

## Instructions for Wildcard Awarding/Organizer Acceptance/National Squad for International Tournaments

### Wildcards

Swiss Tennis has a statutorily specified number of wildcards for all international tournaments held in Switzerland by Swiss Tennis. These wildcards make it possible for Swiss Tennis to enable excellent tennis players to participate even if their ranking or qualification is not sufficient for direct inclusion in a tournament.

### Awarding of Wildcards

With proper registration at an international tournament in Switzerland, tennis players playing for Switzerland are **automatically** considered for a wildcard if they do not qualify for the respective tournament due to their ranking. Swiss Tennis awards the wildcards each Wednesday noon prior to the tournament. Swiss Tennis informs the players under consideration for the WC via e-mail at the e-mail address specified in the entered Swiss Tennis profile. The players are responsible for ensuring that the information in the profile is correct.

Wildcard requests are not required for Swiss players on principle. Wildcard requests are only made if the player in question is not on the entry list of the tournament. In this case and for foreigners, requests are to be made to [wildcards@swisstennis.ch](mailto:wildcards@swisstennis.ch) and will be considered only in exceptional cases.

The wildcard lists are published on [www.swisstennis.ch](http://www.swisstennis.ch) from the respective Wednesday noon.

### Confirmation of Wildcards

All players who receive a **wildcard for qualification** must confirm their participation in writing by noon on Friday before the tournament start. They are also obliged to appear in person to sign-in for qualification. Otherwise, the right to the wildcard is voided, and it will be awarded to another person without further ado.

All players, who receive a **wildcard for the main draw field**, must confirm their participation in writing by noon on Friday before the tournament start. Otherwise, the right to the wildcard is voided. In addition, the players are required to inform themselves about the appropriate match schedules and report to the referee before the first game as well as to pay the entry fee. However, they are not obliged to appear in person to sign-in.

Swiss Tennis reserves the right to exclude players who do not **show up at the tournament without providing an excuse** from the awarding of wildcards for a certain time.

### Number of Wildcards

In tournaments of the ITF Pro Circuits as well as the ITF Junior Circuit and the Tennis Europe Junior Tour, the local organizer has one wildcard each time for the qualification at his/her disposal. The remaining wildcards for the qualification and all those for the main draw are awarded by Swiss Tennis.

### Organizer Acceptance (only applies to Tennis Europe tournaments)

With proper registration at an international tournament in Switzerland, tennis players playing for Switzerland **automatically** express their interest in Organizer Acceptance if they do not qualify for the respective tournament due to their ranking. Inquiries to Swiss Tennis are unnecessary.

Requests for Organizer Acceptance for tournaments abroad are only sent via Swiss Tennis. Requests can be sent by e-mail to the relevant responsible persons (16&U: Yves Allegro, 14&U/12&U: Michael Lammer) until the official registration deadline of the tournament. The awarding of Organizer

Acceptance abroad is decided by the tournament organizer or the relevant National Association; Swiss Tennis can only give a recommendation. Squad players are preferably recommended.

**National Squad (only applies to Tennis Europe tournaments)**

Only Swiss Tennis registers National squad for tournaments at home and abroad. Requests can be sent by e-mail to the relevant responsible persons (16&U: Yves Allegro, 14&U/12&U: Michael Lammer) until the official registration deadline of the tournament. Afterward, Swiss Tennis has a time frame of two days to register the National squad. Squad players are given preferential treatment.

**Areas of responsibility:**

ATP (incl. Challenger Tour)

WTA

ITF Pro Circuits (Men & Women)

ITF 18&U / Tennis Europe 16&U

Tennis Europe 14&U / 12&U

Davis Cup Captain

Fed Cup Captain

Head Coach

Head Coach

Head of Juniors

Severin Lüthi

Heinz Günthardt

Yves Allegro

Yves Allegro

Michael Lammer

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