Dear Touch Switzerland members,

We received a strong response to the EUROS 2016 and have therefore registered Switzerland to take part. Pending confirmation of selected players after the trial weekend in February 2016 we will announce the final teams who will represent Switzerland at the Euros. If you have not yet registered for the trials do not worry, you can still register on our new website.

For each team, the Selection Committee shall consist of 3-4 persons, one of whom will be the Coach. The remaining 2-3 persons shall be non-players chosen by majority Touch Switzerland vote. The player selection process will be based upon a Selection Guidance Matrix.

Several details need to be addressed before the trials can go ahead. This is therefore a call for action to all members!

1. Overall Euros manager

We are looking for a non-playing overall euros manager. This means that you communicate with clubs and coaches regarding trials and teams, coordinate the trial weekend, make sure to organise accommodation in Jersey, share all communication in regards to the euros and all that is necessary on the grounds, discuss with Touch Switzerland in regards to kits, and all logistics.

There is no need to be good at rugby, just good at organising events.

If you are interested please send us an email to: touchswitzerland@gmail.com

2. Referees

We are still looking for people who would like to be full time refs at the euros. Please let us know ASAP if you are interested either by email (touchswitzerland@gmail.com) or sign-up directly on the website.

3. Touch Switzerland – FIRST AGM

We are organising our first AGM via Skype on January 30th, 2016. If you wish to participate, contact your club leadership.

An agenda for the AGM will be sent out to all club heads soon. Submissions for items to be placed on the agenda must be emailed to touchswitzerland@gmail.com before January 16th.

There are a number of positions which need filling to help the clubs run Touch Switzerland. All positions are open and we welcome willing participants! If you are interested in a particular role, please contact touchswitzerland@gmail.com before January 16th.

Here are the open positions:

• Overall Euros Manager:

- o Organizes and directs the organizing sub-committee for big international tournaments (usually one per year)
- Ensures timely nominations and responsible for all relevant administrative tasks are completed.
- o The contact person for FIT and touch Europe regarding international tournaments
- o Works with Communication coordinator to ensure all tournament details are adequately communicated to all related parties.

• Communications Coordinator

- o External and internal Communication on events, tournaments, etc
- o Manages twitter, Facebook, and some web content

Webmaster

o Website updates and content

• Referees Coordinator:

- Touch Europe requires a person in each country who is the central contact for any referee related communication.
- o Arranges refs courses

• Domestic Support:

- Organizes Coaching courses
- General Club support
- Managing Swiss Cup dates

4. Touch Switzerland is online

Finally, we have a <u>Website</u> where you can find a lot of information http://www.touchswitzerland.ch

A **Facebook** page we urge you to like to follow the latest info:

https://www.facebook.com/touchswitzerland

A Twitter page: please follow us on @touchswitzer

https://twitter.com/touchswitzer

Thank you and see you soon on social media!

Dean Leech for Aargau Touch,

Fabienne and Jay Tanoa for the Baden Banditos,

Jo and Warren Galbraith for Basel Touch,

Mike Elliott for the Geneva Eagles,

James Weston for Zug Touch,

Marcel Fok for the Geezers

Keith Hoek & Clio Elliott for Touch Switzerland.