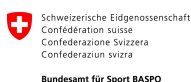


Organisational Directives Outdoor Season 2025-26

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Language versions of this document: In the event of a discrepancy between the German, French and English versions of this document, the original German version shall prevail.

We would like to draw the attention of the clubs to the revised “Rules of the Game” as per the Directive No. 11 applicable to the championship as approved by the General Assembly in April 2025.

Below are some specific points that have raised questions in the past. However, this document should not be considered a complete list of changes.

It is the responsibility of the clubs to familiarize themselves with the details of the new rules and regulations and to adhere to the requirements stated therein.

- **Mode and Playing Times**

For all leagues, the specifications regarding modes and playing times as described in the document "DE_250429_Modus-Feld-25-26_Wbo.pdf" apply, except for adjustments due to changes in team registrations after the mode document has been published.

- **Game Report in Clubee: Art. 39.: Clarification**

Swiss Hockey is striving to standardize the use of Clubee. A separate document with detailed information for teams and referees is currently being prepared. This document will be sent to clubs before the start of the season.

- **Age Limits for Individual Categories: Reminder**

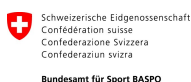
Participation in championships: Eligibility to play in various categories:

Category	U15	U18	Adult Leagues	Seniors
Eligibility	after the 10th birthday	after the 13th birthday	<u>Boys:</u> after the 15th birthday <u>Girls:</u> - NLA Women: after the 15th birthday - NLB Women: after the 14th birthday - 1st League: after the 18th birthday	<u>Women:</u> after the 30th birthday <u>Men:</u> after the 32nd birthday

- **Deadline for Licensing Applications: Art. 28.2.: Clarification**

Latest possible licensing for Women's and Men's NLA teams: In order for players to be eligible to play in spring 2026 games for the women's NLA and men's NLA Master and NLA Challenge teams, new licenses and renewals of inactive licenses must be applied for by March 15, 2026. If players are licensed after this deadline, they will not be eligible to play in NLA championship games in spring 2026, but can be participating in other leagues.

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- **Playing Times Women NLA und Men NLA: Clarification**

The playing time for the preparation of short corners and after goals is stopped only in the NLA Final4 Women's and Men's games; this does not apply to all other official Swiss Hockey championship games (no time stop).

- **Kick-off Times In the Last Match Day: Clarification**

In the final round of the regular championship (not Final4) of the Women's NLA and Men's NLA, all games within a league will be scheduled on the same day and at the same time. Kick-off times are determined by the office and cannot be changed by the clubs.

- **Eligibility to Play in Junior Final4 Tournaments: Change**

Participation of juniors in Final4 tournaments in the U18 Full Pitch, U18 Girls, U15-Pitch, U15 Girls, and U15 ½-Pitch categories: Only players who have participated in at least one regular junior championship game for the club qualified for the Final4 tournament during the current season are eligible to participate. This rule applies separately for the outdoor and the indoor seasons.

- **Forfeit Ratings: Art. 45.3. & 4.: Clarification**

If a match is forfeited, the non-penalized team receives three points, while the penalized team receives zero points. Matches are scored 3-0 (outdoor) or 5-0 (indoor) in favor of the non-penalized team. If both teams are penalized, the match is scored 0-0 and no points are awarded. Penalized teams are fined according to the document "Regulation Fees". If a match is forfeited after the end of the match, goals scored are credited to the scorers of the non-penalized team.

- **Mandatory Face Masks for Short Corners: Art. 10.1.c: New**

During short corners, all field players on the defending team must wear a protective face mask. Each team must therefore have four or five face masks (see below) available in the area behind their own goal.

The face mask requirement also applies to any additional field player replacing the goalkeeper, which is permitted in the following leagues: Women's NLA, Men's NLA Master and Challenge, and 1st League. Please note that in the Women's NLB and all junior leagues, the goalkeeper may not be replaced by an additional field player.

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