



Touch Switzerland (TS) - Swiss Cup 2022 – Tournament Rules

To: Club Presidents, TS Executive

TS will conduct the 2022 Swiss Cup over the period 01 May 22 – 23 October 2022

Four Swiss Cup tournament days will be held:

SC1: Sunday 01 May 22 – Bern

SC2: Sunday 28 August 22 – Luzern

SC3: Saturday 24 September 22 – Geneva

SC4: Saturday 22 or Sunday 23 October 22 (TBC) – Lausanne

Swiss Cup Rules

The following rules are applied to the 2022 Swiss Cup:

- a. One competition with two divisions - Cup and Plate.
- b. A 2022 TS Cup and Plate winner will be awarded to a registered TS Club Team.
- c. Maximum of 120 minutes of game play per tournament.
- d. FIT International Playing Rules – 5th Edition – 2020.
- e. Clubs are to elect the division a team will compete in prior to SC1 and cannot move between divisions, noting Clubs may nominate more than one team.
- f. All clubs must do their utmost to field a team at each SC tournament ie. four times.
 - When a club does not field a team in a tournament, individuals from that club may play for another club in the Plate division for that tournament only.
- g. Tournament cancellation, even after commencement eg. weather event, is at the discretion of TS Executive and/or Tournament Control.
- h. Cup division – Mixed - requiring three (3) women always on the field (all games).
 - Cup teams must always meet Cup criteria even when playing Plate teams
 - No player classifications can be substituted for women in the Cup competition
- i. Plate division – Mixed - requiring two (2) women always on the field.
 - Penalty applied for playing less than two (2) women are 2 try penalty per game per woman deficit from the start of the game. Maximum deficit is 4 try penalty (no women on field) per game.
 - A maximum of five (5) men on the field at any one time.
 - Bonus applied for playing three (3) women are 2 try bonus per game from the start of the game. Additional women beyond three (3) are not awarded a bonus.
 - Game points are not affected by penalty or bonus try allocation ie. if a team wins after starting with a 4 try penalty, they are still awarded 2 points for the table.
 - Male children up to the age of 14 may be substituted for women in Plate competition.
 - Players who are available for a tournament but have no club team registration may play with another club Plate team for that tournament only.
 - In the event of a drop-off situation, both teams regardless of composition must remove one player from the field to commence play.

- j. Games points are: win = 2 points, draw = 1 point, loss/forfeit = 0 points.
 - Forfeit applied if team not on field 5 minutes after scheduled match time
- k. Table points: based on number of teams, winning team assigned highest points.
 - In the event table points are tied after calculating game points, a 'For and Against' calculation from all games will be applied to determine highest ranking team for that tournament day.
 - 'For and Against' points are re-set at every tournament and do not carry over.
- l. A Barbarian team entered in either division at the discretion of the TS Board, will attract game points, be ranked as per any other team, be eligible for finals based on ranking and carry for and against points for that tournament. Barbarian teams are not eligible for the accumulation of Table points to win a 2022 division, though can affect the ranking of other division teams and subsequently allocation of table ranking points. ie. if the Barbarians team win the division at a tournament, they are allocated the highest table points that day but unlike other teams, those table points are not carried through to the next tournament. Any invitational team/non-Swiss TS Club team will be treated as per a Barbarians team.
- m. Maximum of 16 players may be registered per team.
- n. All nominated players must be registered with a TS Club.
- o. All on field players must wear numbered shirt listed against their registration and cannot swap shirts with other players during the tournament.
- p. All players under 18 years of age on the tournament date must have a Parental Consent Form completed and submitted with the team registration.
- q. A Team is to provide one full-time referee OR two to three player referees for the tournament. The Referee coordinator will assign games to each nominated referee prior to the tournament after the draw has been released. Every team submission is to provide named referees on the team registration form.
- r. Complete Team registration sheets, including named referee nominations and parental consent forms, with payment are to be received by TS NLT one week before the date of the tournament.
- s. The playing schedule/draw will be released NLT 72hrs prior to the tournament date.
- t. Game duration/s and tournament draw are dependent on number of registrations, but generally might be expected as:
 - 20 minute games - 2 x 10 minute halves with a 5 minute half time - 30min timeslot
 - 30 minute games - 2 x 15 minute halves with a 5 minute half time - 40min timeslot
 - Longer finals games where possible (noting 120 minute cumulative time restriction)

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