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SAVE the DATE: EUROS 2016 TRIALS – 27-28 Feb.

Some of you might be aware that the 2016 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held in Jersey, UK from the 6-11th July 2016. Touch Switzerland would very much like to send several teams from Switzerland to this event pending on coaches, players, and your decision regarding which team you would like to play in.

Therefore, TRIALS for SWISS NATIONAL TOUCH TEAMS to participate in the 2016 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held on the weekend of the **27-28th February 2016**. Please keep this date free. Venue will be confirmed shortly but will most likely located in central Switzerland – maximum 2 hours travel from any Swiss town.

To play for Switzerland, you need to make yourself available on these dates and fulfil the eligibility criteria. There are many divisions (ladies, means, mixed, and senior divisions). The hope is that Switzerland will be able to send several teams to the event.

Eligibility: To play for the Swiss National team you need to:

- a) be a Swiss passport holder, or
- b) have Swiss parents or
- c) have lived in Switzerland for 3 years prior to the tournament.

There are **potential exemptions** to these rules, so if you have a specific case, please ask: touchswitzerland@gmail.com

If you are interested in participating, please come to the trials. Don't worry if you have never played for Switzerland previously, or are new to touch, or are not sure of the standard. Please come along!!

If you intend to come to the trials, please complete your name, sex, and Date of birth here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/985JVK5>

More information about the venue for the trials will be sent out in December. For the moment – just SAVE THE DATE!! Note: Only one trial weekend is planned, so please make every effort to attend.

COACHES & REFEREES:

1. **Call for coaches** – We are seeking at least 3 coaches for the national teams. Please send an email to touchswitzerland@gmail.com if you are interested. Please also send us your motivation, short coaching plan and small bio. Deadline for candidates: 30 November 2015.
2. **Referees for the Euros** – In order to send teams to the EURO's we also need to send non playing referees. Without them, there is simply no tournament. If you would like to be an official referee at the Euros, we will also sponsor your trip. Please send us your expression of interest by 30 November 2015 to touchswitzerland@gmail.com

INTRODUCING TOUCH SWITZERLAND:

We are very happy to announce that Touch Switzerland is the new National Touch Association. The following clubs are founding members of Touch Switzerland: Aargau, Baden, Basel, Geezers, Geneva and Zug.

Touch Switzerland is an official FIT (Federation of International Touch) member effective on 1st January 2016.

Touch Switzerland will also be members of the EFT (European Federation of Touch). Being part of these associations will enable us to play in a Swiss National Team at international tournaments like The European Championships, the World cup and the Mainland Cup.

This is very good news for players in Switzerland and the development of touch in Switzerland.

We are creating **new communications tools**: new website, new facebook page, twitter and Instagram account. These will be shared with you very shortly.

How can you help? We need the most **creative people amongst us to create a new logo**. We would like it to represent touch, playing touch, Switzerland. If you have any great ideas, please send to: touchswitzerland@gmail.com by end of November 2015. The “winner” will get their club’s subscription for free in 2016!

We are very happy and excited with the development for our great sport. If you have any questions about the Euros 2016 championships, Touch Switzerland or Touch in general, plus don’t hesitate to contact your club representative, or send a message to touchswitzerland@gmail.com

Dean Leech for Aargau Touch,
Fabienne and Jay Tanoa for Baden Touch,
Jo and Warren Galbraith for Basel Touch,
Mike Elliott for Geneva Eagles,
James Weston for Zug Touch,
Marcel Fok for Geezers
Clio Elliott for Touch Switzerland.