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**2016-17:
A small revolution**



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High Performance

XV's Women's National Team

- **RE Women's Championship: October 2016**
- First ever for Swiss Women: World Cup Qualifier pre-stage
- Intense preparation throughout all of 2016
- 26 players made trip to Madrid
- 2 pools of 3, 10-day tournament
- 5th place > the strong rugby nations (semi-professional on women's level) are too far ahead at this point in time





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High Performance

VII's Women's National Team

- **Year 2 with high-level coach Tcha-Tchibara / competitions ongoing**
 - **10-11.06.17: EC round 1**
 - **22-23.07.17: EC round 2**
- Grew the training squad to 25 talented players
- 2 preparation tournaments
 - February 2017: Bordeaux
 - May 2017: Amsterdam 7s
- 7 training weekends by July (once per month)
- Very promising development of team





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Seniors: Development

Senior Women's competitions

- **XV's league:** 5 teams competing (4 of which are Ententes), champions = Luzern Dangels



- **Swiss Super Sevens:** 3 rounds, On-Going
 - 03.06.17 / Neuchâtel
 - 24.06.17 / Zug
 - 01.07.17 FINALS / Basel



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Senior Women's competitions

NEW THIS YEAR: Development Tournaments

- 6 tournaments, same dates as national team trainings
- Format: 7-side on half-pitch
- Aim =
 - game time for less experienced players
 - Referee experience (double-referee system with experienced refs & non-experienced players)
- Also included U16 & U18 girls (next slide)





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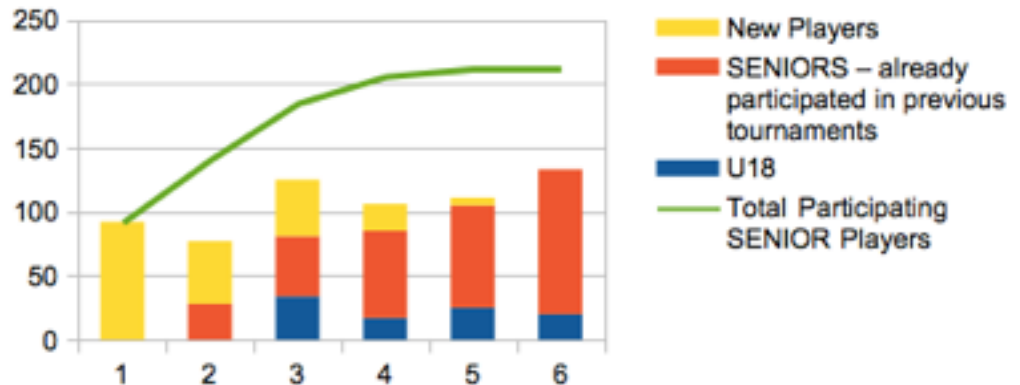
Senior Women's competitions

HUGE SUCCESS! Overall:

- 9 participating women's teams
- New teams: Lausanne, Zug, Winterthur
- 211 different players from 17 different nations
- 31 women refereeing
- 3 of which are now qualified refs
- Raise of licensed women in Switzerland **from 250 to over 450** (exact numbers tbc)

Swiss Women's Development Project 2016-17

Number of participating players per event





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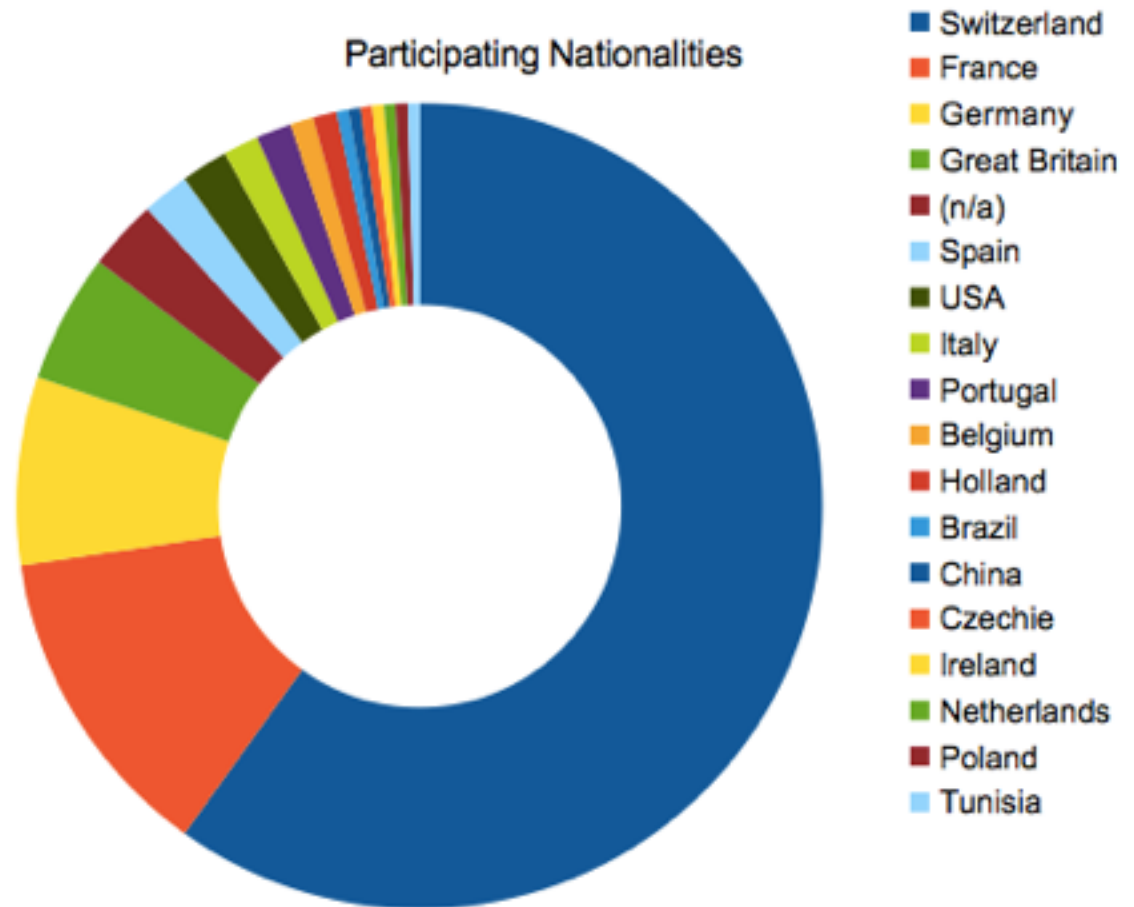
Seniors:
Development

Senior Women's competitions

International diversity with a local focus

Swiss Women's Development League 2016-17

Participating Nationalities



Grassroots

U16 & U18 girls

- No existing competition format for this age group of rugby girls
- **Inclusion with LNF Development days (seniors) > separate U16/U18 trainings including training games**
- 44 girls participating overall

U16: Invitational Tournament “Trofeo Massimo Nalin” (Badia Polinese) over Easter

- Initiated by ACGR
- 11 players from across Switzerland
- Important (first international) experience
- 7th place
- The team takes home the **Fair Play Award**

U18: Paris World Games 07.-09.07.2017



Outlook 2017-18

Assuring the continued growth of Swiss Women's Rugby in all areas

- Integration of the 3 new teams and Basel in the XV's competition
- Better the Swiss Super 7s > integration with grassroots and men?
- Continuation of development format playing opportunities for new players
- Continued push for U16 and U18 playing opportunities amongst girls of their age group
 - Collaboration with regions crucial !
- Focus High Performance:
 - Swiss Women's 7s team (aim: GPS by 2019)
- More qualified and licensed women in all rugby related functions (players, coaches, referees, club volunteers)



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