SWISS PRO LEAGUE

SEASON HANDBOOK

Season 2027

Version 1.1

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1. INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the official Swiss Pro League Season Handbook.

This Handbook contains operational information for the current SPL season and should be read together with:

- SPL Constitution
- Competition Rulebook
- Integrity Code
- Penalty Matrix
- Team Participation Agreement

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2. LEAGUE OVERVIEW

The Swiss Pro League consists of:

- Spring Split
- Championship Split
- SPL Cup

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3. LICENSED TEAMS

The SPL shall generally consist of:

10 Licensed Teams

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4. SPRING SPLIT

Format

Double Round Robin

Match Format

Best-of-Three (BO3)

Playoffs

Top 6 Teams

Qualification

The top two teams based on final playoff placement qualify directly for the SPL Cup.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP SPLIT

Format

Double Round Robin

Match Format

Best-of-Three (BO3)

Playoffs

Top 6 Teams

Qualification

The top two teams based on final playoff placement qualify directly for the SPL Cup.

If a team has already qualified through the Spring Split, the qualification slot passes to the next highest eligible team.

Championship Title

The winner of the Championship Split shall be recognised as:

SPL Champion

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6. SPL CUP

Participants

16 Teams

Direct Qualification

Four Teams:

- Spring Champion
- Spring Runner-Up
- Championship Champion
- Championship Runner-Up

Open Qualifier

Twelve Teams qualify through Open Qualifiers.

Participation is free of charge.

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7. OPEN QUALIFIER FORMAT

System

Swiss Format

Standard Matches

BO1

Qualification Matches

BO3

Elimination Matches

BO3

Advancement

3 Wins = Qualified

3 Losses = Eliminated

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8. CUP SWISS STAGE

Participants

16 Teams

Format

Swiss Format

Standard Matches

BO1

Qualification Matches

BO3

Elimination Matches

BO3

Advancement

3 Wins = Playoffs

3 Losses = Eliminated

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9. CUP PLAYOFFS

Participants

Top 8 Teams

Format

Single Elimination

Quarterfinals

BO5

Semifinals

BO5

Grand Final

BO5

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10. FEARLESS DRAFT

All official SPL competitions shall use Global Fearless Draft unless otherwise announced.

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11. MATCH DAYS

Official match days may include:

- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday
- Saturday
- Sunday

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12. MATCH TIMES

Weekdays

19:00 CET

Weekends

14:00 CET

18:00 CET

Limits

Maximum:

- 2 Series per Week
- 1 Series per Day

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13. TEAM STREAMS

League Matches

Permitted with:

- Minimum 120 Second Delay

Open Qualifiers

Permitted with:

- Minimum 120 Second Delay

SPL Cup Main Event

Restricted to authorised broadcasts unless otherwise approved.

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14. CO-STREAMING

Co-streaming requires prior SPL approval.

15. PRIZE POOL

Minimum Guaranteed Prize Pool

Spring Split:

CHF 750

Championship Split:

CHF 2,250

SPL Cup:

CHF 1,500

Future Adjustments

The SPL may increase prize pools through:

- Sponsorships
- Donations
- Partnerships
- Media Revenue
- Participation Fees
- Other Revenue Sources

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16. AWARDS

The SPL may present:

- MVP of the Split
- Rookie of the Split
- Coach of the Split
- First All-Pro Team
- Player of the Year
- Team of the Year
- Cup MVP

17.1 MVP of the Split

- 30% Team Captains
- 30% Coaches
- 20% Community
- 10% Broadcast Team
- 10% SPL Administration

17.2 First All-Pro Team

- 30% Team Captains
- 30% Coaches
- 20% Broadcast Team
- 20% Community

17.3 Rookie of the Split

- 40% Coaches
- 30% Team Captains
- 20% Community
- 10% Broadcast Team

17.4 Coach of the Split

- 40% Team Captains
- 20% SPL Administration
- 20% Broadcast Team
- 20% Community

17.5 Player of the Year

- 30% Team Captains
- 30% Coaches
- 20% Community
- 10% Broadcast Team
- 10% SPL Administration

17.6 Team of the Year

- 30% SPL Administration
- 20% Team Captains
- 20% Coaches
- 20% Community
- 10% Broadcast Team

17.7 Cup MVP

- 30% Team Captains
- 30% Coaches
- 20% Community
- 10% Broadcast Team
- 10% SPL Administration

17.8 Community Voting

Community voting shall be conducted through the official SPL website or another platform designated by SPL Administration.

Each eligible community voter may submit one vote per award.

Any attempt to manipulate voting results, including the use of automated systems, duplicate accounts, or fraudulent voting practices, is strictly prohibited.

SPL Administration reserves the right to invalidate fraudulent votes to preserve the integrity of the voting process.

17.9 Voting Integrity

Team Captains and Coaches may not vote for themselves or members of their own team.

All votes shall be evaluated according to the respective award's weighting.

In the event of a tie, SPL Administration shall determine the final result.

Transparency

Voting results may be published in anonymised form.

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18. TEAM TAGS

Players must use approved team tags.

Examples:

- SPL Morris
- GEN Player
- T1 Keria

Maximum length:

4 Characters

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19. COMMUNICATION

Official SPL communication shall take place through approved communication channels.

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20. IMPORTANT DEADLINES

The SPL may publish deadlines for:

- Roster Submissions
- Transfer Windows
- Payments
- Media Days
- Check-Ins
- Other Administrative Requirements

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21. SEASON CHANGES

The SPL may update this Handbook where operationally necessary.

Teams shall be notified of significant changes.

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22. CONTACT INFORMATION

Official contact information shall be published separately by the SPL Administration.

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