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Editorial

From the President

For me and the rest of the SPKA board, this year has been more about the backstage than the stage lights. We have worked to bring more stability to the association, professionalising some of the tasks.

As stated in last year's editorial, we faced the uncertainty of the introduction of the membership fees. Some members, mostly individuals, have left. Some organisations were not able to pay their fees. But in general, you have shown us that you support the SPKA project, and we are grateful for that. The financial stability that the fees bring will help us to develop SPKA in new directions.

One of our biggest success this year has been the introduction of the level 2 modules of the J+S Parkour. These are the first courses we run independently as an organisation. These and the level 3 modules that will be introduced in 2025 will consolidate the reputation of SPKA as the source of legitimate expertise in parkour.

On the side of the Swiss Parkour Tour, we made significant progress with the introduction of the first official SPT Regulations, laying the foundation for a structured qualification process for the Swiss Parkour Championships and interface with future international projects. Additionally, hosting the Swiss Jam in Zurich provided a platform for community exchange and progression. Expanding our network of external stakeholders, including sponsors and official sports development organizations, was an essential step in securing the long-term future of our event related projects. Beyond these achievements, we have also taken important steps in further professionalizing the structure of the association. The introduction of membership fees was an important milestone this year. As well as implementing professional systems for key HR and financial operations, ensuring more efficient and sustainable organizational growth

We still face serious challenges. Gymnastics keeps pursuing the cultural appropriation of parkour, at the national and international level. There is growing evidence from other sports that this leads to bad outcomes for practitioners, students, spectators and anyone interested in rich and authentic cultures¹. For the first time this year, some of our members have been refused funds for the development of parkour, on the basis that they are not members of the Schweizerischer Turnverband (STV), despite the fact they have no governance rights over parkour. We need to keep pursuing our goal: building a federation that protects the autonomy of the parkour practitioners and allows us all to develop the parkour culture.

Here's another challenge. 2025 will be my last year as the President of SPKA. I want to leave SPKA with a clear mature organisational structure. I want SPKA to follow principles of good governance, ensuring that even if the organisation gets to the point where it is run by professionals, SPKA serves the interests of the parkour community, with any managers working on its behalf. To codify this, we will submit to the General Assembly new statutes and rules for the organisation before the end of 2025.

The second aspect of the challenge is that we will need some new members to serve on the board, with the additional objective of reaching 40% of women on the board. We encourage you to reach out to us if you or anybody you know would be interested in working with us. We will ask formally for nominations before our next AGM.

As always, thank you for your support and your commitment to parkour.

Yann Daout, President elect of SPKA

¹ <https://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/various/what-happened-to-the-olympic-millions-for-breaking/88724594>

Youth and Sports (J+S) Parkour Report

2024 was another exciting year for J+S within the Swiss Parkour Association. With the foundation laid in previous years, we continued to strengthen and expand our program. As of December 9, 2024, we have certified a total of 111 J+S-Trainers, marking steady growth and reflecting the high demand for qualified parkour trainers across Switzerland.

This year, we successfully hosted 2 Basic Courses in Aarau and Ticino, both of which were met with great enthusiasm and fully booked. Additionally, we introduced 2 new modules on level 1 – *Flips & Mental Strength* and *Parkour Strength – Physical Aspects of Parkour*. These specialised modules were designed to address essential skills for trainers and have received excellent feedback from participants. To ensure continued professional development among our trainers, we organized 1 Expert Day with the theme of *Preparations for the new Modules*. This event fostered collaboration and knowledge-sharing among experienced Experts, strengthening our community and raising the overall quality of J+S-education. Furthermore, we hosted 1 Expert Module focused on Updating Qualification, enabling our experts to stay current with the latest methods and standards in J+S parkour education.

An important milestone this year was the progress in our long-standing negotiations with the STV/FSG. While the SPKA remains in the lead regarding J+S education, we reached a significant step forward by negotiating a performance agreement. This agreement defines shared tasks in return for financial support. The STV signed the contract for 2024; however, they lost their parkour-department-manager shortly thereafter, which introduced some delays in upcoming projects. Further negotiations are ongoing, with the only legally regulated aspect currently being the foundation of a collaboration between STV and SPKA regarding J+S.

At the organizational level, we continued our efforts to integrate the J+S system across all SPKA Member Organizations. Our analysis shows that J+S-certified trainers are increasingly active across Switzerland, with significant growth observed within SPKA Member clubs specifically. This aligns with our goal of equipping every club with certified trainers and ensuring that parkour classes are accessible throughout Switzerland.

Looking ahead to 2025, our focus will be on further expanding the trainer base with at least 3 new Basic Courses planned. Additionally, we aim to develop and refine more modules on level 1 and 2 to address the evolving needs of trainers and Experts. It is our mission to ensure that every SPKA-Member club has the opportunity to benefit from J+S-certification, allowing parkour to thrive in all regions of Switzerland.

We thank all of you for your dedication and support in making 2024 another successful year for J+S. Together, we are building a stronger foundation for the future of parkour.

Julian Dutoit, Project Manager J+S

Swiss Parkour Tour 2024

Launched in 2019 as an event-based initiative, the Swiss Parkour Tour (SPT) has since grown into a cornerstone of the Swiss Parkour Association's (SPKA) activities. No longer just a fun project, the SPT is now a well-established operational division that plays a vital role in fostering the sport across Switzerland. The year 2024 represents a consolidation of the project concepts developed and experimented with between 2020 and 2021, combined with the innovations introduced in 2023. Specifically, this means that in 2024, two major events were directly organized and executed by the SPKA, alongside seven additional tour events hosted by six member organizations across Switzerland.

With the introduction of the first official SPT guidelines, we have taken another step toward professionalization. These guidelines form the foundation for a structured competition system for parkour in Switzerland. They define the minimum standards for parkour competitions under the SPT framework and establish the conditions for qualification events. For the first time, we were able to implement a clear regulated qualification process for the Swiss Parkour Championships.

As part of the competition working group of the international governing body Parkour Earth, we are also contributing to the development of an international competition system for parkour. We are confident that within the next two years, we will integrate our system into an international calendar, taking the sport and Swiss competitive parkour athletes to the next level.

SPT Events 2024

Date	Format	Categories	Responsible Organisation	Venue
20.04.2024	Skill / Speed	Adult / Kids	Nurf	Aarau
18.05.2024	Speed	Adult	Parkour Luzern	Lucerne
25.05. - 26.05.2024	Swiss Jam	Adult / Youth / Kids	SPKA	Zurich
29.06.2024	Skill	Adult	Parkour EXPO	Morges
06.07.2024	Speed / Style	Adult	TV Stäfa	Stäfa
03.08.2024	Skill	Adult / Youth	Worlds Parkour Family	Basel
07.09.2024	Skill	Adult	X-Trem Parkour	Renens
14.09.2024	Freestyle / Speed	Adult	Parkour EXPO	Yverdon-les-Bains
28.09. - 29.09.2024	Swiss Parkour Championships	Adult / Youth / Kids	SPKA / Over-ground	Basel

Swiss Jam 2024 in Zurich

For the first time, the Swiss Jam was held at the Irchel campus of the University of Zurich. Over two days, parkour practitioners of all ages and skill levels trained together, attended workshops, exchanged ideas, and inspired one another. This event demonstrated the importance of the non-competitive essence of parkour, bringing together a diverse range of participants united by their shared love for movement. Creativity, expression, and innovation were at the heart of this event.

In short	Program	Participants		Volunteers	Budget
2-Day Parkour Festival	Workshops	Women:	28	Ca. 30	CHF 12'000.00
	Jams	Men:	63		
	Showcases	Kids:	30		

Swiss Parkour Championships 2024 in Basel

Once again hosted at Overground in Basel, the Swiss Parkour Championships proved to be a great success. Despite unfavourable weather, the event proceeded smoothly in an adapted format. Switzerland's top athletes competed in Speed, Skill, and Style categories. Both qualification and final rounds were held to determine the best of the best.

In short	Competitions	Athletes		Spectators	Volunteers	Budget
2-Day Parkour Championships	Speed	Women:	8	Ca. 50	Ca. 20	CHF 10'500.00
	Skill	Men:	15			
	Style	Kids:	21			

Full rankings for the competition season and the Swiss Parkour Championships are available at swissparkourtour.ch. [LINK](#)

2024 has been a milestone for the Swiss Parkour Tour in terms of collaboration and growth. We have established key partnerships with other organizations, public institutions, and sponsors, which have significantly strengthened the foundation of our events and activities. These collaborations mark an important step toward increasing the visibility and sustainability of parkour in Switzerland. By fostering these relationships, we are paving the way for a more interconnected and resourceful future for the Swiss parkour community. For **2025**, the SPKA has set two primary goals:

Youth Development: We aim to support the integration of children and adolescents into the parkour community and competitive calendar, laying the foundation for a sustainable competition system. This includes targeted efforts to promote young talent and nurture the next generation of parkour practitioners.

Mobile Parkour Setup: Building on the mobile parkour setup project initiated in 2023, we plan to complete its development and build a professional setup. This mobile setup will enable us to host international parkour events by 2026 while also providing additional support to our member organizations for their events. This initiative will elevate the Swiss parkour event landscape to new heights.

With the successes of 2024 as a foundation, we are committed to further advancing parkour in Switzerland, fostering growth, inclusion, and collaboration within the community for years to come.

Shemaiah Siegenthaler, Project Manager SPT

Financial Report

Income Statement

INCOME

J+S		
BASPO funding	CHF	50'750.00
J+S Course income	CHF	2'500.00
Total J+S income	CHF	53'250.00
SPT		
SPT Ticket income	CHF	6'050.91
SPT Sponsorship / Funding income	CHF	14'980.00
Total SPT income	CHF	21'030.91
General income		
Donations	CHF	7'000.00
Membership fees	CHF	9'180.00
Total income	CHF	90'460.91

COSTS

J+S		
J+S Salary costs	CHF	-34'278.75
J+S Course costs	CHF	-3'328.05
STV Collaboration	CHF	-5'400.00
Total J+S costs	CHF	-43'006.80
SPT		
SPT Event costs	CHF	-20'695.39
SPT Salary costs	CHF	-8'030.75
Total SPT costs	CHF	-28'726.14
General costs		
Admin, finance, HR	CHF	-8'145.04
Employee insurances	CHF	-1'926.65
Advertising	CHF	-127.89
Payroll taxes	CHF	-7'512.85
Total costs	CHF	- 89'445.37
Profit (+) / Loss (-)	CHF	1'015.54

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Bank	CHF	32'411.90
Fixed assets	CHF	2'800.00
Receivable membership fee invoices	CHF	2'000.00
Receivable course fee invoices	CHF	3'000.00
Total assets	CHF	40'211.90

LIABILITIES

Loan with no interest 1	CHF	10'000.00
Loan with no interest 2	CHF	7'780.00
Accrued expenses	CHF	5'000.00
Total liabilities	CHF	22'780.00

Net assets (surplus)	CHF	17'431.90
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Total Liabilities & Net Assets	CHF	40'211.90
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Travis Ranson, SPKA Treasurer

**We are proud of our achievements,
overwhelmed by our community's support
and excited for what's to come!**



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