

PRO IFX 30 DAY



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INTERNATIONAL FUTBOL X-CHANGE

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➤ IFX welcomes you to our organization and we are looking forward to working with you during IFX experience. Your journey abroad will be challenging, yet rewarding in many ways. In order to prepare you for your program, please read through the IFX Program guide to learn about our different processes and for tips on different things while living abroad.

This guide discusses all aspects of your upcoming program including important information about the program region, the school, club placement process, and more. Please read thoroughly through this program guide and should any further questions arise, please let us know.

NÜRNBERG

Nürnberg is a city on the river Pegnitz and on the Rhine–Main–Danube Canal in the German state of Bavaria, in the administrative region of Middle Franconia, about 170 kilometres (north of Munich). It is the second-largest city in Bavaria (after Munich), and the largest in Franconia. The urban area also includes Fürth, Erlangen and Schwabach. As of 2016 the "European Metropolitan Area Nürnberg" had approximately 3.5 million inhabitants.

Nürnberg is often referred to as having been the 'unofficial capital' of the Holy Roman Empire, particularly because Imperial Diet (Reichstag) and courts met at Nürnberg Castle. The Diets of Nürnberg were an important part of the administrative structure of the empire. The increasing demand of the royal court and the increasing importance of the city attracted trade and commerce to Nürnberg.

Nürnberg was an early centre of humanism, science, printing, and mechanical invention. The city contributed much to the science of astronomy. In 1471 Johannes Mueller of Königsberg (Bavaria), built an astronomical observatory in Nürnberg and published many important astronomical charts. In 1515, Albrecht Dürer, a native of Nürnberg created woodcuts of the first maps of the stars of the northern and southern hemispheres, producing the first printed star charts, which had been ordered by Johannes Stabius. Around 1515 Dürer also published the "Stabiussche Weltkarte", the first perspective drawing of the terrestrial globe. Perhaps most famously, the main part of Nicolaus Copernicus's work was published in Nürnberg in 1543.

The academy of fine arts situated in Nürnberg is the oldest art academy in central Europe and looks back to a tradition of 350 years of artistic education. Nürnberg is also famous for its Christkindlesmarkt (Christmas market), which draws well over a million shoppers each year. The market is famous for its handmade ornaments and delicacies.

People can visit the majestic Max-Morlock-Stadion which is the soccer stadium of Bundesliga club 1. FC Nürnberg (known locally as "Der Club") and which accommodates 50,000 spectators. The club was founded in 1900 and plays in the 2. Bundesliga (2017–18 season).



> CLUB TRIALS & TRAINING PERIOD

The Pro International Fútbol X-Change (Pro IFX), is a uniquely structured international soccer trials program for players searching for a way of how to become a soccer player in Europe and is very different from the standard international soccer camp or academy.

Not only does it give qualified players access to our extensive network of professional and semi-professional/Amateur soccer clubs in Germany, but it also allows them to experience soccer and life in another country, giving them total immersion in a foreign professional or amateur soccer club. IFX places each player individually among our various partner foreign club teams to train for a period of 30 days, and arranges for the players' accommodations. IFX has placed hundreds of players with German clubs through the Pro IFX 30 Day soccer trials in Europe program.

The training and time period for the soccer trials in Europe are opportunities for players to experience intensive training routines, develop a quicker sense of pace and decision-making, enhance their overall technical and tactical ability, and showcase their talent to our partner clubs.

All partner clubs seriously consider IFX players as prospective members of their roster. Many past IFX participants have become active members of their original host club, using the Pro IFX as a starting point in their international soccer career.



COMPENSATION OF CLUBS



Should the club that offers the IFX participant a spot on their roster, also offer them financial remuneration, we will discuss their terms directly with the participant. Participants who are intending to play in the NCAA or already play in the NCAA and plan to return, must be careful about the amount of remuneration received by a club. In general, the participant is permitted to receive no more than what could be considered as reimbursement for soccer related expenses such as travel to/from training.

For Amateur/Semi-pro teams, clubs between the 4th and 7th divisions normally pay their participants something. The amount ranges significantly depending upon many factors including the clubs own financial situation and the desire the club has for a particular participant. IFX makes no guarantee that a participant will be paid or will be able to be placed with a club that pays their participants.

CLUB PLACEMENTS & PRO IFX YEAR PROGRAM

If a club with which the player has trialed during the Pro 30 Day Germany program makes an offer to sign the participating player, if the player would like to accept the offer to play for the IFX partner club and stay in Germany to play for the club, the player must enroll in the Pro IFX Year Germany program for the remainder of the season.

Fees are prorated according to the time remaining in the season. The Pro IFX Year Germany program provides all participants with fully furnished accommodation in IFX private flats shared with other participants, enrollment and tuition in either an intensive German language institute or private German Business University, full assistance with student visa process, roundtrip airfare, medical insurance, full management of the player throughout the season including management of the international transfer certificate process and player licensing process, as well as local guidance and support.



PLAYER HOUSING & ACCOMMODATIONS



Pro IFX 30 day players are housed either in one of IFX's private/shared flats, or in a comfortable youth hotel located near the Nürnberg Airport and about 20 minutes from Nürnberg's Old Town.

The IFX flats include double rooms, triple and quadruple rooms, and are assigned to players on a first come-first serve basis and upon availability.

All flats include a shared bathroom/shower and kitchen.

The Youth Hotel is a larger facility that has double, triple and quadruple rooms. There is a dining facility where players are served breakfast. All other meals can be eaten at local restaurants. No kitchen facilities can be guaranteed for those who stay at the Youth Hotel.



▶ FACILITIES



The SG Quelle Fürth is a German football club from the city of Fürth in Bavaria and host of IFX Soccer Academy in the same city.

SG Quelle Fürth was founded 1973. Its official matches are hold in Gustav Schickedanz Sportfeld with a capacity for 7,000 beholders. Nowadays plays Landesliga Bayern-Nordost (VI Division).

SG Quelle Fürth is well regarded as a feeder team for some of the pro clubs in the area. Teams like FC Bayern Munich, Greuther Furth, TSV 1860 Munich and 1. FC Nuremberg are just some concrete examples of the exposure that Quelle players have.



TRANSPORTATION



During the IFX participant's evaluation and trial period, IFX will drive participants to/from training. Once a participant is placed with a club, they will be responsible to get to and from training with public transportation. IFX will provide guidance to each participant on how to go about obtaining a monthly transportation train/bus pass that enables the participants to travel unlimited on public transportation throughout the region. The cost ranges generally from 50 – 75 Euros per month depending upon the region and country.

Participants are not permitted to drive vehicles while in the IFX program and will be subject to program dismissal should they be found driving a vehicle. Pro Year participants will be responsible to get to/from IFX Training (mornings) with public transportation from program onset.



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