



# CRICKETSWITZERLAND in a flash

## The Senior Game

CricketSwitzerland, with its registered home in the Swiss capital of Bern, is the premier cricket body for cricket in Switzerland and is recognized by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

It organizes domestic league, and T20 competitions, selects and organises senior & junior international squads and runs coaching & training courses throughout Switzerland.



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And there are two spin-off associations: the Swiss Federation Of Cricket Umpires & Scorers and the Cricket Coaches Association of Switzerland.

Cricket enjoys a long tradition of fair play and gentlemanly conduct. A game of two teams trying to score as many 'runs' as possible in

a limited time, cricket is a unique team sport of individual performances and tactical decisions.

Cricket is played professionally in Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies & Zimbabwe.

Closer to home it is played as an amateur sport in Austria, Belgium,



Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Luxembourg, Italy, Holland, Malta, Norway, Portugal, Scotland, Spain - and of course in Switzerland by 450 registered senior and 650 junior cricketers in twenty-three clubs and six schools.

There are also over 45 coaches, 25 umpires and an additional estimated 1,200 passive members.

Cricketers come from all over Switzerland, but mainly from the Geneva, Bern and Zürich areas. They are typically bi-lingual, possess a good awareness of multiple cultures, enjoy an above

average schooling and subsequently above average income.

Cricket is played on public sports fields and school grounds with an artificial pitch. Thanks to the support of local sports councils, C.E.R.N., Cossonay, Geneva, Winterthur & Zuoz

have permanent NottsSport© surfaces. Cossonay (near Lausanne) is a purpose built cricket ONLY ground. And Olten is rumored to be in the making!

## Junior Development

Swiss junior cricket offers youngsters the chance to spend their free time being healthy & active, to interact constructively with their peer groups, and to meet with others from a variety of cultures, encouraging tolerance in a multi-cultural society.

From the humble beginning of just a handful of enthusiastic juniors in 2005, some 650 youngsters aged between 6-17 years of age now play cricket under the umbrella of the Cricket Switzerland's Youth Development scheme. The success of the youth cricket movement is spreading fast with numbers are



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growing year by year.

Youth cricket in Switzerland has spread throughout the country, and leagues now are played between the regions at Under 11, 13, 15 and 17 levels. The sport has already reached out into several international and local schools and proved a big hit with pupils – both boys and girls. This has allowed the steady integration of local youngsters into a sport unfamiliar in Switzerland.

For their part, parents are happy to see their sons and daughters indulging in a sport that lacks the hostile edge of football and ice hockey. In addition, their children mix with other children from different ethnic backgrounds and learn better English language skills in the process.

Expatriate parents are also delighted to find a thriving youth cricket scene in Switzerland, helping smooth the family transition from their home countries by supplying a familiar outlet for their children.

The spread of the game has been assisted by enthusiastic parents' participation in ECB coaching courses. Dozens of qualified coaches are turning up week after week to encourage and hone the skills of future Swiss cricketers, with more coaching programmes planned.

The rapid strides being made in Swiss youth cricket has not gone unnoticed by the game's governing body – the International Cricket Council (ICC). This body have supported Switzerland with grants, equipment and administrative help. Several European awards have already been received by the country's enthusiastic organisers.

### Facts & Figures

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21 clubs, 6 schools  
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