



## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING CLUBS 2019

### Participating clubs:

- Baden Banditos
- Basel Touch
- Geneva Eagles
- Swiss Lakers
- Panhandle Wild Pigs
- Touch Rugby Bern
- Zug Touch
- Zurich Geezers

### Fixtures:

Saturday 27th April	Zug (Unteraegeri)
Sunday 30th June	Bern
Saturday 31st August	Egg
Saturday 28th September	Lausanne

Host club to determine start time in consultation with the club(s) that will be travelling the furthest

### Series rules/guidelines:

All clubs have agreed to promote all Swiss Cup fixtures within their clubs and made a commitment (unforeseen circumstances notwithstanding) to sending at least one team to each tournament.

The fee per team per tournament is CHF 250 (for maximum 14 players), **to be paid one month in advance** of each tournament to Touch Switzerland. This applies to Barbarians and invitational teams as well as Swiss club teams.

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The structure of Rounds 1-3 is broadly pool games followed by knockout games (divided into Cup, Plate, and (if necessary) Bowl) for placings.

The structure of Round 4 is Cup (contested by the top four teams after three rounds), Plate (contested by teams placed 5-8 after three rounds), and Bowl (contested by any lower placed teams, unseeded B-teams and Barbarians teams). If there is any ambiguity about the structure of Round 4 (due to number of teams entering etc.), the Swiss Cup committee will reach a final decision at least one week before the tournament.

Each host club will plan its own tournament timings, but games should be 20 minutes in length for Rounds 1-3 and 40 minutes in length for Round 4.

## TEAMS

All clubs are guaranteed one team spot at each fixture, provided team entries and payments are submitted before the deadline (see above).

Clubs are welcome and encouraged to enter a second team to any fixture, but the additional team entry will be accepted at the host club and Swiss Cup sub-committee's discretion (i.e. if there is space in the draw/enough field space to accommodate additional teams).

All club teams (i.e. where all players are members of the same club) are eligible to earn points, but clubs may not combine points from two teams. For the purpose of totalling points across rounds throughout the season, a club's highest-placing team at any given fixture counts as their A team, and their next highest-placing team counts as their B team (regardless of the name of the team, e.g. Zug Cherrypickers/Zug Bulls).

All players on a team must be registered members of the Touch Switzerland-affiliated club they are representing and must be registered with Touch Switzerland. Adding guest players to a team (i.e. non-members of the club that the team is representing) will automatically define the team as an invitational (i.e. non-placing and non-points-scoring) team.

The host club should consult with the Swiss Cup Committee if they wish to invite any team(s) from outside Switzerland.

All players (including those on invitational teams) must be affiliated to FIT (e.g. via membership of a FIT-affiliated club/NTA).

There is to be strictly no borrowing of players on the day – each player may play for one team only at any given Swiss Cup tournament. If a club has entered two teams, players may not play for both teams (at the one tournament).

All teams (including invitational teams) are required to wear shirts (or bibs) with numbers on the back.

## MIXED FORMAT

Guidelines/rules regarding number of female players on the field are as follows:

- Clubs should be making every effort to enter mixed teams that allow them to adhere to standard mixed touch rules, i.e. minimum of 3 female players on the field at all times (and therefore maximum of 3 male players).
- Exceptionally, if a team needs to play 1 additional male player (i.e. maximum 4 male players on the field) in order to be able to field a team, they will be penalized two touchdowns per game.
- Exceptionally, if a team needs to play 2 additional male player (i.e. maximum 5 male players on the field) in order to be able to field a team, they will be penalized four touchdowns per game.
- Under no circumstances should a team have 6 male players on the field; 5 is the maximum.

Players of either gender aged up to (and including) 14 count as female players for the purposes of determining the number of male/female players on the pitch.

If a club intends to field more than three male players for a tournament, or to field U14 males that will count as females, this must be declared at the captain's meeting.

## MINORS

There is no minimum age, but parental consent is needed for any under-18s wishing to take part. It is each club's responsibility not to field children that they consider too young or too small to be able to take part safely.

For the purposes of player safety, clubs must declare the age of any under-18s at the time of submitting their team sheets and again at the captains' meeting.

## REFEREES

In coordination with the National Director of Referees, each club has a commitment to provide two full-time referees throughout the series: one for Round 4, and one for any one of Rounds 1-3.

## POINTS AND PRIZES

Invitational teams (including cross-club Barbarians teams) are not included in placings and do not receive points.

Points structure per fixture for all TS club teams:

- 12 points for first place
- 10 points for second
- 8 points for third
- 7 points for fourth
- 6 points for fifth
- 5 points for sixth
- 4 point for seventh
- 3 for eighth
- 2 for ninth
- 1 for tenth
- 0 for eleventh or below

In the event of a tie on points between the top two teams at the end of the series, the series winner will be decided based on (in this order, and with reference to results across all four Swiss Cup tournaments):

- best touchdown difference (for and against)
- most touchdowns scored
- winner of the most head-to-heads between the two teams in question

If they cannot be separated based on the above criteria, the title is shared.

At the end of Rounds 1-3, prizes (organized by each host club) will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. At the end of Round 4, prizes will be awarded to the Cup, Plate and Bowl winners.

At the end of the series, prizes (organized by TS/the Swiss Cup Committee) will be awarded to:

- Swiss Cup Champions 2019 (1<sup>st</sup> place team)
- All other Swiss clubs (according to placings, i.e. down to wooden spoon)
- Top touchdown scorer(s) (if the data is available)

Throughout the series, each team should note down the names of their scorers (host club should provide cards to fill in) and hand them to the refs at the end of each game. The host club will collate the data and provide it to Touch Switzerland together with the scores and results of the day.

## Questions:

Any questions should be addressed to your (or any) representative on the Swiss Cup committee:

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