The **German women's national football team** ([German](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_language): *Deutsche Fußballnationalmannschaft der Frauen*) represents Germany in international [women's football](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women%27s_association_football) and is directed by the [German Football Association](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Football_Association) (DFB). The team – then informally called [West Germany](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Germany) in English – played its first international match in 1982. After [German reunification](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_reunification) in 1990, the DFB squad remained the national side of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The German national team is one of the most successful in women's football. They are two-time [world champions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FIFA_Women%27s_World_Cup), having won the [2003](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003_FIFA_Women%27s_World_Cup) and [2007 FIFA Women's World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_FIFA_Women%27s_World_Cup). Germany is the only nation to have won both the men's and the women's [World Cup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FIFA_World_Cup). The team has won seven of the ten [UEFA European Championships](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UEFA_Women%27s_Championship), claiming the last five titles in a row. Germany has won three bronze medals at the [Women's Olympic Football Tournament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Football_at_the_Summer_Olympics), finishing third in 2000, 2004 and 2008. [Birgit Prinz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Birgit_Prinz) holds the record for most appearances and is the team's all-time leading goalscorer. Prinz has also set international records; she has received the [FIFA World Player of the Year](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FIFA_World_Player_of_the_Year) award three times and is the joint [overall top goalscorer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FIFA_Women%27s_World_Cup#Overall_top_goalscorers) at the Women's World Cup.