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Motions for the FSR AGM 2016, 24.04.2016

NSRV Motion No. 1:

Project Championship (variation to the FSR DTN proposal by Sebastien Dupoux)

Dear Board members of the FSR,

The NSRV supports the general concept of the proposals put together by the FSR with the NLA, Excellence A, NLB Elite, NLB Regular and NLC.

However for initial transition phase starting in season 2016/2017 we feel the 1st League should be kept with a minor restructuring and the 2nd Teams of the NLB foreseen for the "Excellence B" league are allocated to a group within the 1st league.

Until the 2nd teams and new clubs development is at a level where a more rigid system is viable, merging the 1st League into the NLC will be a safety and financial risk for new/small teams.

The NSRV motion accepts the FSR proposal of the leagues NLA, Excellence A, NLB Elite, NLB Regular and NLC from next season but maintaining the 1st League with two groups. One initially primarily/exclusively NLB 2nd teams and another group for single teams, new clubs and any additional 2nd teams of a similar level. It will be for the Technical Teams in the FSR, Regions and Clubs to determine the best placing for the teams.

Important is to enable flexibility to adapt the structure as the teams situation determines.

Additionally as part of this NSRV Motion we propose to amend the playoff system between the NLB Elite and NLB Regular:

- Play-off / play out phase:
 - o Top 3 of each group in Play-off / other 3 in Play out
 - o Results against the 2 other teams coming in next phase are kept
 - o Home / away games against the 3 teams of the other side
- 10 + 6 games: 16 games in a season
- Up/down played on 10 games instead of 5

The Excellence B league will remain a goal and a test run would be ideal in the framework of the 1st League.

On the next pages the current club teams distribution across the potential new league structure is shown for illustrative purposes, also to highlight some logistical issues.

Sportliche Grüsse,
Mike Rothenberger

President NSRV

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Illustration of the Teams in the NSRV Motion.

LNA: 8 clubs with reserve team which plays the same day

As if 2016 / 2017: could be

- + PLO
- + Hermance
- + Avusy
- + Nyon
- + Luc
- + Stade Lausanne
- + GC Zurich
- + Lugano

Excellence A

- + PLO 2
- + Hermance2
- + Avusy 2
- + Nyon2
- + LUC 2
- + Stade Lausanne 2
- + GC 2
- + Lugano

LNB Elite and LNB

LNB Elite with reserve team which plays the same day (Round 1 and 2)

6 clubs with reserve.

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As if 2016 / 2017: could be

LNB Elite:

- + *CERN*
- + *Bern*
- + *Winterthur*
- + *Neuchatel*
- + *Würenlos*
- + *Basel*

LNB

- + *Fribourg*
- + *RUZ*
- + *Monthey*
- + *Chaux de fonds*
- + *Zug*
- + *Alba /Luzern*

LNC

As if 2016 / 2017 could be 6 teams (or 7 with Yverdon)

- + St Gallen
- + Schaffhausen
- + Luzern /Alba(Region2)
- + Ticino
- + Solothurn
- + Haute Broye

1st league

Total 12/13 teams (*potential new teams*) in two groups. Playoff's NLC/1st League could follow the current formula or a variation thereof.

LNC no. 6 (or 5 & 6)

1L no. 1 (excluding 2nd Teams) (or 1 & 2)

The team that wins most points stays or is promoted to NLC. Other factors to consider as current rules are stability of the team, sufficient financial resources and a referee!

Grouping could be split closer to region logic, but 2nd teams always scheduled to play with 1sts.

The 1st League continues its function as a development league, including, where appropriate, U19 rules for scrums etc.

Two rounds completed by early spring, match dates weekends 3. September – 5. November 2016 and from the weekend 18. March 2017. This takes into account normal pitch availability in most NSRV/AJRL clubs (some pitches closed 1. November – 31. March).

As if 2015 / 2016 could be (Round 1 & 2)

Group 1 (Mainly/exclusively Elite B 2nd Teams)

- + CERN2
- + Bern2
- + Winterthur2
- + Neuchatel2
- + Würenlos2 (Limmattal United, incl. RUZ)
- + Basel FT

Group 2 (Level &/or regional based? New Teams)

- + Zug 2
- + **Jura**
- + **Thun**
- + Sierre
- + Biel
- + EHL
- + Yverdon (or NLC?)

(+ Interlaken (target Season 2017/2018))

A "Third round" should be considered with available teams in one off matches after the initial rounds are completed. Some teams will be unavailable in the spring due to exams of the dominant student and military service profiles.

New recruits and ex Juniors should get the opportunity to play in spring, alongside the sevens tournaments.

The NLC/1st league season should be completed by late May.

The third round does not count for points, at least in the initial phase of one or two seasons.

With more clubs and teams in the future, this 1st League solution should be reorganised into the proposed Excellence B for NLB 2nd Teams, but we still need a 1st league for new clubs and teams.

Leaving out the 2nd Teams for now in the 1st League risks a very thin team base or mixing unprepared teams in an extended NLC.

Estimating teams for season 2016/2017 based on the current status (23. March 2016) is too uncertain to put in any inflexible structure for the lower divisions clubs. 2nd Teams are still relatively new in the history of Swiss rugby.

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