



# IFX NÜRNBERG

PRO YEAR GERMANY

SOCCER TRIALS, CLUB PLACEMENT & STUDIES IN BAYERN REGION





MORE THAN

YEARS SERVING TALENTED PLAYERS SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE



# PLAY SOCCER ABROAD!

IFX is one of the oldest soccer agencies of its kind, combining soccer development and education programs in Europe. Since 2003, IFX Soccer has been serving as a springboard for youth, amateur and professional soccer players to experience football on the old continent. IFX stands for International Fútbol X-Change and that is exactly what we do.

## WHAT SETS US APART?

- Scouting and Player Recruitment
- International logistics surrounding international education and football
- Global Football Network
- International Transfer Clearance procedures and Know-How
- German Sport Law and Player Pass regulations
- Immigration and Visa procedures
- Player Management and Support
- Club trials organization and management
- International Education
- Student Housing
- Pastoral Care

**BRENDAN RUIZ**   
**SPVGG WEIDEN VS FC AMBERG**






# HOW PRO YEAR GERMANY WORKS?

FOR PLAYERS  
**18+**  
YEARS OLD

## CLUB PLACEMENT

HALF SEASON, FULL  
SEASON, OR  
MULTI-SEASON



**PRIVATE TRYOUTS**  
AND PLACEMENT WITH  
REAL  CLUBS

FULLY FURNISHED  
ACCOMMODATIONS



## WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- **Trials, Placement and Competition** with German club
- **Fully furnished rooms** in shared apartments located in downtown Nürnberg
- **Intensive German language course** (four days a week at one of our partner local languages institutes in Nürnberg. Students
- We provide **consultation to apply to study at local universities** for those reaching a higher level of German proficiency
- **Full immersion** into the German culture (additional non-football related activities and excursions)
- We manage the **full international transfer clearance** and player licensing process for each player
- We also help with the procedures necessary **to get settled in a new country** and as a foreign resident.
- **Additional training**, focused on fundamentals of the German game to supplement their club training obligations



**ERIC JOHNSON** 

**DJK GEBENBACH VS FC WÜRZBURGER KICKERS**

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**MAKE YOUR MARK  
IN THE GERMAN  
LEAGUE SYSTEM AS  
AN OFFICIAL MEMBER  
OF SEMI-PRO/  
AMATEUR CLUBS!**

**KAMRON CROW** 

**SV SELIGENPORTEN VS 1.FC NÜRNBERG**





# EXPERIENCE THE UNIQUE GERMAN FOOTBALL CULTURE

ELI PORTNOY   
FC WÜRZBURGER KICKERS VS  
EINTRACHT FRANKFURT II





# CLUB TRIALS & EVALUATION PERIOD

During the first week after arrival, participants begin trials with IFX partner clubs to be evaluated by both the IFX staff as well as by the partner clubs. Training schedules for participants during the evaluation period can not be provided in advance but participants will be notified by the IFX representative generally the day prior or in the morning/early afternoon about their training for that evening. Participants may undergo several weeks of trials before a club ultimately decides to offer a spot on their team. In most cases, participants are placed within 2-4 weeks with a club. In some cases, it can be much quicker, or a bit longer, but the average is 2-4 weeks.

IFX places participants with clubs that are a good fit for their level. This means that we strive to place them with a club that will provide them with a challenging training and playing environment in order for them to improve all aspects of their game. On the other hand, participants are not placed with clubs where the participant is over their head and not have a realistic chance of getting playing time, or becoming a disruption to the partner club's training.





# 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.

MIGUEL ACEVES 🇺🇸

SV GUTENSTETTEN VS GREUTHER FÜRTH II







**DIVE INTO THE HEART OF GERMAN CULTURE!**



# LANGUAGE SCHOOL

For the Pro IFX programs, participants study in an **intensive language program**, studying the native language of the country. Normally the classes take place 3-4 times per week in the morning or afternoon, generally about 3-5 hours per day. The language institutes are private organizations, generally with small class sizes located in downtown Nürnberg.

The language programs are **offered in different levels and terms**. A participant who has never studied the language before would start at the first level, and after the term, if successful in completing the course, would then move on to the next level for the next term.

Participation and attendance in the language school **is an integral aspect of the IFX program** and required. Learning a new language or improving in one already understood is a tremendous asset to have in one's future. It is also important to be able to communicate in the native language for daily life.

## GERMAN PROFICIENCY LEVELS

A1 - A2/B1

YEAR 1

B1 - B2/C1

YEAR 2

TRANSITION  
TO GERMAN  
UNIVERSITY

YEAR 3





# GERMAN UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Studying at a university in Germany, offers a plethora of advantages. With a rich history of academic excellence, state-of-the-art facilities, and a dynamic cultural environment, pursuing higher education here opens doors to countless opportunities. From renowned institutions to diverse study programs, students can immerse themselves in a supportive learning atmosphere while experiencing the unique blend of tradition and innovation that defines this region.

## Renowned Universities in Franconian, Bayern region:

1. Friedrich Alexander Universität Erlangen - Nürnberg (FAU)
2. Hochschule Ansbach
3. Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg
4. Universität Bayreuth
5. Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg
6. Universität Regensburg

Germany's tuition-free or low-cost education system, makes studying in Franconian, Bayern region financially feasible for many international students.



INTENSIVE GERMAN  
LANGUAGE COURSE



LANGUAGE  
PROFICIENCY  
EXAMS



APPLY FOR  
GERMAN  
UNIVERSITIES!

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# NÜRNBERG





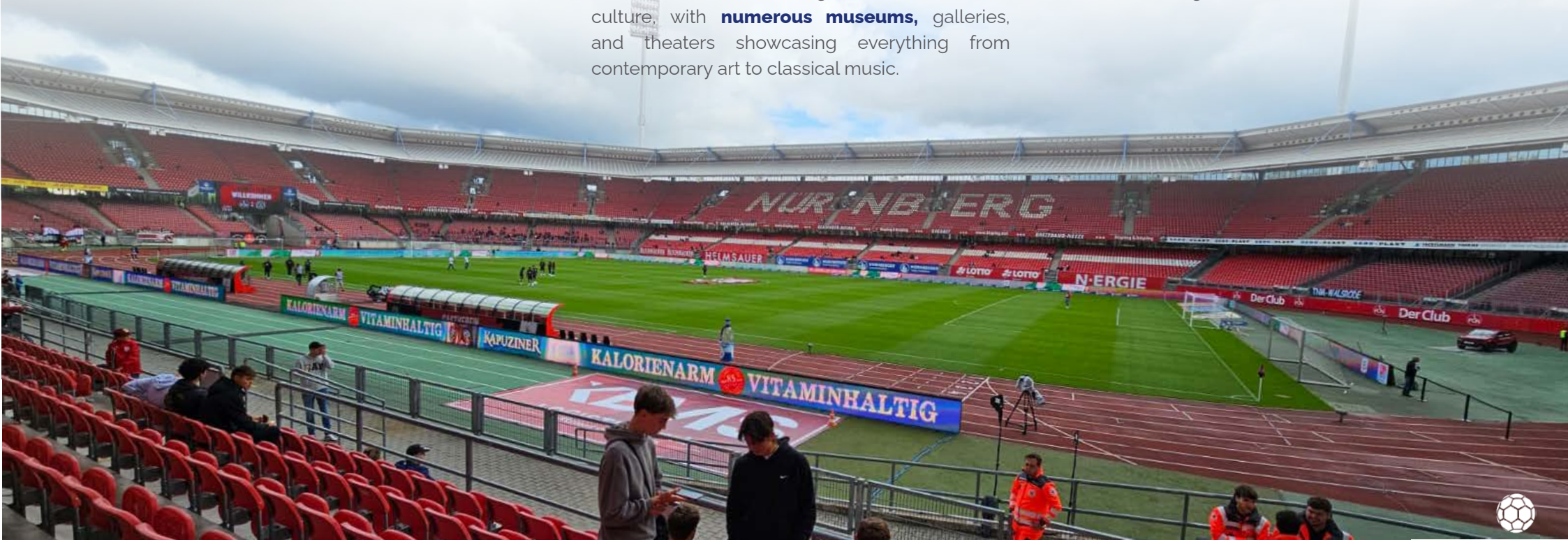
# NÜRNBERG IN A NUTSHELL:

- LOCATED ON THE RIVER PEGNITZ AND ON THE RHINE-MAIN-DANUBE CANAL IN THE GERMAN STATE OF BAVARIA
- 170 KILOMETRES (NORTH OF MUNICH)
- THE SECOND-LARGEST CITY IN BAVARIA
- THE URBAN AREA ALSO INCLUDES FÜRTH, ERLANGEN AND SCHWABACH
- AS OF 2016 THE “EUROPEAN METROPOLITAN AREA NÜRNBERG” HAD APPROXIMATELY 3.5 MILLION INHABITANTS

## What makes Nürnberg unique?

- Historical Significance: Nürnberg has a rich history dating back to the Middle Ages and was a significant center of the **Holy Roman Empire**, known for its imperial castle and role in the Imperial Diet.
- Medieval Old Town: The city boasts a beautifully preserved medieval old town, with half-timbered houses, cobblestone streets, and historic landmarks like the Church of Our Lady (**Frauenkirche**) and the Albrecht Dürer House.
- **Nürnberg Trials**: It was the site of the Nürnberg Trials, where Nazi officials were prosecuted for war crimes after World War II, making it an important location in modern history.
- Arts and Culture: Nürnberg is a hub for arts and culture, with **numerous museums**, galleries, and theaters showcasing everything from contemporary art to classical music.

- Christmas Market: The **Nürnberg Christkindlesmarkt** is one of the oldest and most famous Christmas markets in the world, drawing visitors with its festive atmosphere, traditional crafts, and delicious gingerbread.
- Culinary Delights: The city is renowned for its culinary specialties, including **Nürnberger Bratwurst**, a type of small grilled sausage, and Lebkuchen, a traditional gingerbread cookie.
- **Max-Morlock-Stadion**: The soccer stadium of Bundesliga club 1. FC Nürnberg (known locally as “Der Club”) and which accommodates 50,000 spectators.
- Quality of Life: The city consistently ranks high in quality of life surveys, thanks to its **low crime rate**, excellent healthcare and education systems, and diverse range of leisure activities.





# FÜRTH





## FÜRTH IN A NUTSHELL:

- IT IS THE SECOND-LARGEST CITY IN FRANCONIA
- CONTIGUOUS OF NUREMBERG, THE TWO CITIES ARE ONLY 7 KM APART.
- FÜRTH HAS A VERY HIGH DENSITY OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS PER HEAD OF POPULATION (17 PER 1000 INHABITANTS)
- SPORTS WISE, FÜRTH CAME TO FAME THROUGH ITS FOOTBALL CLUB SPVGG GREUTHER FÜRTH, WHICH WAS GERMAN FOOTBALL CHAMPION THREE TIMES AND NOWADAYS COMPETES IN THE 2.BUNDESLIGA.

### What makes Fürth unique?

- Fürth has a rich Jewish history, with one of the oldest Jewish communities in Bavaria. **The Jewish Museum Franconia in Fürth** showcases this heritage and is housed in the former Jewish school building.
- Fürth is often referred to as the **"Green City"** due to its numerous parks, gardens, and green spaces. The city boasts well-maintained parks such as Stadtpark Fürth and Südstadtpark, providing residents and visitors with ample opportunities for recreation and relaxation.
- Fürth survived the Second World War with less damage than most German cities, and many historic buildings remain. **The Old Town** area, with its narrow streets and charming squares, is particularly noteworthy for its architectural beauty.

- Like many cities in Bavaria, Fürth has a **strong beer culture**. The city is home to several traditional breweries and beer gardens where locals and visitors can enjoy locally brewed beers in a relaxed atmosphere.
- Fürth offers a taste of **traditional Franconian cuisine**, known for its hearty dishes and local specialties such as Nürnberger sausages, Franconian sauerbraten, and potato dumplings.
- Fürth is home to various cultural landmarks, including **the Michaeliskirche** (St. Michael's Church), which dates back to the 12th century and features impressive Gothic architecture.

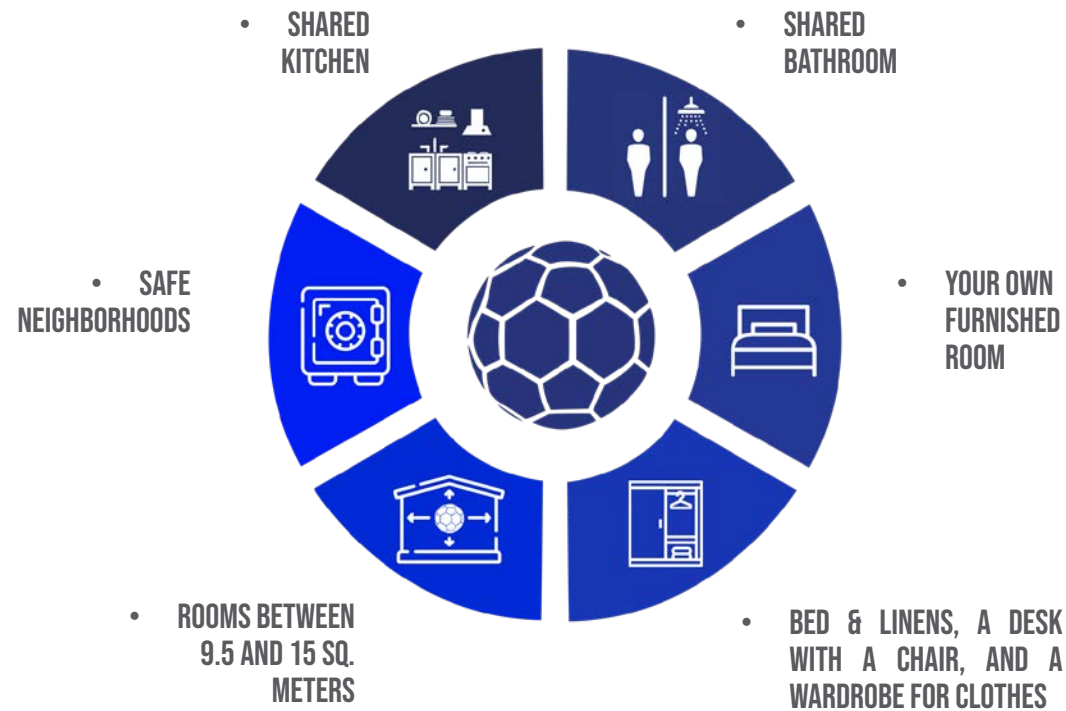
These unique aspects contribute to Fürth's distinct identity and make it a fascinating destination for travelers and a beloved home for its residents.





# IN-CITY FURNISHED APARTMENTS

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT FROM LIFE IN THE APARTMENT?



- Shared apartments are located in downtown Nuremberg
- Flats have 3 – 6 rooms





# TRAINING FACILITIES





# TV FÜRTH 1860

TV Fürth 1860 is the **largest sports club in Fürth**, to which their soccer department, SG Quelle Fürth, belongs. The training facilities have been the destination of several national teams over the past several years. IFX maintains a close partnership with this respected German football club and it serves as the host facility for our trainings throughout the year.

The facility offers:

- **3 natural surfaces, including their stadium pitch**
- **1 artificial pitch**
- **Locker rooms**
- **Showers**
- **Weight room**
- **Tennis courts**
- **Indoor hall**
- **Track**
- **Beach volleyball courts**





# CLUBS\*

Mittelfranken Area Pro Clubs - 1.FC Nürnberg, SpVgg Greuther Fürth, SSV Jahn Regensburg, FC Ingolstadt 04, 1. FC Heidenheim

\*The clubs listed below represent clubs where we either have placed players in the past or have an active relationship with the club. IFX will not guarantee tryouts or placement with any of the below clubs in particular, but provides this list as a reference.



## ASV NEUMARKT

BAYERNLIGA (5TH DIVISION)

ASV Neumarkt, has long been one of the top Nürnberg regional clubs, currently fielding two squads, with their first team in the Bayernliga Nord division. Neumarkt has long been an official partner and feeder club of 1.FC Nürnberg, Nürnberg' Bundesliga football club. IFX has had a number of players wear the Neumarkt jersey over the years including Tristan Watson, a professional striker from Toronto, Canada, Gabriel Padilla, Michael Sheridan, and most recently Charlie Ward (former San Jose Earthquakes Academy player)

## SC ELTERS DORF

BAYERNLIGA (5TH DIVISION)



SC Eltersdorf is another top regional German soccer club, who competes in a very tough German division, the Bayernliga Nord. In 2013, they were narrowly relegated from the Regionalliga, but are in contention for promotion back into the top Bavarian league. Eltersdorf also fields a second team who competing in a mid-tier Amateur league. They are considered to be one of the top German soccer clubs of the Nürnberg region.



## DJK GEBENBACH

BAYERNLIGA (5TH DIVISION)

DJK Gebenbach was founded in 1960 and after decades in district leagues the team began to take off, reaching the Landesliga in 2016 and celebrating promotion to the Bayernliga in its 2018, where it has remained as protagonist ever since. In the Bayernliga, DJK Gebenbach played as runner-up in the 2018/19 and 2022/23 season for promotion to the Bayern Football Regional League but they failed in the promotion relegation, the last time with 1:4 at home and 1:2 away at SpVgg Ansbach 09.





# CLUBS

## TSV KORNBURG

BAYERNLIGA (5TH DIVISION)



Turn- und Sportverein Kornburg 1932 e.V. is a sports club from the Nuremberg district of Kornburg. In the summer of 2015, the team was promoted to the sixth-class Landesliga Bayern as champion of the Bezirksliga Mittelfranken. There, as runner-up behind ASV Neumarkt. In the following season, the club under coach Herbert Heidenreich became champion of the Landesliga and was directly promoted to the Bayernliga. Currently, the club is the most successful Nuremberg football team behind the 1st. FC Nürnberg and its second team.



## 1. SC FEUCHT

LANDESLIGA (6TH DIVISION)



Tucked aside a picturesque Bavarian forest, SC Feucht remains a close IFX partner club, and formidable Bavarian opponent competing in the tough Bayernliga Nord Division. Nearly a decade ago, Feucht once competed in the then German 3rd division, Regionalliga, and now remains one of the top German soccer clubs in the Nürnberg area. Feucht also fields strong youth teams generally competing in the Youth Landesliga or Bezirksoberliga.

## Q SG QUELLE FÜRTH

LANDESLIGA (6TH DIVISION)

TV Fürth 1860 is the largest sports club in Fürth, to which their soccer department, SG Quelle Fürth belongs. Quelle has long been a respected club in the region, and is currently an official partner and feeder club to Bundesliga (major league) club SpVgg Greuther Fürth. In particular, Quelle is known for their strong youth soccer development, currently siding most of their youth teams in the 2nd highest German youth division, Youth Bayernliga or 3rd highest Youth Landesliga.







**DISCOVER AND ENJOY EXTENSIVE CLUB FACILITIES WHICH  
TYPICALLY INCLUDES STADIUM PITCH, CHANGING ROOMS,  
A CLUB HOUSE AND PRACTICE PITCHES**



# CLUBS



## FSV ERLANGEN BRUCK

LANDESLIGA (6TH DIVISION)

Long time IFX partner FSV Erlangen-Bruck is a German soccer club who has been home to many IFX players over the years both on their first and second team. Bruck's first team competes in the Landesliga division. They also have some of the top youth development in the area, fielding most youth soccer teams in the 2nd highest youth division, Youth Bayernliga and Landesliga

## BAIERSDORFER SV

LANDESLIGA (6TH DIVISION)



Baiersdorfer SV is a valued partner of IFX in Germany, having served as a crucial stepping stone for numerous international players aspiring to advance to higher league clubs. With its steadfast support for player development and impressive on-field performances, Baiersdorfer SV nurtures talent at all levels, reflecting our shared commitment to fostering soccer excellence and providing opportunities for aspiring players



## SC GROSSSCHWARZENLOHE

LANDESLIGA (6TH DIVISION)

Located in Wendelstein, Nuremberg, SC Großschwarzenlohe, is a multifaceted sports club catering to both recreational and competitive athletes. Within its football department, SC Großschwarzenlohe boasts a diverse range of teams. From youth development squads to senior teams, the club provides opportunities for players of all ages. SC Großschwarzenlohe exemplifies excellence in grassroots sports development within the Nuremberg region





# CLUBS



## SV GUTENSTETTEN-STEINACHGRUND

LANDESLIGA (6TH DIVISION)

SV Gutenstetten is a respected amateur soccer team renowned for its youth development programs. As an official partner of professional clubs in the area such as Greuther Fürth and 1. FC Nürnberg, SV Gutenstetten takes pride in its commitment to nurturing young talent. The club boasts its own digitally gamified football training room. This places SV Gutenstetten on par with top German clubs like the record champion FC Bayern München or 2. Bundesliga club FC Ingolstadt 04 in terms of utilizing cutting-edge training technology for talent development.

## ASV VACH

BEZIRKSLIGA (7TH DIVISION)



IFX has worked for many years with German soccer club ASV Vach, a respected soccer organization located near the city of Fürth, Germany. Currently competing in the Bezirksliga, ASV Vach is one of the clubs that serves as a feeder to bigger professional clubs in the area like SpVgg Greuther Fürth and 1. FC Nürnberg. Over the years, ASV Vach has served as a springboard for many IFX players to start their careers in Germany.



## ASV VEITSBRONN-SIEGLERSDORF

KREISLIGA (8TH DIVISION)

Founded in 1946, ASV Veitsbronn-Sieglersdorf full-fill 14 soccer team which all compete in federated leagues. ASV Veitsbronn-Sieglersdorf usually add to the roster experienced names with Bayern and Regionalliga background with the aim of ensuring good coaching to a team of young talents.





# RECENT SUCCESS STORIES



**CHRISTIAN LAMB**  







## Canadian Teen Striker Christian Lamb signs for 2. Bundesliga SpVgg Greuther Fürth U17s in Winter Transfer

Initially seeking overseas experience, Lamb attended the **Youth Summer IFX Germany camp in Bayern**, impressing coaches and securing a spot with partner club **Soccer City / 1. FC Eichsfeld in the U17 Regionalliga Nordost**. Competing since August, Lamb's consistent strong performances attracted interest from Bundesliga clubs, leading to trials organized by IFX Soccer with clubs such as Energie Cottbus, Erzgebirge Aue, Chemnitzer FC, and SpVgg Greuther Fürth. Just before the January 31 transfer deadline, **2. Bundesliga club SpVgg Greuther Fürth** offered Lamb a place in their U17 team for the German Rückrunde (Spring season). Lamb was a strong member of the U17 Bayernliga squad during the Spring season and then transitioned up to the **U19 Bundesliga** side for the 2024-25 campaign.



## Elijah Portnoy: A Path of Growth in German Soccer

This is Elijah Portnoy's second season with IFX Soccer, and his performance continues to impress. At just 18 years old, the North American forward is steadily climbing the ranks in German football. From a young age, he showed a natural talent and passion for football, which led him to seek opportunities beyond his home country. Elijah first connected with our agency in 2023, when he decided to join our **German Football Boarding School partner Soccer City** in search of growth both in football and personally. Elijah's impressive performances led him to sign with **Würzburger Kickers**, a well-established club competing in the 4th division of German football. Portnoy made an immediate impact with the U19s during the Fall campaign as a consistent starter, now training and seeing his first appearances with the first team who are the reigning **Bavarian Amateur Champions** in the top Semi-professional division Regionalliga Bayern.



## Gonzalo López keeps climbing the ladder to play professional soccer in Germany

Gonzalo López Güereña, aiming to become a professional soccer player in Europe, moves closer to his goal by transitioning to a strong Regionalliga club in Germany's Bayern region after a season with FSV Zwickau's U19 team. His journey with IFX began in 2017-18 with the **Youth Year IFX program** near Dortmund, followed by stints at **SSV 07 Schlotheim** and **FSV Zwickau**, where he made significant progress. Despite being stranded in Mexico due to Covid in 2020-21, Gonzalo returned to Germany in July 2021 to pursue his academic and soccer ambitions. Since 2021, Gonzalo competed for Regionalliga club **TSV Rain am Lech**, and most recently for the Bayernliga Nord's **1. SC Feucht**.





# TESTIMONIALS



"IFX HAVE GIVEN ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET MY FOOT IN THE DOOR THAT NO ONE ELSE COULD AND FOR THAT I WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL."

JORDAN FERRELL

"I HAVE BECOME EXTREMELY CLOSE WITH MY HOST FAMILY - THEY TREAT ME AS IF I WERE THEIR OWN SON. I AM VERY HAPPY HERE IN GERMANY, AND I AM TRULY FORTUNATE TO HAVE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME TO PURSUE MY DREAMS."



ZACHARY SHIPOSCH



"I IMMEDIATELY KNEW THAT IFX WAS THE PERFECT PROGRAM FOR ME BECAUSE OF THE WAY IT COMBINES A TYPICAL HIGH SCHOOL ABROAD EXPERIENCE WITH PLAYING FOR A COMPETITIVE SOCCER TEAM."

JOHN GILDERSLEEVE



"ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING ASPECTS OF THIS PROGRAM WAS BEING ABLE TO TRAIN WITH MULTIPLE TEAMS WITH DIFFERENT STYLES OF TRAINING AND TO SEE HOW THE GAME OF SOCCER IS THE SAME YET TOTALLY DIFFERENT."

MARK OLIPHANT

"WHEN SPVGG SV WEIDEN OFFERED ME A CONTRACT TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER, A LIFELONG GOAL OF MINE WAS ACHIEVED."

BRANDIN McCLAY



"PRO IFX PROGRAM IN GERMANY GIVES YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN WITH VARIOUS TEAMS THAT IFX HAS CONNECTIONS WITH... IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PERFORM IN ONE TEAM, YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO IMPRESS AT ANOTHER."

PEEKI KAMAU MUNGAI



"MY HIGHEST POINT SOCCER WISE WAS WHEN I TRAINED WITH ALEMANNIA AACHEN U17 FOR A WEEK. THEY PLAY IN BUNDESLIGA 2 AND HAVE PLAYED IN THE UEFA CUP AS WELL."

MATTHEW STONE

"I AM EXCITED TO START THIS NEXT CHAPTER AT GREUTHER FÜRTH AND CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN THIS NEW ENVIRONMENT. I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE SEASON TO START AND TO CONTINUE TO PLAY AGAINST STRONG COMPETITION WITH BIG NAMES LIKE BAYERN MUNICH AND 1.FC NÜRNBERG."

CHRISTIAN LAMB



"EACH TRIAL OFFERED A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE THAT HELPED ME ADAPT TO DIFFERENT PLAYING STYLES AND EXPECTATIONS. ULTIMATELY, LANDING AT U19 FWK WAS A PERFECT FIT FOR MY GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS"

ELIJAH PORTNOY





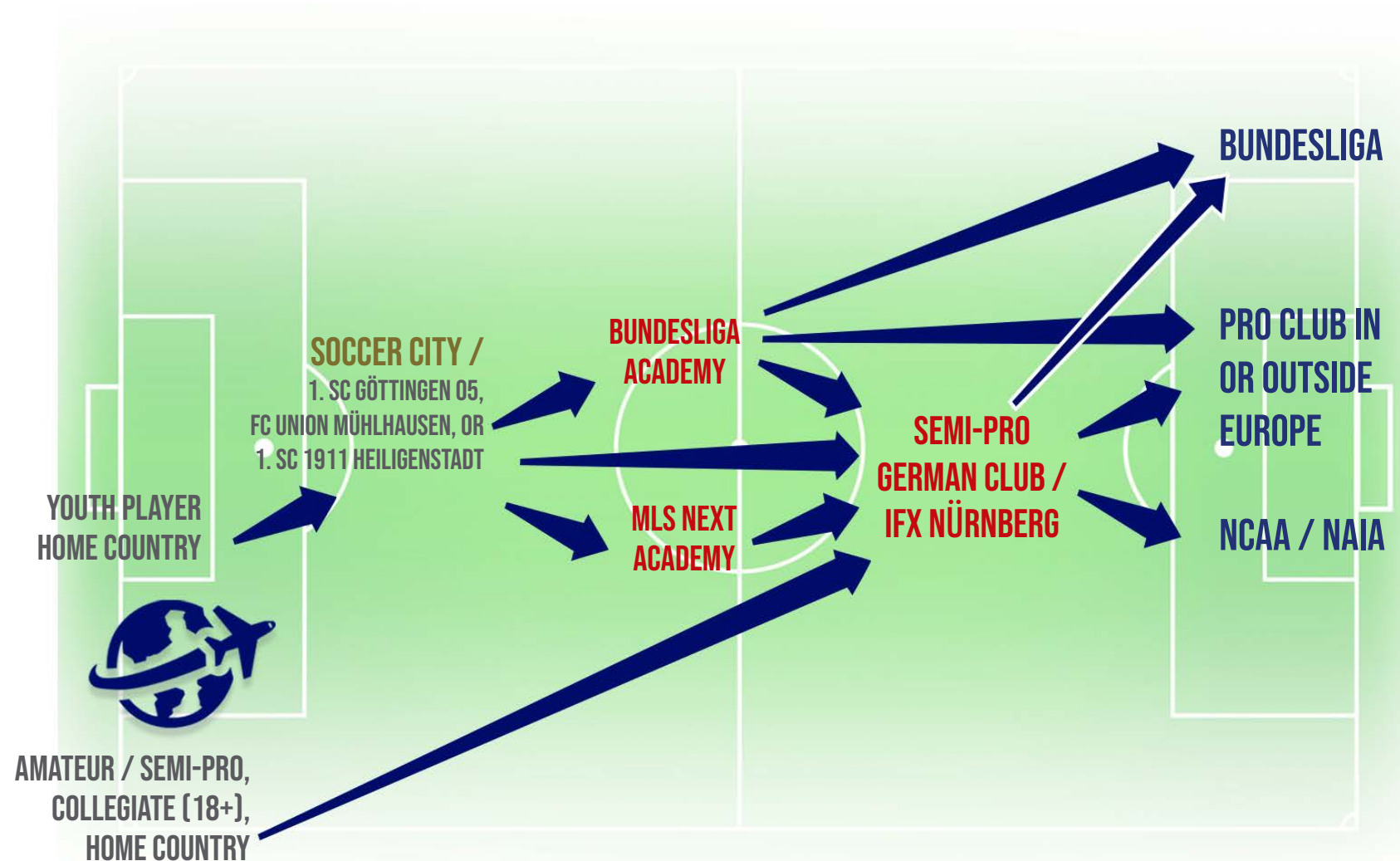


**GAIN VALUABLE  
GAME EXPERIENCE  
AND BUILD YOUR  
VALUE AS A PLAYER!**

**ZACK SHIPOSH**   
FSV ERLANGEN-BRUCK VS  
SPVGG GREUTHER FÜRTH



# PATHWAYS





# ADVANTAGES VS. US UNI ROUTE



German leagues comprised of players 18+, commonly with **former pros/more experienced players**.

**Players maintain NCAA eligibility** as a back up option unless they have signed a pro contract

Greater mobility during key development years. **2 transfers possible per year**. Enables player to progress upwards to more competitive levels during these formative years of their career.

Germany's **tuition-free or low-cost education** system, makes studying in Franconian, Bayern region financially feasible for many international students.

Higher level German Amateur leagues **compete in many cases against pro clubs**. In this case, high level of exposure to pro clubs and scouts.

Year-long season. Teams play **30-40 matches a year** including league competition, cup matches and friendlies.

**More professional and semi-professional clubs** in the German Federation than in the US



Collegiate leagues do not permit former professionals to compete, and most players are less than 23 years old, with more limited experience

Pursuing professional career in Germany after Collegiate career is very difficult since pro clubs in Germany mainly invest in younger players

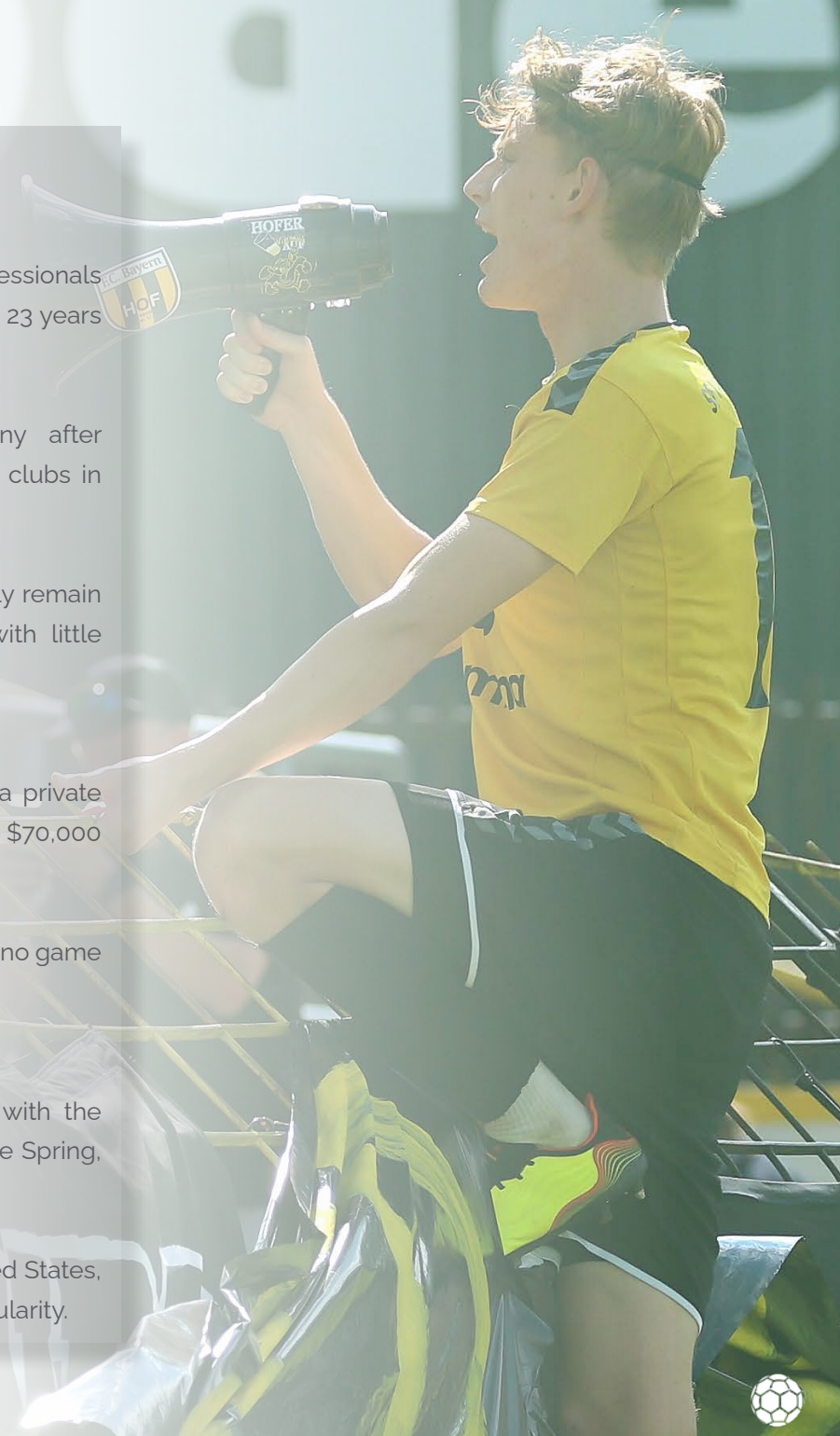
Whereas in a US University, players typically remain stagnant at their school for 4 seasons, with little mobility to play for other teams.

On average, the annual cost of attending a private four-year college can range from \$35,000 to \$70,000 or more.

Many freshman red shirt players see little to no game time

NCAA has a short season and is limited with the training and competition possible during the Spring, hampering development of the players

Soccer, while gaining popularity in the United States, is not the number one sport in terms of popularity.





# IFX MANAGEMENT

Michael Carlson leads the IFX team, with over 50 years of soccer experience, as a player and agent. Carlson enjoyed a 30-year playing career, reaching the higher tier semi-professional level in Germany with Freiburger FC, competing for the reigning US National Amateur Champions Uruguay SC, collegiately for the Univ. of Colorado, and 8 seasons for Concordia SC in San Francisco.

For the past 20 years, Carlson has been instrumental in building IFX into a leading international soccer and education agency. He has successfully managed partnerships with clubs ranging from Premier League giants like Manchester United to local partners such as SG Quelle Fürth in Germany. Carlson brings a wealth of expertise and know-how, having overseen tens of hundreds of international player experiences, both short and long-term. From scouting and player evaluation to trial management, international and domestic transfers, logistics, partnerships, and communications, Carlson has a unique skill set, a vast network and an unwavering dedication to his players and partners.

## *A Message from IFX President Michael Carlson*

"IFX is a culmination of my own experience playing overseas many years ago in Germany. As a 20 year old dreaming of playing professionally, I embarked on an unforgettable adventure to Freiburg, Germany, where I played with a local semi-professional club while studying at Albert Ludwigs Universität.

My experience was life changing in all aspects. I grew tremendously not only on the pitch but also off the pitch. During my time in Germany, I improved more than I had over the course of several years back in the US. Off the pitch, my life was a continuous adventure. I traveled throughout Germany, met players and people from around the globe, and improved my German language skills immensely.

I will cherish the memories I have of playing in Germany for the rest of my life. I enjoyed a long Amateur career and my experience living abroad ultimately led to founding the International Fútbol X-Change. I encourage anyone dreaming of playing in Europe to go after your dreams and to put your trust in IFX!"

KNOW HOW



TEAMWORK



RELIABILITY



**MICHAEL CARLSON**  
IFX PRESIDENT

**CHRISTIAN SCHALLER**  
IFX EUROPE DEPUTY CEO





# TRANSPORTATION



IFX WILL DRIVE PARTICIPANTS TO/FROM TRAINING DURING CLUB TRIALS PERIOD

**50 – 75 €  
PER MONTH**

MONTHLY PASS ALLOWS YOU UNLIMITED USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE REGION

PRO YEAR PARTICIPANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO GET TO/FROM IFX TRAINING (MORNINGS) WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FROM PROGRAM ONSET.

ONCE A PARTICIPANT IS PLACED WITH A CLUB, THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO GET TO AND FROM TRAINING WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.



**PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT  
PERMITTED TO DRIVE  
VEHICLES**







## **EXPERTS IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AND SOCCER DEVELOPMENT**

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