



Press release

Final appearance: Swiss national polo team wins silver medal at the 2025 FIP European Polo Championships in Poland

Sowiniec/Poland, 9 September 2025: With heart, courage and impressive enthusiasm, the Swiss national polo team made a strong statement at the FIP European Polo Championship 2025 at the Sowiniec Polo Club near Poznań/Poland: They made it all the way to the final and won the silver medal. This second place is also the best result for a team in the history of the Swiss national polo team. The last time Switzerland won a bronze medal at the European Championships was in 1993.

The Swiss national team showed its best side at the FIP European Polo Championship 2025, which was held at the impressive Sowiniec Polo Club in Poland. In the preliminary round, the team showed fighting spirit and the will to win: With an 8:6 victory against France, a clear 11:4.5 win against Spain and a clear 13:6.5 win against the Netherlands, Switzerland secured its place in the semi-finals. There, the players faced Italy - and once again impressed with their team spirit and cleverness. The 9:5 victory meant a well-deserved place in the final.



From left to right: Tito Gaudenzi, Cedric Schweri, Fabio Meier, Tomas Ruiz Guiñazu, Patricio Gaynor, Luca Meier.
Not in the picture: Team coach Raul Laplacette and team manager Reto Gaudenzi

In the final against Spain, Switzerland once again proved to be highly focussed and tactically sound. Fabio Meier, Luca Meier, Patricio Gaynor Jr. and Tomas Ruiz Guiñazu played with determination, but were ultimately beaten 4:7.5 by a strong Spanish team. Despite the defeat in the final, the team left a lasting impression with their passionate performance, winning many hearts - and qualification for the Polo World Cup.



The performance of young Patricio Gaynor Jr, who wore the Swiss national colours for the first time at the age of just 16, deserves special mention. With his talent and important goals, he made a significant contribution to the team's success and is seen as a beacon of hope for the future of Swiss polo.

The Swiss national polo team:



From left to right: players Fabio Meier, Luca Meier, Tomas Ruiz Guiñazu, team manager Reto Gaudenzi, player Patricio Gaynor, Tito Gaudenzi. Not in the picture: Team coach Raul Laplacette and player Cedric Schweri

About the FIP European Polo Championships

The FIP European Polo Championship is Europe's largest tournament for national teams, which takes place every two years and also serves as a qualifier for the Polo World Championship. This year, it took place in Poland for the first time - at the Sowiniec Polo Club just outside Poznań. The ultra-modern venue combines elegant hospitality with first-class polo pitches. Eight nations with over 200 horses and 32 players made the event one of the most spectacular equestrian events in Europe.

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About the Swiss Polo Association (SPA)

The Swiss Polo Association (SPA) is the umbrella organisation for all polo clubs in Switzerland. Its members are: Polo Club Ascona, Largovia Polo, Polo Club de Veytay, Evviva Polo Club St. Moritz, Polo Club Gstaad, Polo Park Zürich, Polo Club Zug, St. Moritz Polo Club. Its main task is to represent the interests of Swiss polo clubs vis-à-vis the authorities and international polo associations such as the Federation of International Polo (FIP) and the Hurlingham Polo Association (HPA). The SPA also sets the tournament rules, organises the national championships and coordinates the activities of the Swiss national polo team. Another key task is to determine the handicap of every player in Switzerland.

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