

Mode Field Season 2023/2024

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Mode information for the leagues of the active players

For the 2023/2024 field season, Swiss Hockey is planning the following leagues for active players:

- Women's NLA
- Women's NLB
- Men's NLA consisting of NLA Master and NLA Challenge
- Men's 1st League
- Seniors

For the 2023/2024 field season, the winner will be determined by a shootout in all active leagues (men's NLA and 1st league, women's NLA and NLB) if the score is tied at the end of the regular season.

Modes for the women's NLA and NLB

NLA Women

Participating teams: 7 teams; more than one team per club possible

Eligibility: Teams in the NLA Women must register 8 players for the NLA Women's Team before the first matchday; these players may not be used in any other team afterwards. If no report is received, the first 8 players of the first match report will be considered registered. Players who have played 3 games in an NLA team are considered fixed and may not be used in another team before any requalification. Juniors from the age of 16 (from the day of their 15th birthday) are eligible to play.

Requalification: see directives for the 2023/24 field season of 2 September 2023

Playing times:

- Preliminary round: 4 x 17.5 minutes without time stop at PC and goals
- FinalFour: 4 x 15 minutes with time stop at PC and goals

Playing mode: Double round with single match days, each against all, in 11 a-side format

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FinalFour: At the end of the preliminary round, the four best-placed teams will determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and the final match. The two losers of the semi-finals will play the match for places 3/4.

The FinalFour tournament will take place together with the FinalFour of the NLA men on the same date / place. Applications to host the FinalFour tournament must be submitted to the office by October 20, 2023.

Relegation: There is no relegation.

European Cup: The champion and the first place after the 2nd preliminary round take part in the European Cup. If the champion and leader are the same team at the end of the preliminary rounds, the 2nd of the FinalFour tournament qualifies for the EC.

NLB Women

Participating teams: 7 teams; more than one team per club possible

Eligibility: Junior girls aged 15 and over (from the day of their 14th birthday) are eligible to play.

Playing time: 4 x 17.5 minutes, without time stop at PC and goals

Playing mode: Double round with single match days, each against everyone, in 9 a-side format on 3/4 field (1 GK + 8 field players). With the agreement and agreement of both clubs, the format 11 a-side is also permitted on the full field.

Goalkeeper: The goalkeeper must play with full equipment and must not be replaced by an outfield player.

Promotion: There is no obligatory promotion.

Modes for the men's NLA Master, NLA Challenge and 1st League

Men's NLA

The men's league is divided into 2 performance classes: NLA Master and NLA Challenge; they are collectively considered the men's NLA of Swiss Hockey. The number of teams in the NLA depends on the team entries and ranges from 12 to a maximum of 14 teams.

The performance classes are divided according to the team entries as follows:

- Registration of 12 teams for the Men's NLA Championship: 7 teams in the NLA Master class and 5 in the NLA Challenge class
- Registration of 13 teams for the Men's NLA Championship: 7 teams in the NLA Master class and 6 teams in the NLA Challenge class
- Registration of 14 teams for the Men's NLA Championship: 7 teams each in the NLA Master class and in the NLA Challenge class

NLA Master

Participating teams: The first 5 teams of the 3rd round of the NLA Master plus the two first-place finishers of the 3rd preliminary round of the NLA Challenge of the previous field season qualify for participation in the NLA Master League.

Eligibility: Teams in the NLA Men's must register 8 players for the NLA Men's Team before the first matchday; these players may not be used in any other team afterwards. If no report is received, the first 8 players of the first match report are considered registered.

Players who have played 3 games in an NLA team are considered fixed and may not be used in another team before any requalification. Juniors from the age of 16 (from the day of their 15th birthday) are eligible to play.

Requalification: see Requalification Rules of the Game Article 29.4

Playing times:

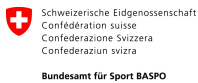
- Preliminary round: 4 x 17.5 minutes without time stop at PC and goals
- FinalFour: 4 x 15 minutes with time stop at PC and goals

Playing mode: 3 preliminary rounds with single match days, each against each other, in 11 a-side format

FinalFour: After the 3rd preliminary round, the 4 best placed teams of the continuous NLA Master table determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and a final match. The two losers of the semi-finals will play the match for places 3/4.

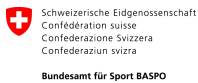
Only the points scored within the NLA Masters will count in qualifying for the FinalFour. Points from the matches of the NLA Challenge do not count in the continuous table.

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The FinalFour tournament will take place together with the one of the NLA Women on the same date / place. Applications to host the FinalFour tournament must be submitted to the office by October 20, 2023.

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Relegation/Promotion: After each of the 3 rounds, the last-placed team of the NLA Masters is relegated to the NLA Challenge and is replaced by the first-placed team of the NLA Challenge of the respective round. After the third round, the top 6 ranked teams of the NLA Masters will qualify for the NLA Masters of the coming season. In addition, there is the first-place winner of the third round of the NLA Challenge of the current season.

Preliminary Round Tables: Tables that are created separately according to NLA Master and NLA Challenge based on the matches for each of the three preliminary rounds. This results in the promotion and relegation at the end of each preliminary round or at the end of the season.

Continuous Table: Table based on the matches of the 3 NLA Master preliminary rounds. In this table, only points that have been earned by the teams in the NLA Master preliminary rounds are recorded. The four best-placed teams in this table qualify for the FinalFour tournament after the end of the 3rd preliminary round.

European Cup: Qualified for the EHF European Cup are the Swiss champion (= winner of the Final Four tournament) and the team that has scored the most points in the 18 games (consecutive table) of the 3 NLA Masters preliminary rounds. If the champion and leader are the same team at the end of the preliminary rounds, the 2nd of the FinalFour tournament qualifies for the EC. According to the EHF regulations, only 1 team per club is eligible to participate in the EC.

NLA Challenge

Participating teams: 5 teams; more than one team per club possible.

Eligibility: see NLA Master

Requalification: see Requalification Rules of the Game Article 29.4

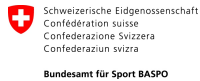
Eligibility: Juniors from the age of 16 (from the day of their 15th birthday) are eligible to play

Playing time: 4 x 17.5 minutes without time stop at PC and goals

Playing mode: 3 preliminary rounds with single match days, each against each other, in 11 a-side format

Promotion: After each of the 3 rounds, the first-placed team of the respective NLA Challenge round is promoted to the NLA Masters and is replaced by the last-placed team of the NLA Masters.

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1. Liga Men

Participating teams: 8 teams; more than one team per club possible

Eligibility: Juniors from the age of 16 (from the day of their 15th birthday) are eligible to play

Playing time: 4 x 17.5 minutes without time stop at KE and after goals

Playing mode: Single round with 7 games per team; finally, after consultation with the clubs, the four best-placed teams will determine the Swiss champion 1st league in a Final Four tournament with semi-finals and the final match. The two losers of the semi-finals will play the match for places 3/4, while the 5th-8th placed teams will play a placement tournament with semi-finals, the final for places 5/6 and the match for places 7/8.

Promotion: There is no obligatory promotion

Veterans Master

Participating teams: 5 teams

Playing time: 2 x 17.5 minutes

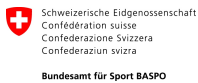
Game mode: 6 rounds of 3 or 4 teams in 11 a-side format

Mode information for the junior leagues

For the implementation of the championship of the junior categories, the sports commission defines general guidelines and criteria. The modes of the individual categories are determined by the office in consultation with the Sports Commission after receipt of the team registrations each season.

The group divisions are based on the team registrations and the previous year's results and are carried out by the office. In all junior leagues (except U15 1/2 field and U12), the winner is determined by a shootout at the end of regular time if the outcome of the game is tied.

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U18 1/1 field Individual match days on Saturdays on large field

Participating teams: 8 teams

Playing time: 4 x 17.5 minutes without time stop at KE and after goals

Playing mode: Double round with 14 games per team; the four best-placed teams will determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and the final match. The two losers of the semi-finals will play the match for places 3/4.

The 5th-8th placed teams will play a placement tournament with semi-finals, the final for places 5/6 and the match for places 7/8.

U18 3/4 field Will not be held in the 2023/24 season

U18 Girls Tournament on 3/4 field (large field is also possible by arrangement)

Participating teams: 4 teams

Playing time: 2 x 15 minutes

Playing mode: The U18 Girls category will be held in tournament form

U15 3/4 field

Individual matches on Saturdays on 3/4 field

Participating teams: 13 teams

Playing time: 4 x 15 minutes

Playing Mode:

Single round with 12 games per team; the four best-placed teams will determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and the final match. The two losers of the semi-finals will play the match for places 3/4.

The 5th-8th placed teams will play a placement tournament with semi-finals, the final for places 5/6 and the match for places 7/8.

The 9th-12th placed teams will then play a placement tournament with semi-finals, the final for places 9/10 and the match for places 11/12.

U15 Girls

Individual games on Saturdays on 1/2 field or 3/4 field according to team registration

Participating teams: 7 teams

Playing time: 4 x 15 minutes

Playing Mode:

Double round with 12 games per team; the four best-placed teams will determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and the final match. The two losers of the semi-finals will play the match for places 3 and 4.

The teams on rank 5 to 7 play a placement tournament each against all

Games can be played on 1/2 field or 3/4 field; if at least one of the two teams is registered on 1/2 field, the game will be played on 1/2 field.

There should be played as many games as possible on a 3/4 field.

Agreements on the size of the field between the clubs must be made up to one week before the match day.

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U15 1/2 field

Tournament on 1/2 field

Participating teams: 8 teams

Playing time: 2 x 15 minutes

Playing mode: The U15 1/2-field category will be held in tournament form (planned by Swiss Hockey). Each team plays 6 tournaments and a final tournament.

U12

Tournament on 1/2 field

Participating teams: 13 teams

Season: 2 x 10 min with 4 or more matches per matchday; 2 x 15min with 3 games per matchday

Playing mode: The U12 1/2-field category will be held in tournament form (planned by Swiss Hockey). Each team plays 6 tournaments and one final tournament, played over a weekend.

With only 3 games per tournament day, a final shootout tournament will be held "everyone against everyone", with each team being able to perform 5 shootouts.

Additional tournaments can be organized via the Hockey Kids Tool.

U12 Girls

Tournament on 1/2 field

Participating teams: 7 teams

Season: 2 x 10 min with 4 or more matches per matchday; 2 x 15min with 3 games per matchday

Mode: The U12 Girls 1/2-field category will be held in tournament form (planned by Swiss Hockey). Each team plays 6 tournaments and one final tournament, played over a weekend.

With only 3 games per tournament day, a final shootout tournament will be held "everyone against everyone", with each team being able to perform 5 shootouts.

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