



## Press release

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# Swissmint issues four new commemorative coins: Roger Federer gold coin, 150 years of the Swiss Firefighters Association, Susten Pass, NRLA – Ceneri 2020

Four new coins are being issued for sale on 3 September 2020. After the huge rush for the Roger Federer silver coin, Swissmint is following up with an issue of 10,000 Roger Federer gold coins, featuring a new motif. At the same time, it is making a further 40,000 Roger Federer silver coins available. In addition, Switzerland's 85,000 firefighters, the Susten Pass and the project of the century – the Ceneri base tunnel – are being honoured by Swissmint with a commemorative coin.

**Roger Federer won his first ever Grand Slam title at Wimbledon in 2003.** At the Wimbledon Championships alone, he has bagged a further seven titles, the last in 2017 at the age of 35 and five years after his previous Grand Slam victory. These eight successes make him a Wimbledon record-holder in a class of his own. The new 50-franc gold coin references the special relationship between Roger Federer and the Wimbledon Championships by showing him holding his Wimbledon trophy after winning the 2009 final.

Owing to the high demand, Swissmint has also struck an additional 40,000 Roger Federer silver coins in uncirculated quality, and is issuing these for sale.

**The Swiss Firefighters Association: 150 years of rescuing, helping and protecting. Day and night, around 85,000 firefighters in Switzerland and Liechtenstein are ready to help fellow citizens in case of danger.** More than 98% of them perform their duties on a voluntary basis in addition to their usual jobs. With this 20-franc silver coin, Swissmint is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Swiss Firefighters Association. At the same time, the coin is intended as a tribute to the achievements of the men and women of the fire departments in Switzerland and Liechtenstein. Their commitment to the public's well-being cannot be taken for granted.

**Susten Pass: a popular Swiss excursion destination.** The Susten Pass route was first documented at the beginning of the 17th century, but gained in importance from 1818 onwards, after it was converted into a navigable road – and also because Napoleon had seized control of the Simplon Pass, cutting off Bernese access to the trade route into northern Italy. In 1938, transport policy and national defence considerations prompted the Confederation to build a modern road through the pass. This was opened on 7 September 1946. Today, the Susten Pass (2,259 metres a.s.l.), with its numerous bridges and tunnels and the superb mountain landscape that surrounds it, is one of the most popular passes in Switzerland. After the Klausen Pass and the Furka Pass, Swissmint is dedicating the third and final 20-franc silver coin in the Swiss Alpine Passes series to the Susten Pass.

**NRLA – Ceneri 2020: project of the century completed!** Following the completion of the Lötschberg and Gotthard base tunnels in 2007 and 2016, the Ceneri base tunnel is the last major construction project of the New Rail Link through the Alps (NRLA). The tunnel goes into operation in December 2020 and will bring major improvements for passenger and freight traffic on the Gotthard line. In addition, it will boost regional travel by providing a direct rail link between Lugano and Locarno. Swissmint is issuing a 20-franc silver coin to mark the opening of the Ceneri base tunnel. At the same time, this commemorative coin recognises the entire endeavour involved in the NRLA – the project of the century.

The new **Christmas coin set** rounds off Swissmint's programme of issues for 2020. It combines the 2020 circulation coins with a shiny Christmas medal. The medal depicts a trumpet-blowing angel and snow stars on the front, and the star of Bethlehem on the reverse.

**How to order:** the new commemorative coins can be purchased from the webshop at [www.swissmintshop.ch](http://www.swissmintshop.ch). Due to the anticipated high demand, long waiting times in the webshop can be expected, in which case we would ask you to be patient. Your webshop order has been successful if you receive confirmation by email. Swissmint cannot accept orders by email or telephone.

#### Overview of Roger Federer coin editions

Roger Federer coins	Pre-sale	Issue date	Issue date	Total
	02-19.12.2019	23.01.2020	03.09.2020	Units
Uncirculated silver coins in blister pack	33,000	22,000	40,000	95,000
Uncirculated silver coins in folder		5,000		5,000
Proof silver coins in presentation case		10,000		10,000
Proof gold coins in presentation case			10,000	10,000
	33,000	37,000	50,000	120,000

### **Quality descriptions for silver coins**

Uncirculated: minted in normal machine production, presented in a blister pack.

Folder: uncirculated coin presented in a smart, colour illustrated card folder with additional pictures and information in four languages on the coin subject and the artist.

Proof: highest minting quality, individual production, the coin die is used only around 500 times, coin planchets are polished and surface-treated in an elaborate process. Coins are individually packed in coin capsules, and sold in a presentation case complete with numbered certificate of authenticity.

### **The Federal Mint Swissmint**

The Federal Mint Swissmint produces the country's coins for use in everyday payment transactions. The Federal Mint also regularly issues commemorative coins and coinage of a higher standard for the numismatic market. Commemorative coins in bimetals, silver or gold bear an official, state-guaranteed, nominal value and are available in various minting qualities.

### **Note to the press**

This press release and pictures of our current commemorative coin issues can be downloaded at the following links:

<https://www.swissmint.ch/e/aktuell/medien.php>

<https://www.swissmint.ch/e/aktuell/medien/index.php>

For additional background on the current series of commemorative coins and the designers, see our customer magazine Heads or Tails

[https://www.swissmint.ch/e/aktuell/kopf\\_zahl.php](https://www.swissmint.ch/e/aktuell/kopf_zahl.php)

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**Roger Federer gold coin**



Images shown enlarged

<i>Motif</i>	Roger Federer
<i>Artist</i>	Remo Mascherini, Flamatt
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: gold 0.900 Weight: 11.29g Diameter: 25mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	50 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	3 September 2020
<i>Mintage</i>	• Proof in presentation case: <b>10,000 units</b>
<i>Recommended price</i>	• Proof: CHF 680
<i>Sold by</i>	Online at <a href="http://www.swissmintshop.ch">www.swissmintshop.ch</a> as well as some coin dealers and banks
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint, CH-3003 Bern, <a href="http://www.swissmint.ch">www.swissmint.ch</a>

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**Roger Federer silver coin**



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<i>Motif</i>	Roger Federer
<i>Artist</i>	Remo Mascherini, Flamatt
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: silver 0.835 Weight: 20g Diameter: 33mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	20 Swiss francs
<i>First issue</i>	23 January 2020
<i>Restrike</i>	3 September 2020, uncirculated: 40,000 units
<i>Total mintage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uncirculated: <b>100,000 units</b> in blister pack: 95,000 units; in folder: 5,000 (<b>sold out</b>)</li><li>• Proof in presentation case: <b>10,000 units</b> with numbered certificate of authenticity (<b>sold out</b>)</li></ul>
<i>Recommended price</i>	Uncirculated in blister pack: CHF 30
<i>Sold by</i>	Online at <a href="http://www.swissmintshop.ch">www.swissmintshop.ch</a> as well as some coin dealers and banks
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**150 years of the Swiss Firefighters Association silver coin**



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<b>Motif</b>	150 years of the Swiss Firefighters Association
<b>Artist</b>	Benjamin Löbbert, Bern
<b>Technical specifications</b>	Alloy: silver 0.835 Weight: 20g Diameter: 33mm
<b>Legal face value</b>	20 Swiss francs
<b>Date of issue</b>	3 September 2020
<b>Mintages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uncirculated: <b>20,000 units</b> 19,000 units in blister pack, 1,000 in folder</li><li>• Proof in presentation case: <b>5,000 units</b></li></ul>
<b>Recommended prices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uncirculated in blister pack: CHF 30 in folder: CHF 40</li><li>• Proof: CHF 60</li></ul>
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**NRLA – Ceneri 2020 silver coin**



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<i>Motif</i>	NRLA – Ceneri 2020
<i>Artist</i>	Remo Mascherini, Flamatt
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: silver 0.835 Weight: 20g Diameter: 33mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	20 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	3 September 2020
<i>Mintage</i>	• Proof in presentation case: <b>7,500 units</b>
<i>Recommended price</i>	• Proof: CHF 80
<i>Sold by</i>	Online at <a href="http://www.swissmintshop.ch">www.swissmintshop.ch</a> as well as some coin dealers and banks
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**Susten Pass silver coin – Swiss Alpine Passes series**



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<i>Motif</i>	Susten Pass
<i>Artist</i>	Vito Noto, Cadro
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: silver 0.835 Weight: 20g Diameter: 33mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	20 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	3 September 2020
<i>Mintages</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Uncirculated: <b>20,000 units</b> 19,000 units in blister pack, 1,000 in folder</li><li>• Proof in presentation case: <b>5,000 units</b></li></ul>
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**2020 Christmas coin set  
with Christmas medal**



*Medal design* Christmas angel and snow stars

*Design of the medal and the slipcase* Jenny Leibundgut, Bern

*Technical specifications* Alloy:  

- Circulation coins: cupronickel and aluminium-bronze
- Medal: core: cupronickel; ring: aluminium-bronze

Measurements: 171mm x 106mm x 8mm

*Legal face value* 8.85 Swiss francs

*Date of issue* 3 September 2020

*Mintage* Brilliant uncirculated: **1,500 units**

*Recommended price* CHF 40

*Sold by* Online at <http://www.swissmintshop.ch/>  
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