

STATEMENT ON THE FUNDING OF THE SWISS PARKOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

Introduction

The Swiss Parkour Championships (SPC) are the finale and highlight of the national Swiss Parkour Tour (SPT) event series.

They are organised by a passionate team and a lot of volunteer effort. Through the SPC we are implementing a comprehensive competition system in Switzerland that meets the current requirements of both Swiss and international sport – while respecting the unique culture and community of parkour.

After the last two editions took place in Basel, in 2025 we decided to hold the event in Romandy (Payerne, VD). We want to send a clear signal: **As the national umbrella organisation we see ourselves as a representative of all linguistic and regional parts of Switzerland.** Our aim is to include and support the parkour community equally across the whole country.

Unfortunately, to deliver this event in Romandie, we are confronted with **structural barriers**. Due to the fact that SPKA is not yet in membership with Swiss Olympic, we are currently unable to receive support from the Fonds du Sport Vaudois. Access to cantonal and municipal funding, however, is typically essential for the realisation of professional sports events.

Despite these barriers, we have planned a professional event with a clear focus on the competitions themselves, putting the athletes at the centre of attention. The financing will be covered largely by the SPKA, which is why we are grateful for any support from our community and smaller sponsors. Such contributions help us to offset the event's deficit and give us more scope to invest into the future of parkour in Switzerland. A link to support us can be found at the end of this document and on the event website of the SPC.

Background

The Swiss Parkour Association (SPKA) is the national umbrella organisation for parkour in Switzerland:

- We have been appointed by the Federal Office of Sport (BASPO/OFSP) as the **leading governing body for Youth+Sport Parkour**, the highest level of federal partnership in Switzerland yet built in parkour.
- We organise the **Swiss Parkour Tour** including the Swiss Jam and a series of qualifying events plus the national SPC.
- We develop training structures, programmes for children and youth, coordinate and develop a competition system, and run further projects to advance and promote the sport of parkour.

The **funding conditions of the Fonds du Sport Vaudois** are linked to recognition within the Swiss sports system. This means that:

- Only sport disciplines that are included in Swiss Olympic or Youth+Sport can receive contributions.
- Only sports federations that are members of Swiss Olympic, or whose events run through structures by a federation that is recognised by Swiss Olympic can receive contributions.

Although parkour has officially been part of Youth+Sport since 2021 and the SPKA has been appointed by BASPO/OFSPÖ as the leading national governing body, our organisation does not yet meet the criterion of a Swiss Olympic membership. **At present, funding for parkour in the canton of Vaud can only be applied for through the structures of the Swiss Gymnastics Federation (STV/FSG) who are members of Swiss Olympic through their governance of other separate sports.**

This bureaucratic structure restricts the diversity and dynamics of the rapidly growing parkour scene, affecting not only the SPKA but also many of our member clubs in the region. By contrast, in the cantons of Basel and Zurich we have not faced such obstacles, and direct support at the cantonal level has been possible. This demonstrates that other funding bodies better recognise the specific needs of a young and dynamic sport. The fact that we currently have no access to cantonal funding in Vaud represents, in our view, a structural barrier that fails to adequately support the development of emerging sports. In practice, parkour funding is limited to activities managed through the Swiss Gymnastics Federation (STV/FSG), which does not reflect the current reality of a sport that is evolving with great dynamism and diversity.

Way Forward

Membership in Swiss Olympic is for us a central objective and top priority. An admission application in 2025 was not possible, due to the need for extensive data collection requirements that do not map well to the diversity of our member organisations. Due to their freedom to organise and grow parkour by whatever structures they see fit, there is minimal standardisation. However, we have gained the necessary experience to make every effort to achieve admission successfully in 2026.

Until then, funding will remain a challenge. Nevertheless, the following applies: **The Swiss Parkour Championships 2025 will be carried out with the highest professionalism and safety.** Thanks to the experience of the organising team and the collaboration with the community, we ensure that the competitions will take place at the highest level.

Your support, whether financial, moral or organisational, enables us to reduce the current deficit and at the same time to invest more into the future of parkour in Switzerland.

Those in a position to support financially, can TWINT us via the following link: [Support the SPC](#)

Closing Statement

Overcoming obstacles is at the very heart of parkour, and we also live this approach in our organisation. We are convinced that together with our community and committed partners we can build the necessary structures to firmly anchor parkour in the Swiss sports landscape and Swiss parkour in the international parkour landscape.

We thank all those who accompany us on this path and support the Swiss Parkour Championships 2025, whether on site in Payerne or in the background. See you there!

Lucerne, August 2025

Swiss Parkour Association (SPKA)