - Umpiring |
| - T10 tournament | - Coach development |
| - Juniors (Under-age leagues) | |
| - Women's (League) | |

The Council met again (remotely) on 25th October 2025 to review the season's activities.

Discussions and Decisions

The minutes of the Council meetings contain details of the discussions and decisions.

Board

The Board managed the affairs of Cricket Switzerland in accordance with its Constitution and in line with the decisions and instructions of the AGM and the Council.

Members

In 2025 the members were:

Chair	Michael Hall
Deputy Chair	Mohamed Vasim (until August 2025)
Secretary	Kenneth McKeown
Director Finance	Clive-William Denney
Director Competitions	Asvin Lakkaraju
Director Development	Nitin Pradhan
Director High Performance	Prafull Shikare succeeded Nasir Mahmood, who stepped down in December 2024 for personal reasons

The Deputy Chair relinquished his role in August 2025: the duties and responsibilities were dispersed among the other Board members.

Meetings

The current Board meets at least monthly. It met in regular session on ten occasions in 2025 and twice in 2026, before the AGM (plus, an additional meeting devoted to budget issues in December 2025).

Issues that required higher consideration or decision were referred to the Council or the AGM.

Committees

The same twenty Committees that were established within the various portfolios were reconstituted, albeit with some changes of membership.

Membership

The forty-three members of Cricket Switzerland in Season 2025 were:

Full (34)

Aargau	Gingins
A1 Sports Club	La Chataigneraie School*
Basel	Luzern
Basle Afghan	Nomads
Basle Dragons Juniors	Novartis
Basle Supernovas	Olten
Berne	Pakhtoon Zalmi
CERN	Power Winterthur
Cossonay	Rorschach
Cricket Club Zurich*	St. Gallen
Cricket Verein Zug	Swiss Afghan
Eagles	Wettingen
Geneva	Winterthur
Geneva International	Zug
Geneva Region Youth	Zurich Crickets
Geneva Sri Lankans	Zurich Lions
Geneva X1 Stars	Zurich Mavericks Adlisvil

*These members became inactive during 2025

Associate (5)

Geneva Eagles
Lyceum Alpinum Zuoz
St. Moritz
Solothurn
SportClub Roche Cricket Chapter

3. Relations with Key Sporting Bodies

Swiss Olympic



Membership of Swiss Olympic (SO), commenced on 1 January 2018.

Representatives of Cricket Switzerland participated in all meetings and events that it was required or was beneficial to do so.

With the decision that the Cricket will become an Olympic sport from 2028, cricket in Switzerland is now recognised as an official sport. This welcome recognition brings with it some additional funding though with strict criteria on eligibility, e.g. achieving gender balance on the CS Board. Recommendations made by Swiss Olympic for improvements were adopted, as was a three-year plan to address gender balance at Board level

International Cricket Council (ICC)



Switzerland's membership of the ICC was restored after a ten-year hiatus, in July 2021. Cricket Switzerland is required to meet the ICC Associate membership eligibility requirements each year to retain its membership.

ICC Membership brought both opportunities and several obligations. For example, Switzerland will again be competing at the international senior men level and in 2026 it will be possible for under-19 men to compete in the ICC World Cup sub-regional qualifying tournament. Funding is provided through a Scorecard Grant (which has thirteen elements of cricket activities) and a Competition Grant (for success at the international level).

Obligations and challenges include changes to previous working methods, responding to new accountabilities (planning, budgeting, reporting) managing a considerably increased workload, and increased scrutiny.

Conclusion

2025 was by multiple measures another very successful year for cricket in Switzerland on the field and off the field. Nevertheless, the volume and intensity of activities increased again, due to factors such as membership and competitions growth, increasing obligations under Swiss Olympic and ICC membership and the need to convert the organisation from a purely voluntary effort to a more professional, more commercial operation.

4. Finances

Budget Outcomes 2025

Through the preceding season, it had become clear from the ever-increasing volume of transactions that the traditional Excel spreadsheet method of record-keeping was no longer tenable. Of significant note, therefore, was the transition in Q1 2025 to a Swiss-based software accounting system called Bexio – a most timely move given that the volume of transactions jumped from a total of 684 in 2024, to 1'507 in 2025.

2025 headline numbers:

- Opening Cash Assets: CHF 6'689
- Total Income: CHF 363'193
- Total Expenditure: CHF 339'963
- Closing Cash Assets: CHF 44'946

Accordingly, nett annual transactions value demonstrates a positive increase in reserve cash and equivalent assets amounting to CHF29'919, a reversal by more than four-times over of the loss of 2024.

As agreed at 2024 AGM, cash assets are held across five separate accounts, viz:

1040F CRICKET SWITZERLAND:	CHF 11'489
1041T Continuity Fund	: CHF 20'000
1042Z Swiss FOCUS	: CHF 2'979
1043W Strategic Product Fund	: CHF 5'901
1044Q CS Junior Account	: <u>CHF 5'317</u>
	CHF45'686

Less:

Accounts receivable Trade & Svs	: <u>-CHF 750</u>
	CHF 44'946

The following statements are annexed to this report:

- 2025 Balance Sheet
- 2025 'Actual' vs 2026 'Budget' Summary

Balance sheet on 31.12.2025			
Address: Cricket Switzerland, c/o Clive W. Denney Alte Bergstrasse 8, 8418 Schlatt bei Winterthur			
Period: 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025			
All amounts in CHF			
ASSETS	31/12/2025	31/12/2024	9
Current assets	44,946.45	12,687.56	+254.269
Cash and cash equivalents	45,695.53	12,687.56	+260.169
1040F CRICKET SWITZERLAND	11,489.40	12,686.27	-9.439
1041T CONTINUITY FUND	20,009.00	0.00	-100.009
1042Z swissFOCUS	2,979.20	1.29	+230,845.749
1043W STRATEGIC PROJECT FUND	5,900.60	0.00	-100.009
1044Q CS JUNIOR ACCOUNT	5,317.33	0.00	-100.009
Transfer account	0.00	0.00	0.009
Accounts receivable trade and services	-749.08	0.00	-100.009
1100 Accounts receivable trade and services	-749.08	0.00	-100.009
Receivables from government agencies	0.00	0.00	0.009
Receivables from social insurances and social security institutions	0.00	0.00	0.009
Prepaid expenses	0.00	0.00	0.009
Fixed assets	0.00	0.00	0.009
Tangible assets	0.00	0.00	0.009
Total Assets	44,946.45	12,687.56	+254.269

Review of Financial Statements

From 2025 onwards a full audit of the accounts is required. The 2026 AGM will be requested to grant the Board the authority to appoint an Auditor for 2025. The membership will be informed of the chosen Auditor and the outcome of the audit.

5. Competitions

Senior Men

The 2025 cricket season was one of the most active and challenging years in recent memory, with a record 408 official matches organised across all formats. This remarkable increase from

312 matches in 2024 highlights the continued growth and enthusiasm for cricket across Switzerland

Free CricHeroes streaming is also being promoted to boost club visibility and attract sponsors.



New participation rules were implemented, including restricted player movement across teams from the same clubs playing in multiple divisions to maintain fairness and strengthen team identity. Thanks to improved scheduling discipline and club coordination, an effective no-rescheduling policy for weather affected fixtures was implemented. The season also saw live streaming of some matches on YouTube.

Challenges persisted, including ground availability: many fixtures had to be rearranged due to the increasing demand for sports facilities. The added pressure of sharing grounds with Football clubs due to the UEFA Women's Euro 2025 in Zurich also impacted the season.

The unexpected cancellation of ECS Switzerland earlier this year was a disappointment; However, it was replaced by a domestic T10 tournament for the 12 teams that had originally qualified for ECS.

Cricket Switzerland Premier League (CSPL)

The flagship competition once again delivered a thrilling and competitive season. This season saw the introduction of 45 over innings. Teams responded very well to this new introduction. Cossonay CC emerged as the Champions of the 2025 CSPL, undefeated, displaying outstanding consistency and depth throughout the season. Olten CC finished as worthy runners-up. The overall standard of play reflected a clear improvement in both team preparation and match execution, reinforcing the CSPL's position as Switzerland's premier cricket competition.



Relegated teams: Berne CC and Power Winterthur CC

Cricket Switzerland National League (CSNL)



The National League (Division 2) continued to demonstrate a high level of balance and competitiveness among all participating teams. The season was fiercely contested, with three teams: Basel CC, Basel Afghan CC, and Nomads Embrach, clearly standing out for their consistency, skill, and overall performance.

Nomads CC Embrach were crowned the 2025 CSNL Champions, with Basel CC finishing close behind as runners-up. Both teams ended the season with the same number of points, and for the first time in Cricket Switzerland's history, the championship winner was decided based on Net Run Rate (NRR). Nomads CC and Embrach and Basel CC will both be promoted to the CSPL 2026 season. The CSNL remains a vital pathway for clubs aspiring to reach the top division, and the competitiveness seen this year highlights the strength of the structure introduced in 2023.

Relegated teams: CC Wettignen-1 and Olten Gösigen CC

Cricket Switzerland Regional League (CSRL)

Featuring 16 teams in 2 groups, the third-tier 40-over competition again provided a platform for developing clubs to perform consistently and gain valuable match experience before potential teams to move on to higher divisions.

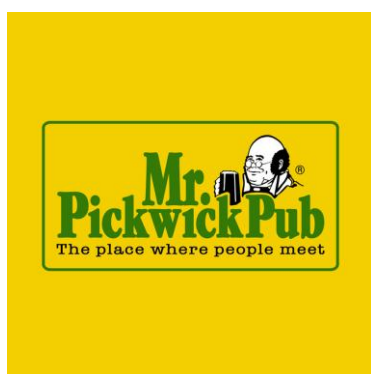
Winterthur CC claimed the 2025 title, defeating Zurich Mavericks Adliswil CC in an exciting final. Both teams will be promoted to CSNL 2026.



Pickwick Cup – T20 Elite Division

The 2025 Pickwick Cup continued to be one of the most followed events on the Swiss cricket calendar, featuring high-quality T20 cricket among the top-tier teams. Geneva CC, runners up from last year, emerged victorious this time, reclaiming the Elite T20 title with a commanding performance in the finals against Olten CC. The competition featured close matches throughout the season and demonstrated the growing tactical maturity of Swiss teams in the shorter format.

Relegated teams: Power Winterthur CC and Geneva International CC



Cricketer Pro Cup – T20 Division 2

The Cricketer Pro Cup continued to serve as an important development competition for clubs aspiring to reach the Elite T20 level. Basel CC delivered a series of commanding performances to be crowned 2025 Champions, overcoming Aargau CC in a well fought final.

Both teams showcased commendable spirit and skill, ensuring that the quality gap between the divisions continues to narrow. Both the teams are now promoted to Pickwick T20 2026.



Cricket Switzerland T10 Championship

The T10 Championship once again lived up to its reputation as the most fast-paced and thrilling competition of the year. This season, the event had a sponsor — 3:33 — adding further momentum to the format's growing appeal. However, following the sudden cancellation of the ECS Zurich tournament, the competition was successfully restructured and completed as a domestic event.

After several rounds of high-intensity cricket, Olten CC emerged as the 2025 T10 Champions, defeating Nomads CC Embrach in a fiercely contested final. Despite its strong entertainment value, the tournament faced structural challenges as the European Cricket Network (ECN) was unable to deliver the event as planned, and with the European Cricket League (ECL) no longer operational, the future of Switzerland's T10 format will now be reassessed.



Umpiring

Swiss Federation of Cricket Umpires and Scorers (SFOCUS)

The 2025 season represented a significant step forward for SFOCUS in both operational delivery and umpire development across Switzerland. During the year, SFOCUS successfully provided umpires for 492 matches spanning men's, women's, and U19 competitions. Full coverage was achieved for all scheduled fixtures, including several last-minute allocations arising from unforeseen scheduling changes, reflecting the reliability and responsiveness of the umpiring system.

At the start of the season, 223 umpires were officially registered with SFOCUS. A key strategic focus was the expansion and diversification of the umpiring base. Multiple 'Introduction to Umpiring' courses were delivered in Berne and Zurich, resulting in the certification of over 50 new umpires. These courses were complemented by inclusivity-focused initiatives, including

Pashto-language support to enable participation for individuals with limited English proficiency.

SFOCUS also prioritised the involvement of women and junior umpires, highlighted by the certification of Switzerland's youngest women umpire during the season. Umpire development at the higher level continued through the delivery of the ICC Level 1 Umpiring Course, with additional reassessments strengthening the national umpire pool. As a result, the total number of ICC Level 1 qualified umpires in Switzerland increased to 39, enhancing the overall quality and depth of officiating available for domestic competitions.

Newly qualified umpires were actively supported through on-field mentoring, being paired with experienced colleagues to build confidence and practical experience. The umpiring allocations team played a critical role throughout the season, ensuring consistent coverage across all venues and competitions. Their proactive coordination and close engagement with clubs were instrumental in maintaining smooth operations nationwide.

Swiss umpiring also gained international recognition in 2025, with three SFOCUS umpires officiating in ICC-recognized fixtures abroad. These appointments reflect the growing professionalism and credibility of Cricket Switzerland's umpiring framework on the international stage.

Overall, the 2025 season demonstrated sFOCUS's central role in strengthening umpiring standards, inclusivity, and sustainability within Swiss cricket.



Disciplinary Issues

During the season, multiple disciplinary cases were handled across senior and junior competitions, including breaches of the Cricket Switzerland Code of Conduct up to Level 3, with a concerning increase in incidents involving threats of violence, primarily directed at on-field umpires. In total, eleven clubs or their members were involved in disciplinary proceedings, with one club accounting for nine separate cases and several others involved on multiple occasions.

All cases were processed in accordance with established procedures, including the application of the newly approved financial penalty system, which has had a positive deterrent effect. Mitigating factors were applied where appropriate when individuals or clubs demonstrated immediate accountability, while two decisions were formally appealed and subsequently upheld by the Board-appointed Disciplinary Appeals Committee.

Overall, when assessed against the significantly increased number of matches played, the frequency and nature of reported incidents demonstrate a clear and measurable improvement in player discipline compared to previous seasons

6. Development

Introduction

Cricket Switzerland has seen transformative growth across women's, junior; and coach development. Women's participation surged to over 110 players, while junior teams achieved historic international victories and integrated refugee athletes. Domestically, the Cricket Switzerland Youth League and women's indoor/outdoor competitions have solidified local pathways,

To sustain this momentum, Cricket Switzerland is adopting Swiss Olympic frameworks (FTEM/PISTE) and enhancing coaching capabilities through partnerships and new ICC-certified tutors. Future success relies on implementing Swiss Olympic Performance Pathways framework and secure access to higher funding to professionalise coaching and provide higher support to our coaches and athletes, A comprehensive plan has been proposed, and pilot implementation will be underway during 2026 and 2027

Juniors

The last few seasons have seen significant growth in Youth cricket, meeting all the development metrics on ICC Scorecard, significant international success, introduction of Junior domestic leagues across the age group, and integration of refugee players especially in U17 and U19 age groups.

International Success

Teams across all age groups participated in tours to the UK (Surrey, Liverpool, Somerset), Finland, and Luxembourg. Notable achievements included a historic clean sweep for the U13s in Luxembourg and the U15/U16s defeating Durham County. Domestic Growth: The Cricket Switzerland Youth League (CSYL) provided vital development from U11 to U19, serving as a pathway for ICC U19 World Cup eligibility.

Inclusion

CS prioritised support for refugee players, providing financial aid for travel and organizing a dedicated U19 T20 Summer Festival to foster integration.

Organisation

The Juniors Committee operates through a volunteer-driven framework covering coaching, finance, and social media. National age groups (U11, U13, U15/16) are supported by dedicated coaches and managers. Facilities: Ground availability remains a critical "pain point," as junior leagues often struggle for access against senior divisions.

Sustainability

The program relies heavily on parental contributions and volunteering and needs more support from senior clubs to continue further development of youth players.

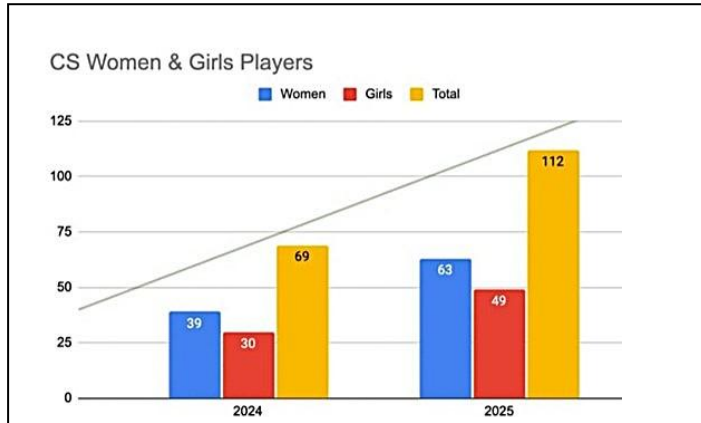
Logistics and Infrastructure

The last few seasons have demonstrated that youth cricket is growing significantly and moving ahead. Cricket Switzerland and Senior Clubs need to prioritise access to facilities and formalise the performance pathway to sustain this momentum.

Women's Cricket

Introduction

Women's cricket in Switzerland continued to gain momentum in 2025, with progress across participation, competition, and player development. Clubs, volunteers, coaches, and administrators all contributed to broadening opportunities and strengthening the foundations for future growth.



Highlights

The year brought greater visibility for the women's game, stronger engagement at club level, and clearer pathways for players. Competitive fixtures, training activity, and representative opportunities all helped create a more coherent and sustainable structure.

Competitions

Domestic competition remained central to development. Regular fixtures supported skill growth, match experience, confidence, and stronger connections across clubs, although improving the consistency of the calendar remains important.

CS Preseason Indoor League: The tournament provided teams with an opportunity to compete during the off-season in a tournament focused on skill development and high-quality preparation for the upcoming outdoor campaign. After a series of competitive matches, Basel Supernovas were crowned the 2025 Indoor League Champions, while A1 Sports Club finished as runners-up. The tournament successfully offered players valuable match practice and helped teams build momentum ahead of the outdoor season.

CS Women's League: Cossonay CC emerged as champions, with Basel Supernovas finishing as runners-up. Compared to 2024, outdoor cricket saw increased participation, with some teams fielding full XI sides for the first time.

Cricket Carnival T20: To introduce the T20 format at domestic level, all women players in the country gathered at one venue and were split into two teams to play two full T20 matches. The event provided valuable experience and insights into the format ahead of women's cricket officially transitioning to T20 from 2026.

Development

Development efforts focused on recruitment, retention, and the wider systems that support the game, including coaching, officiating, and administration. This broader approach is essential for sustainable long-term progress.

Challenges

Key challenges include maintaining participation, ensuring regular fixtures, expanding volunteer capacity, and improving supporting infrastructure. These remain important constraints on the pace of growth.



Outlook

The priority now is to convert recent momentum into lasting progress. Continued attention to participation, competition quality, development pathways, and visibility will be critical to building a stronger and more inclusive women's game in Switzerland.

Coach Development

Cricket Switzerland (CS) is evolving its coaching capabilities through ICC Level 1 and 2 certifications, including a significant increase in women tutors and national team participants. To manage infrequent ICC cycles, CS is partnering with the Root Academy for online Level 3 Diplomas and advanced workshops.

Key Initiatives

Coach Expansion: Level 1 cohorts and prioritizing the progression of women and junior girl coaches

Three women from CS participated in the ICC Women High Performance Coaches workshop held in August 2025 in the Netherlands. This course offered the participants an opportunity to develop essential skills and gain experience, empowering aspiring women coaches who are making a difference in their country's high-performance setup.

Performance Pathways

Aligning with Swiss Olympic by adopting the FTEM (Athlete Development) and PISTE (Talent Estimation) frameworks for a 2026 high-performance pilot. This is one of the core priorities for Cricket Switzerland to ensure our athletes are recognized as Swiss Olympic Talent / Elite Athletes - thereby getting access to increased funding and institutional support to pursue the sport in the future Structural Reform:



7.

High Performance

Senior Men

The 2025 season marked a decisive rebuilding phase for the national program. Beginning from a position of instability—characterized by missing leadership roles, unclear selection processes, and a weakened team culture—the year focused on restoring structure, accountability, and long-term direction. As stated in the report,

Starting Situation

At the end of the previous season, the program faced significant cultural deficiencies:

- ICC ranking at 49, reflecting deeper systemic issues.
- No appointed Coach, Team Manager, or Captain.
- No defined national pool for 2025 season or strategic plan.
- A team environment described as *“less than optimal, affecting performance, motivation, and cohesion.”*
- This required immediate stabilization and a comprehensive recovery strategy.

Key Developments in 2025

Governance & Leadership

A functioning leadership structure was re-established, including a restructured Senior Men’s Committee. This improved communication, decision-making, and accountability.

Transparent Selection Criteria

Clear, objective selection criteria were introduced, reducing ambiguity and increasing trust. Players now understand expectations and performance benchmarks.

National Pool Clarification

The pool was reviewed and updated to reflect performance potential and commitment. This improved training organization, competitiveness, and accountability.

Cultural Reset

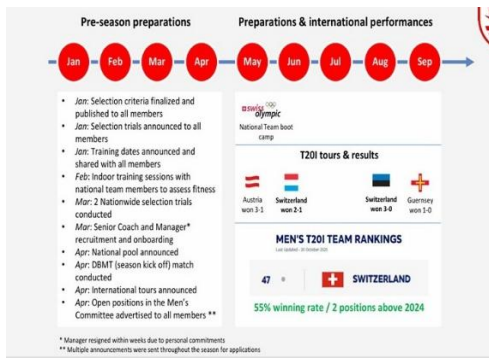
A major cultural shift emphasized:

- Professional conduct
- Discipline
- Accountability
- Fitness as a core performance pillar

Achievements in 2025

Despite being a transitional year, several meaningful gains were achieved:

- Overall recovery and realignment of the program’s direction.
- Improved team dynamics through a clarified national pool.
- Fitness standards embedded into team identity.
- ICC ranking improvement, even while rebuilding.
- Strengthened collaboration with Swiss Olympic, enhancing access to high-performance frameworks.
- New partnerships with other federations, expanding training and knowledge-sharing opportunities



Conclusion

2025 was a turning point. The program moved from instability to a structured, disciplined, and strategically aligned environment. While challenges remain, the foundation for long-term competitiveness is now firmly in place.

Senior Women

2025 Playing Season

The Switzerland Women's National Cricket Team played its first official T20 International matches, debuting in a series against Belgium and participating in tri-series tournaments with Finland and Estonia, as well as another series against Luxembourg and Austria, earning ICC ranking points. These international fixtures provided crucial competitive experience and elevated the profile of women's cricket in Switzerland.

The season was a resounding success, with the Swiss women winning twelve matches from twelve played. The ICC ranking at the end of the year was a remarkable twenty-seventh place.



National Squad Days & Regional Training Sessions

Organized four national squad days led by Coach Russell Lowman to prepare for international matches. Additionally, held eight regional training sessions in Hofstetten, Basel, Zug, and Cossonay to support ongoing skills development for national players.

Competitive Participation and International Exposure

A representative team from Cricket Switzerland participated in the La Manga Women's T20 Tournament in Spain in April 2025. The tournament brought together teams from across

Europe, giving Swiss players valuable international exposure and match experience. Their participation supported team development, strengthened cross-border cricket relations, and showed the growing competitiveness of women's cricket in Switzerland.

Under 19 Men

The 2025 period marked an important transition for the U19 Men's programme. Building on the first full domestic U19 season in 2024, the programme moved from a largely competition-led structure to a more formal high-performance environment. During this period, a dedicated U19 and Youth High Performance setup was established, domestic opportunities were expanded through a U19 T20 Summer Festival with more than 80 participants, and the broader youth pathway continued to provide representative opportunities. These developments have created a stronger platform for player identification, preparation, and progression into national squads.

Position at the End of 2024

At the close of 2024, the U19 Men's pathway had reached an important early milestone with the completion of the first full domestic U19 season through the U19 CSYL competition.

Representative opportunities were also available through a U19 series against Middlesex schools in July 2024, while the successful U17 national team programme, organised under the Junior Committee, demonstrated the strength of the younger age-group pathway.

However, despite these encouraging signs, there was no dedicated U19 High Performance setup in place and no formal U19 national team structure to support the next stage of development.

2025: A Year of Transition

The most significant development in 2025 was the creation of the U19 and Youth High Performance setup. This introduced a more deliberate performance pathway and established two distinct squads: a U19 squad and a Youth squad. The new structure provided a clearer framework for talent development, progression, and targeted preparation across the upper end of the junior pathway.

Competition delivery also evolved during the year. The representative U19 series against Middlesex schools was replaced by the domestic U19 T20 Summer Festival in August 2025, delivered under the Junior Committee. With more than 80 participants, the festival expanded domestic engagement and provided a broader platform for talent identification and match exposure within the national system.

The youth pathway also retained important continuity. Following the success of the 2024 U17 national team, the programme continued in 2025 with friendly fixtures against Guernsey and Jersey under the Junior Committee. This continuity ensured that players below U19 level continued to benefit from representative cricket and remained connected to the emerging high-performance pathway.

Strategic Objectives: U19 Squad



The primary objective for the U19 squad is to prepare for participation in the first qualifying stage on the pathway toward the 2028 ICC U19 Cricket World Cup, with competition scheduled in Guernsey in July 2026 according to the programme notes. Beyond participation, the programme's performance target is to qualify for the second round of qualifiers in summer 2027.

Youth Squad

The Youth squad will focus on continued development through friendly matches and series, ensuring that a wider group of emerging players gains experience in representative environments. This squad plays a vital role in sustaining depth, preparing future U19 candidates, and supporting long-term succession within the national youth pathway.

8. Athletes' Commission

Purpose of the Athletes' Commission

The Athletes' Commission serves as the formal representative body for players within Cricket Switzerland, ensuring that athlete perspectives, concerns, and recommendations are appropriately reflected in matters relating to the governance of the game. The Commission continued to promote transparency, equity, and inclusivity across the player pathway, while also advocating for measures that support player welfare, including physical and mental wellbeing.

It further played an important role in strengthening constructive engagement between players and administrators, thereby contributing to informed decision-making and alignment with the strategic objectives of Cricket Switzerland.

2025 Success Stories

The Athletes' Commission made meaningful progress in strengthening its visibility, accessibility, and contribution to governance processes. Formal feedback mechanisms were introduced through a dedicated email address and an online form with the option of anonymity, enabling players to raise matters directly with the Commission; three such matters were received and successfully resolved during the year.

A further milestone was the launch of the inaugural Annual Player Survey in October 2025. The survey attracted 54 responses, and the key findings were presented to the Council at its January 2026 meeting, where they began to inform the Commission's priorities and work programme for the year ahead.

In parallel, standardised post-tour surveys were completed following all Men's and Women's tours, with findings shared with coaching staff and escalated to the Board where strategic consideration or follow-up action was required.

The Commission also supported greater player awareness of key policies through the publication of summary videos on the Cricket Switzerland website and YouTube channel.

