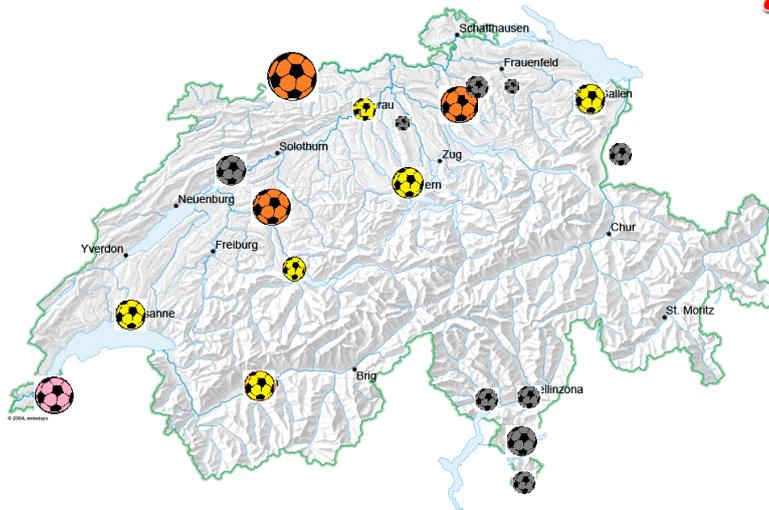


New stadium projects in Switzerland



-  Stadium for the EM2008
-  SuperLeague
-  EM2008 (Challenge League)
-  Challenge League
-  more than 35'000
-  20'000-35'000
-  5'000-20'000
-  less than 5'000

The soccer stadiums in Switzerland are nearly all placed in the bigger cities. The four biggest stadiums (Basel, Zurich, Berne, Geneva), which were used for the EM 2008, can accommodate 23'000 to 38'000 viewers. The Stadiums of the National League A are regular spread through the central plains. Most stadiums were built new in the last ten years. That's the reason why the actual projects mainly serve for teams of national league B and even lower.

Arena, Thun

Interesting Example: Situated in some distance away from city centre and railway access, new public buses had to be introduced to reach it. After the rejection of a combined stadium-shopping-project by the population, the shopping centre and stadium were built separately, the latter now governed by a cooperative instead of a inc., what is quite unusual in Switzerland.

Schützenwiese, Winterthur

One of very few larger stadiums that are fully owned by a city. Because of their financial problems and the missing success of Winterthur's soccer team, the stadium is being rebuilt part for part, which is possible because the four grand stands aren't technically connected with each other. Access generally is possible by foot only, there is no direct public transport access and the (large) parking lot is only reachable over small roads through a housing area.



FCS Park (lipo park), Schaffhausen

Just degraded from National League B to first regional league, Schaffhausen Soccer Club is still convinced of its new stadium situated near railway and motorway access rather than the old one situated in a housing area. It's not the first try, but hopefully the newest, much smaller project could find enough investors to actually build it – for example, the austrian discounter „Lidl“ will use some space for his first Shop in Schaffhausen.

Stade Vidy, Lausanne

One of many stadium projects that never will be built. After a quite expensive architectural competition, a new urban development plan decided that no stadium was possible at vidy district because of the poor accessibility by public transports and the missing surrounding. A new project will be realized in a housing area at the other end of the city, but not before 2018.

Sources: <http://wikipedia.org>, different versions and languages --- <http://www.sport.ch> --- <http://www.handelszeitung.ch> --- <http://www.stades.ch>
 Map : own graphic, based on Wikimedia-Map. --- Images : <http://www.wam-ing.ch> (Schützenwiese) www.lipopark.ch (Lipo Park).