

# Professional Sport

## Eintracht Frankfurt

Frankfurt's beloved football team, die Eintracht, has had its fair share of ups and downs in the German Bundesliga. The team has been relegated to the second division three times over the past ten years. However, Eintracht managed to get promoted to the first division again in 2011. In a football-crazy country like Germany, you should definitely watch an Eintracht game. The team plays at the Commerzbank Arena, a stadium that was part of the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

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<https://www.eintracht.de/en/start/>

## Fraport Skyliners

The Fraport Skyliners are the youngest professional sports team in Frankfurt and play in the first division of the German Basketball League. The team plays at the Ballsporthalle in Höchst, where up to 4,000 spectators can enjoy the games. You can book tickets via the hotline on +49 (0) 69 - 928 876 19 on workdays from 10:00 to 17:00.

## LTi Gießen 46ers

Ever since the German Basketball League was established in 1966, Gießen's beloved team has played in the first division. The 46ers have been crowned the German champions on five occasions, making them one of the most successful teams in Germany.

These sporting triumphs may lie in the distant past, but Gießen has very much established itself on the German basketball scene. The home of the LTi Gießen 46ers is the Sporthalle Gießen-Ost with around 4,000 seats, where things can get pretty animated. The team has both German and international players who create exciting, fast-paced games.

Visit <http://www.giessen46ers.de> (in German) for ticket sales and more information.

## **BC Pharnaserv Marburg - Blue Dolphins**

BC Marburg is one of the biggest basketball clubs in Hessen; its outstanding women's team was established in 1992 and plays in the first division. The team won the top division in 2003 and has a big fan base in Marburg.

## **HSG Wetzlar**

Wetzlar is particularly proud of its Bundesliga handball team, HSG Wetzlar, which has played in the world's strongest league since 1998. HSG plays at the impressive Rittal Arena, which has a capacity of 5,000 and hosted the Handball World Cup in 2007. The German Handball League is one of the best in the world and attracts players from all over Europe. HSG may never have won the German title, but they came very close in 1997 and 2001.

## **EC Kassel Huskies**

The Hessian ice hockey club from Kassel enjoyed its greatest success as runner-up in the German League in 1997 and runner-up in the German Championship in 2004. The amateur youth team Eishockey Jugend Kassel e.V. won the Hessen League in 2011 to secure promotion to the Eishockey Oberliga for the 2012 season.

[www.eckasselhuskies.de](http://www.eckasselhuskies.de) (in German)

## **TV Hüttenberg -Handball**

The handball team TV Hüttenberg has managed to build an outstanding team in Central Hessen since it was founded in 1969. Some of its most recent success includes promotion to the second division of the South German League in the 2003/04 season, where it has established itself as one of the ten most successful teams. The team could even secure promotion to the TOYOTA Handball Bundesliga in 2011. The season began in September; the team is competing in the Handball Bundesliga for the first time in 26 years.

## **RSV Lahn-Dill**

The most successful sports club in Wetzlar is its wheelchair basketball team, RSV. The team has won every possible title, including seven German top division titles, four European titles and the 2010 World Cup in Japan. Many of their players also compete at the Paralympics. RSV has established itself as one of the leading disabled sports clubs since it was founded in 1983. The club also offers other sports like swimming and tennis.

## **1. FFC Frankfurt**

Ever since the women of 1. FFC Frankfurt founded their team in 1998, they've gone on to win seven German Championships, seven German Football Cups and three European Championships. This collection of titles is unique in the history of women's football and has also gone down in European history. The team plays its home games at the Stadion am Brentanobad in Frankfurt-Rödelheim. This is not only where they play their Bundesliga matches; their entire training facilities are also on site.