

In future, the SUSF wishes to continue exerting both direct and indirect influence within as many national and international sporting organizations as possible, and act as a link between the various sporting disciplines by virtue of its multisport orientation.

At grassroots level, the SUSF wishes to offer as many students as possible the opportunity of enjoying sport – both now and throughout their life – and thus play a role in improving public health.

By constantly promoting the competitive spirit, the SUSF enables students who take part in competitive sport to acquire qualities that are as crucial to success in working life as specialist expertise and business acumen. Above all, these qualities include the willingness and ability to perform, as well as ethical behavior (dealing with victory and defeat, interaction within a team, etc.).

Finally, sport at elite level is all about offering students the chance to develop characteristics such as the willingness to take risks, to work hard and to stay the course. It also helps to hone time management skills and is an ideal grounding for later life within the world of work.

## SUSF founded in 1932

Members include 11 university sporting organizations plus the Swiss Academic Skiclub (SAS)

Around 118,000 affiliated students

Universiade medals won since 1949: 91

World University Championship medals won since 2002: 30

Scheduled for 2010: the 11th World University Chess Championship in Zurich

World University Championships held in Switzerland since 1978: 7



## The SUSF Foundation

As part of a strategic reorientation, the SUSF set up a foundation in the summer of 2000.

As a non-profit organization, the Swiss University Sports Foundation is entrusted first and foremost with the challenging task of integrating sport into society and obtaining the financial resources that are necessary for achieving this aim.

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## Switzerland's Largest Multi-sport Federation

The Swiss University Sports Federation (SUSF) is the umbrella organization of all Swiss university sport organizations. It promotes and coordinates university sport in Switzerland and fosters partnerships with domestic and foreign sporting organizations.

### A 75-Year History

Originally founded under the name „Swiss Academic Sport Association (SASV)“ in 1932, the SUSF owes its unique standing in Switzerland to its multidiscipline range of sporting commitments.

Recognizing the necessity of keeping up to speed and moving with the times, the association decided on a change of course and a change of name at the end of 1999. The inaugural Swiss University Championships (SUC) will be held in Magglingen on June 2 and 3 to mark the association's 75th anniversary.



### The SUSF's Sphere of Activity

The SUSF offers students the chance to earn additional skills. University sport enables the combination of academic study with recreational, competitive and even elite sport and facilitates cultural, economic and political interaction at both domestic and international level which may also be useful in later life. Students experience sport as an integral part of their education, and thereby enhance their interpersonal skills and ability to perform. University sport is not only beneficial to students but is also advantageous in various other ways. For example, it offers a platform to

universities and other higher education establishments throughout Switzerland on which to establish mutual links and showcase themselves to the public.

Additionally, university sport enables various other Swiss sporting federations and their affiliated athletes to take advantage of high-quality training and competition infrastructure. Participation at World University Championships and World Student Games also allows young sportsmen and women to pick up international experience on a competitive stage without the extreme pressure that comes with having to perform for sponsors and meet the expectations of the public at large.

The university sport offers the Swiss economy an attractive sponsorship platform with a clearly defined target group.

### Objectives of the SUSF

As Switzerland's domestic multisport body, SUSF aims to make a vital contribution to sport in Switzerland. It wishes to utilize its know-how and expertise to play a leading role in tackling the pressing sporting issues of our day.

