

# PRESS INFORMATION

## Balls, Pucks and Other Round Objects



Race at the Norisring (Photo: Uwe Niklas)

Nuremberg citizens show their sporting spirit in many ways. In 2006 they were excellent hosts during the Football World Cup. Nuremberg's legendary football team wrote football history and was a record German champion for decades. Red, the club colour, is the dominant colour in Max-Morlock-Stadion whenever the legendary "Club", the 1. FCN is cheered by its fans in one of its home matches. Just across the road from the Franken-Stadion, you'll find the Arena Nürnberger Versicherungen where the Thomas Sabo Ice Tigers chase the puck successfully in the premier German Ice Hockey League. With more than 20 clubs in the first and second leagues in the Federal Republic, Nuremberg's sports scene is very versatile and successful. In indoor and field hockey, the Nuremberg NHTC and HGN men's and women's teams, are tops: Nuremberg remains a stronghold of hockey. The TSC Rot-Gold-Casino is one of Germany's most successful competitive dancing clubs. This season, the wrestlers in the Sportvereinigung Johannis 07 and the 1.FCN men's tennis team are playing in the top league again. The women's TV Eibach 03 fistball team has traditionally been very good, likewise the American football, archery and golf teams.

Excitement at even higher speeds is provided during the Noris Speed Weekend, when over 100,000 spectators watch the Norisring Race of the DTM (German Touring Car Championship) on Germany's only city racing course. The route of the Nuremberg city run leads through

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Nuremberg' Old Town, and each year, in the autumn more than 7,500 runners compete in this race. In addition to the 21-kilometre half marathon and the race for all, there are also family runs and children's runs.

Numerous clubs and associations characterise Nuremberg's sports scene, offering opportunities for sports of every kind, for people of all ages and skill levels. The largest association is the Postsport-Verein with over 13,000 members Germany's largest sports club. And for individualists, the countryside in and around Nuremberg with its sports grounds, parks, forests and lakes provides plenty of scope for leisure-time activities.

The most popular sporting representatives of the city include Federal goal keeping coach, Andreas Köpke, and Max Müller, Olympic gold medallist in 2008 and 2012 with the national German hockey team. Other Nuremberg participants in the Beijing Olympic Games were swimmer, Daniela Götz, Taekwondo player, Sümeyye Gülec, and road racing cyclist, Trixi Worrack.

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