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# WHO ARE THESE RULES FOR?



Anyone who becomes a member of a BFV club and plays football there automatically accepts the rules set by the BFV and higher-level institutions such as NOFV, DFB and DOSB. These rules are laid down in the various statutes and regulations of the institutions and are determined by the respective institution members. This is also the case for the BFV, whose statutes and regulations are determined by the participants of the BFV's annual conference.

Anyone who participates in BFV football and is a member of a BFV club automatically confirms that they accept the applicable rules and will comply with them. The association expects its members to follow the rules of football and uphold their implementation.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 2)
- BFV Mission Statement
- DFB Regulation 24/25 (Rule 5, Item 2 Decisions of the Referee; Rule 12, No. 3 Warning for Unsporting Conduct, Reprimands and Warnings)
- DFB Training Regulations (Preamble; Implementing Provision 3 II. Goals of Training and Task Fields; Implementing Provision 14 III. Training Organisation and Content)
- DFB Youth Regulations (Annex VIII Guidelines for Interacting with Children and Young People)
- LSB Statutes (Section 4, Item 1)
- Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Section 2)
- DOSB Statutes (Preamble, Item 6)

# RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED HUMAN RIGHTS



The football pitch and anywhere else the BFV operates are part of normal societal life. Together with its 30 articles, the United Nations Charter on Human Rights applies at all times and in all places – including on the football pitch and anywhere else the BFV operates.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 2)
- DOSB Statutes (Preamble, Item 7)
- Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Section 2)

# NEUTRALITY (POLITICAL, IDEOLOGICAL AND ETHNIC)



The BFV is politically and ideologically neutral. Social and ethnic background and nationality play no role and are no criteria for equal participation in Berlin amateur football. The BFV is open to all people who uphold the BFV values.

#### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 1)
- DFB Regulation 24/25 (Rule 4, Item 5 Slogans, Messages, Images and Advertising)
- LSB Statutes (Section 4, Item 1)
- Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Section 2)
- DOSB Statutes (Preamble, Item 6)
- NOFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 1)

# PROMOTING AND SPREADING FOOTBALL



The core task of the BFV and its members is to promote amateur football in Berlin. Together, we create an environment for supporting amateur football in the entire Berlin area.

## WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 4, Item 1)
- BFV Mission Statement
- DFB Training Regulations (Preamble)

# LIVING OUR FOOTBALL VALUES



The BFV community is built on respect and tolerance. We demonstrate these two values in personal interactions by treating each other with dignity. Dignified, respectful and tolerant behaviour in dealing with one another is expected of everyone involved in Berlin amateur football, both on and off the pitch, regardless of how high personal emotions run.

#### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 2)
- BFV Mission Statement
- DFB Regulation 24/25 (Rule 5, Item 2 Decisions of the Referee; Rule 12, Item 3 Warning for Unsporting Conduct, Reprimands and Warnings)
- DFB Training Regulations (Preamble; Implementing Provision 3 II. Goals of Training and Task Fields; Implementing Provision 14 III. Training Organisation and Content)
- DFB Youth Regulations (Annex VIII Guidelines on Interacting with Children and Young People)
- LSB Statutes (Section 4, Item 1)
- Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Section 2)
- DOSB Statutes (Preamble, Item 6)

## REJECTING

- DISCRIMINATION
- UNCONSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES
- REJECTING ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE,
   ESPECIALLY PROTECTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SEXUAL VIOLENCE



We reject all forms of violence in the BFV, especially in BFV games. We are sensitive to violence and protect our members and community from violence of any kind. We unreservedly accept the democratic principles of the Federal Republic of Germany and welcome anyone to play football together. In particular, we support children and young people and provide a sense of safety in our community. Our protection goes especially to those who are affected by discrimination of any kind. The Berlin Football Association unreservedly opposes discrimination. We firmly believe that football is not just a game, but a platform for community, integration and respect. All forms of discrimination contradict our basic values and have no place either in football or in the BFV.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 2; Section 33, Item 4d)
- BFV Guidelines on Safety and Order
- RVO (Section 38; Section 46)
- DFB Regulation 24/25 (Rule 4, Item 5 Disputes; Rule 12, Item 3 Sending-Off Offences and Offences Where an Object is Thrown)
- DFB Training Regulations (Preamble; Section 13, Item 2c)
- DFB Youth Regulations (Annex VIII Guidelines on Interacting with Children and Young People)
- LSB Statutes (Section 4, Item 1; Section 5)
- Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Preamble; Section 2)
- DOSB Statutes (Preamble; Item 6; Section 3, Item 1d)
- NOFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 2; Section 3, Item 2)

# PROMOTING DEMOCRACY



The Berlin Football Association unreservedly stands for free democratic principles. We firmly believe that football is not just a game, but a platform for community, integration and respect. This platform is shaped by the shared responsibility of everyone involved in football and their participation. Since we are aware of our societal responsibility as the football association of the capital city, we are committed to taking an active stand against discrimination and enmity, and fostering a culture of inclusion and respect. The BFV positions itself clearly against antidemocratic and extremist parties, groups and actors in the BFV and does not permit them in the following:

- Internal association events
- Events organised by the BFV
- · Committees and working groups
- · Joint development, preparation and implementation of events and projects with antidemocratic and extremist parties, groups and actors
- · Awards and accolades for antidemocratic and extremist parties, groups and actors
- Invitations received by the BFV from antidemocratic and extremist parties, groups and actors to internal, party and electoral campaign events or the events of political officials

#### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Section 2)

# GENDER NEUTRALITY



Football games as well as voluntary or official engagement in the BFV are open to all people – regardless of gender and/or sexual identity. Everyone is welcome in the BFV, whether as a player, an official or in another role. The Berlin Football Association is firmly committed to a culture of respect, openness and diversity. The aim is to ensure that everyone feels welcome, appreciated and safe in football – no matter their gender and/or sexual identity. At the same time, the need for safe(r) spaces for queer athletes is recognised and supported.

#### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 1 Offices in the BFV)
- BFV Mission Statement
- DFB Training Regulations (Preamble)
- DFB Youth Regulations (Section 7g)

# RESPECT FOR RULES AND FAIRPLAY



Rules are part of football – both on and off the pitch. Anyone active in the BFV accepts our rules and commits to follow and uphold them. Fairplay is a core value of our association. Our rules cover aspects of sport and interpersonal conduct. We promote fairness in interactions with one another, both during games and beyond.

#### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 3; Section 4, Item 3l; Section 33, Item 4h)
- RVO (Preamble; Section 2; Section 38)
- DFB Regulation 24/25 (Rule 5, Item 1; Rule 12, Item 3 Sending-Off Offences and Warning for Unsporting Conduct; Glossary – Distraction, Pretence and Unsporting Conduct)
- DFB Training Regulations (Preamble; Section 33, Implementing Provision 12 II. Goals of Training and Task Fields)
- DFB Youth Regulations (Annex VIII Guidelines on Interacting with Children and Young People)
- NOFV RVO (Section 1, Item 1)

# **EQUALITY AND PARTICIPATION**



Football is for everyone. Everyone is welcome in Team Berlin. Anyone who is interested can find a place here, regardless of their personal mental and physical abilities. We consider the individual starting position and reach the goal together.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 4, Item 3f Social Integration; Section 33, Item 4e)
- BFV Mission Statement
- DFB Training Regulations (Preamble; Implementing Provision 12 II.
   Goals of Training and Task Fields)
- LSB Statutes (Section 4, Item 3)
- Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Section 2)
- DOSB Statutes (Preamble; Items 9 and 10; Section 3, Item 1m)

# SUSTAINABILITY (ECOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL)



The BFV is aware of the need for the association to act with the future in mind. All actions are therefore aligned with ecological, economic and social sustainability.

## WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 2, Item 3; Section 33, Item 4i)
- BFV Mission Statement
- DOSB Statutes (Preamble; Item 8; Section 3, Item 1n)

# SUPPORTING AMATEURISM



The BFV supports amateur sport. In the BFV, amateur sport is practised for enjoyment of the sport itself, without the expectation of earning a living or generating an income through the sport.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 4, Item 2)
- LSB Statutes (Section 5)

# PROMOTING VOLUNTEERING



We are Team Berlin, comprising both professional and, above all, voluntary members. Volunteers in the BFV are our most important asset; they work every day, every week of the year, to ensure we can play football. It is the mission and stated responsibility of the association to promote and support volunteering.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- BFV Statutes (Section 4, Item 3k; Section 33, Item 4g)
- LSB Statutes (Section 5)

# PROMOTING SOCIAL SKILLS



Team Berlin reflects the diverse society in Berlin and Germany. It is the stated mission and duty of football to promote the social skills of everyone involved, enabling cohesive harmony as well as establishing and maintaining a constructive and positive football culture.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- DFB Training Regulations (Preamble)
- DFB Youth Regulations (Annex VIII Guidelines for Interacting with Children and Young People)

# EXPECTING AND PROMOTING EDUCATION

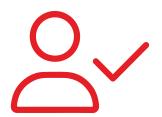


Education and qualification are important for society in Germany – and for football too. The BFV is committed to qualifying people in and with football, expanding their knowledge and keeping their knowledge up to date. We expect our members to develop themselves and promote educational efforts.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

• DFB Training Regulations (Preamble)

# PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT (IN CHARACTER AND SPORT)



Our task is to promote the development of everyone in Berlin football, especially children and young people. The BFV provides a safe environment in which everyone can be themselves, develop their sporting ability, learn and make progress.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

• DFB Youth Regulations (Annex VIII – Guidelines on Interacting with Children and Young People)

# **ANTI-DOPING**



In the BFV, we are committed to fair sport and competition free from doping. To promote the health of our members, we reject any form of doping.

## WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- LSB Statutes (Section 4, Item 2)
- Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Section 2)
- DOSB Statutes (Preamble; Item 2; Section 3, Item 1c)
- NOFV RVO (Section 1, Item 1)

# AGAINST GAME MANIPULATION



Fair competition is only possible when games are not manipulated. Competition takes place on the pitch under fair conditions.

### WHERE CAN I FIND DETAILED INFORMATION?

- · LSB Statutes (Section 4, Item 2)
- Youth Regulations of Sportjugend Berlin (Section 2)
- DOSB Statutes (Section 3, Item 1c)

## **LINKS**

**BFV Statutes and Regulations** 

Football Rules

DFB Rules and Procedure Regulations; Code of Ethics

**DFB Game and Referee Regulations** 

<u>DFB Statutes and Rules of Procedure, DFL Constitution</u>

Statutes of the Berlin State Sport Association

**NOFV Statutes and Regulations** 

Deutsche-Sportjugend (German Sports Youth)

## DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? PLEASE CONTACT:

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