**Fußball-Club Bayern München e. V.** (German pronunciation:, commonly known as **FC Bayern München** (German pronunciation**FCB**, **Bayern Munich**, or **FC Bayern**, is a German professional [sports club](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sports_club) based in [Munich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Munich), [Bavaria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bavaria). It is best known for its professional [football](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Association_football) team, which plays in the [Bundesliga](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bundesliga), the top tier of the [German football league system](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_football_league_system). Bayern is the most successful club in German football history, having won a record 31 [national titles](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_German_football_champions), including nine consecutively since 2013, and 20 [national cups](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DFB-Pokal), along with numerous European honours.

FC Bayern Munich was founded in 1900 by 11 football players, led by [Franz John](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz_John).[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FC_Bayern_Munich#cite_note-fcbbook1stch-4) Although Bayern won its first national championship in [1932](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1932_German_football_championship), the club was not selected for the Bundesliga at [its inception in 1963](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Introduction_of_the_Bundesliga). The club had its period of greatest success in the mid-1970s when, under the [captaincy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_(association_football)) of [Franz Beckenbauer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz_Beckenbauer), it won the [European Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_Champions_League) three consecutive times (1974–1976). Overall, Bayern have won six European Cup/UEFA Champions League titles (German record), winning their sixth title in the [2020 final](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_UEFA_Champions_League_Final) as part of a seasonal [treble](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Treble_(association_football)), after which it became only the second European club to achieve the seasonal treble twice. Bayern has also won one [UEFA Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_Europa_League), one [European Cup Winners' Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_Cup_Winners%27_Cup), two [UEFA Super Cups](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_Super_Cup), two [FIFA Club World Cups](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FIFA_Club_World_Cup) and two [Intercontinental Cups](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intercontinental_Cup_(football)), making it [one of the most successful European clubs internationally](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_UEFA_club_competition_winners) and the only German club to have won both international titles.

By winning the [2020 FIFA Club World Cup](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2020_FIFA_Club_World_Cup), Bayern Munich became only the second club to win the sextuple. Bayern Munich are one of [five clubs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_club_competition_records_and_statistics#List_of_teams_to_have_won_the_three_main_European_club_competitions) to have won all three of UEFA's main club competitions, the only German club to achieve that. As of May 2021, Bayern Munich are ranked first in [UEFA club rankings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_coefficient#Men's_Club_coefficient). The club has [traditional local rivalries](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bavarian_football_derbies) with [1860 Munich](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TSV_1860_Munich) and [1. FC Nürnberg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1._FC_N%C3%BCrnberg), as well as with [Borussia Dortmund](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Borussia_Dortmund) since the mid-1990s.

Since the beginning of the [2005–06 season](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005%E2%80%9306_FC_Bayern_Munich_season), Bayern has played its home games at the [Allianz Arena](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allianz_Arena). Previously the team had played at Munich's [Olympiastadion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olympiastadion_(Munich)) for 33 years. The team colours are red and white, and the crest shows the white and blue [flag of Bavaria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_Bavaria). In terms of revenue, Bayern Munich is the largest sports club in Germany and the third highest-earning football club in the world, behind [FC Barcelona](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FC_Barcelona) and [Real Madrid](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Real_Madrid_CF), with a value of [€634.1 million in 2021](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deloitte_Football_Money_League#2021).[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FC_Bayern_Munich#cite_note-5) In November 2019, Bayern had 293,000 official members and 4,499 officially registered fan clubs with over 350,000 members. The club has other departments for chess, handball, [basketball](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FC_Bayern_Munich_(basketball)), gymnastics, bowling, table tennis and senior football with more than 1,100 active members.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FC_Bayern_Munich#cite_note-otherdepartments-6)