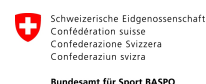


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Organizational Directives Field Season 2026/27

Addendum to the version dated 6 August 2026

This document supplements the Organizational Directives for the 2026/27 Field Season dated 6 August 2026, but does not replace them.

This addendum will be incorporated into the next version of the Rules of Play, but already applies to the entire 2026/27 Field Season.

- **Rules of Play Art. 42.1. a.-b.: Amendment to the version dated April 2025**
Adjustment of the maximum number of players who may be fielded per match.

Under the current Rules of Play dated April 2025, a maximum of 16 players may be fielded per match for games on full pitch and three-quarter pitch, with no distinction made between field players and goalkeepers.

Going forward, a distinction is made between field players and goalkeepers, whereby a second goalkeeper may be fielded in addition to the maximum quota of field players.

The following articles have been amended for the 2026/27 Field Season and are valid from the start of the season; the changes are marked in bold/red below:

- Art. 42.1.a. Field Hockey Full Pitch:
Teams take the field with a maximum of 10 field players and 1 goalkeeper, or 11 field players; at least 8 players must be on the pitch at kick-off; **a team may field a maximum of 15 field players and 2 goalkeepers per match.**
- Art. 42.1.b. Field Hockey Three-Quarter Pitch:
Teams take the field with a maximum of 8 field players and 1 goalkeeper; at least 6 players must be on the pitch at kick-off; **a team may field a maximum of 15 field players and 2 goalkeepers per match.**

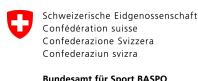
Positive Effects of this Addendum

- **Increased flexibility:**
An additional goalkeeper can be given playing time without having to leave out a field player.
- **Intensive development:**
Motivation for the early training of young goalkeepers.
- **More safety:**
In the event of an injury to the regular goalkeeper, a dedicated goalkeeper can be fielded without having to reduce the field player quota. This reduces the risks of fielding a field player as goalkeeper.

Important notes on fielding an additional team member as goalkeeper

- **Number of goalkeepers:**
If a team fields a 17th player, exactly 2 players must be designated as

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goalkeepers on the match report in Clubee, and neither of them may be used as a field player.

- **Identification:**
If a team fields a 17th player as an additional goalkeeper, that player must wear shin guards and kickers for the entire duration of the match for identification purposes.
- **Entry in the match report:**
If a team fields a 17th player as an additional goalkeeper, that player must be entered in the match report under "Remarks" with first name, last name, and shirt number.
- **Match participation:**
If a team fields a 17th player as an additional goalkeeper, this counts as match participation, even if the player is not used at any point during the match.
- **Mandatory use of a goalkeeper:**
The mandatory use of a goalkeeper in matches of the Women's NLB League and all junior leagues remains in effect.

All previous provisions of the Rules of Play dated April 2025, as well as the organizational and technical directives for the 2026/27 season, remain in force and also apply to a team member fielded as an additional goalkeeper. This explicitly also applies to the use of a field player as goalkeeper.

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