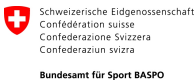


## Mode Field Season 2024/2025

Our partners:



### Mode information for the leagues of the active

Swiss Hockey is planning the following leagues for active players for the 2024/2025 field season:

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

For the 2024/2025 Feld season, the winner will be determined by a penalty shoot-out in all active leagues (Men's NLA and 1st League, Women's NLA and NLB) in the event of a draw at the end of regular time.

### Modes for the women's NLA and NLB

#### **NLA Women**

Participating teams: 8 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 day of play; 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 a possible re-qualification. Juniors from the age of 15 are eligible to play.

Requalification: see amendment to the Regulations Art. 30.4.b. in the instructions for the 2024/25 field season of August 2024.

#### Playing times:

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

Game mode: Double round with single match days, everyone against everyone, in 11 a-side format

FinalFour: After the conclusion of the preliminary round, the four best-placed teams determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and the final game.

The FinalFour tournament will take place together with the NLA men's tournament on the same date / location. Applications to host

the FinalFour tournament must be submitted to the office by October 20, 2024.

Our partners:



## NLB Women

Relegation: There is no relegation.

European Cup: The champion and the first-placed team take part in the European Cup after the 2nd preliminary round. If the champion and leader are the same team after the conclusion 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.

If a team cancels its participation in the EC, the highest-ranked team in the regular table will move up.

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

Eligibility: Juniors from the age of 14 are eligible to play.

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

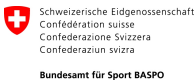
Game mode: Double round with single match days, each against everyone, in 9 a-side format on 3/4 field (1 TW + 8 field players). With the agreement and agreement of both clubs, the format 11 a-side on the full field is also permitted.

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

Promotion: There is no mandatory promotion.

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

Our partners:



### Men's NLA

The men's NLA is divided into 2 performance classes: NLA Master and NLA Challenge; together they are considered the men's NLA of Swiss Hockey. The number of teams in the NLA depends on the team registrations and is between 12 and a maximum of 14 teams.

The performance classes are divided according to the team registrations 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 in the NLA Master class and 7 teams in the NLA Challenge class
- Registration of 15 teams for the Men's NLA Championship: 7 teams in the NLA Master class and 7 teams in the NLA Challenge class; important: the last-placed team in the NLA Challenge class of the 2024/25 season will be relegated to the 1st league and will be replaced by the best team in the 1st league of the 2024/25 season that wants to be promoted.

Any further changes to the mode can only be made for the 2025/26 season.

### NLA Master

Participating teams: 7 teams; more than one team per club possible  
The first six teams of the 3rd round of the NLA Master plus the first-placed team 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 must register 8 players for the NLA men's team before the first day of play; 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 re-qualification. Juniors from the age of 15 are eligible to play.

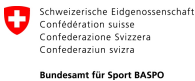
Re-qualification: see Re-qualification Regulations Article 30.4.a.

Playing times:

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

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

Our partners:



**FinalFour:** After the conclusion of the 3rd preliminary round, the 4 best-placed teams of the ongoing NLA Master table will determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and a final game.

Only the points scored within the NLA Masters count for qualification for the Final Four. Points from the games of the NLA Challenge do not count for the running table.

The FinalFour tournament will take place together with the NLA women's tournament on the same date / location. Applications to host the FinalFour tournament must be submitted to the office by October 20, 2024.

**Descent/Promotion:** After each of the 3 rounds, the last-placed team of the NLA Masters will be relegated to the NLA Challenge and will be replaced by the first-placed team of the NLA Challenge of the respective round.

After the third round, the six best-placed teams of the NLA Masters qualify for the NLA Masters of the coming season. In addition, there is the first-placed team of the third round of the NLA Challenge of the current season.

**Preliminary Round Tables:** Tables created separately by NLA Master and NLA Challenge based on the matches for each of the three 3 preliminary rounds. This results in the promotion and relegation at the end of each preliminary round or at the end of the season.

**Running Table:** Table based on the matches of the 3 NLA Master Preliminary Rounds. Only points earned by the teams in the NLA Master Preliminary Rounds are recorded in this table. The four best-placed teams in this table qualify for the FinalFour tournament after the end of the 3rd preliminary round.

**European Cup:** 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 qualify for the EHF European Cup. If the champion and leader are the same team after the conclusion 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.

If a team cancels its participation in the EC, the highest-ranked team in the regular table will move up.

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

Eligibility: see NLA Master

Re-qualification: see Re-qualification Regulations Article 30.4.a.

Eligibility: Juniors from the age of 15 are eligible to play.

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

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

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

## 1st League

Participating teams: 9 teams; more than one team per club possible

Eligibility: Male juniors from the age of 15 and female juniors from the age of 18 are eligible to play; this age limit also applies to juniors who are used in the 1st division.

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

Match mode: Individual round with 8 games per team; finally, the four best-placed teams determine the Swiss champion 1st league 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.

After consultation with the clubs concerned, 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. If there is no interest on the part of the clubs, these games can also be cancelled.

Promotion: There is no mandatory promotion

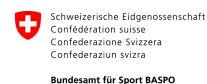
## Veterans

Participating teams: 4 teams

Playing time: in consultation with the Seniorenkommission; depending on the number of games per matchday

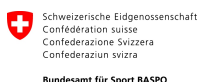
Game mode: 3 rounds in tournament format with 2 or 3 games per team in 11 a-side format; detailed planning by the Senior Commission

Our partners:



## Mode Information for the Junior Leagues

Our partners:



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

The group divisions result from the team registrations and the previous year's results and are made by the office. In all junior leagues (except U15 1/2 field, U12 and U12 girls), the winner will be determined by a penalty shoot-out at the end of regular time if the game is drawn. The playing time is not stopped at KE and after goals.

**U18 Large Field** Single match days on Saturdays on a large field

Participating teams: 9 teams

Playing time: 4 x 17.5 minutes

Game mode: Single round with 8 games per team; finally, the four best-placed teams determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and the final game. The two losers of the semi-finals will play the match for places 3/4.

After consultation with the clubs concerned, 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. If there is no interest on the part of the clubs, these games can also be cancelled.

**U18 Girls** Double match days on Saturdays on 3/4 field (large pitch is also possible by arrangement between the clubs)

Participating teams: 4 teams

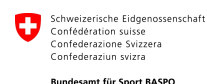
Playing time: 2 x 17.5 minutes

Game mode: Double round in tournament form with two games per team and match day.

### U15 3/4 field

Singles matches on Saturdays on 3/4 field

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Participating teams: 12 teams

Playing time: 4 x 15 minutes

Game Mode:

Single round with 11 games per team; finally, the four best-placed teams will determine the Swiss champion in a FinalFour tournament with semi-finals and the final game. The two losers of the semi-finals will play the match for places 3/4.

After consultation with the clubs concerned, 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. If there is no interest on the part of the clubs, these games can also be cancelled.

After consultation with the clubs concerned, the 9th-12th placed teams will play a placement tournament with semi-finals, the final for places 9/10 and the match for places 11/12. If there is no interest on the part of the clubs, these games can also be cancelled.

### U15 Girls

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

Participating teams: 7 teams

Playing time: 4 x 15 minutes

Match mode: Double round with 12 games per team; finally, the four best-placed teams 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.

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 is played on 1/2 field. However, the goal is to play as many games as possible on 3/4 field. Agreements on the size of the pitch between the clubs must be made at least one week before the matchday.

The FinalFour matches will take place exclusively on 3/4 field.

### U15 1/2 field

Double match days on Saturdays on 1/2 field

Participating teams: 5 teams

Playing time: 2 x 15 minutes



Game mode: Quadruple round on 6 match days with 2 games per team; total 12 games per team; no Final Four tournament is to be played.

Our partners:



### U12 1/2 field

Tournaments on Saturdays on 1/2 field

Participating teams: 18 teams

Season: 2 x 15 minutes

Game mode: The U12 1/2-field category will be held in tournament form. Each team plays 5 tournaments with 3 games per tournament and a final tournament, held on a weekend.

Additional tournaments can be organized through the Hockey Kids Tool.



### U12 Girls 1/2-Field

Tournaments on Saturdays on 1/2 field

Participating teams: 5 teams

Season: 2 x 10 minutes

Mode: The U12 Girls 1/2-field category will be held in tournament form. Each team plays 5 tournaments with 3 or 4 games per tournament.

Additional tournaments can be organized through the Hockey Kids Tool.

