

FOOTBALL SCHOOL



1. FC KÖLN – BUNDESLIGA

International Talent Pathway – Women



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One of the biggest clubs in Europe

- The club was founded in 1948 due to the merger of two local teams in Cologne.
- The 1. FC Köln senior women's team competes in the Bundesliga, the highest level of women's football in Germany. The U20 team plays in the Regionalliga, Germany's third-highest women's senior league.
- The club is well-known for its mascot, a male goat named "Hennes," who watches every home match in the stadium.
- 1.FC Köln, or simply "FC," has more than 140,000 club members (placing them among the Top 12 clubs worldwide!)
- In the 2024/25 season, home games of the women's senior team attracted an average of 6,189 spectators, ranking them first in the Bundesliga—with a record home attendance of 38,000 against Bayern Munich.



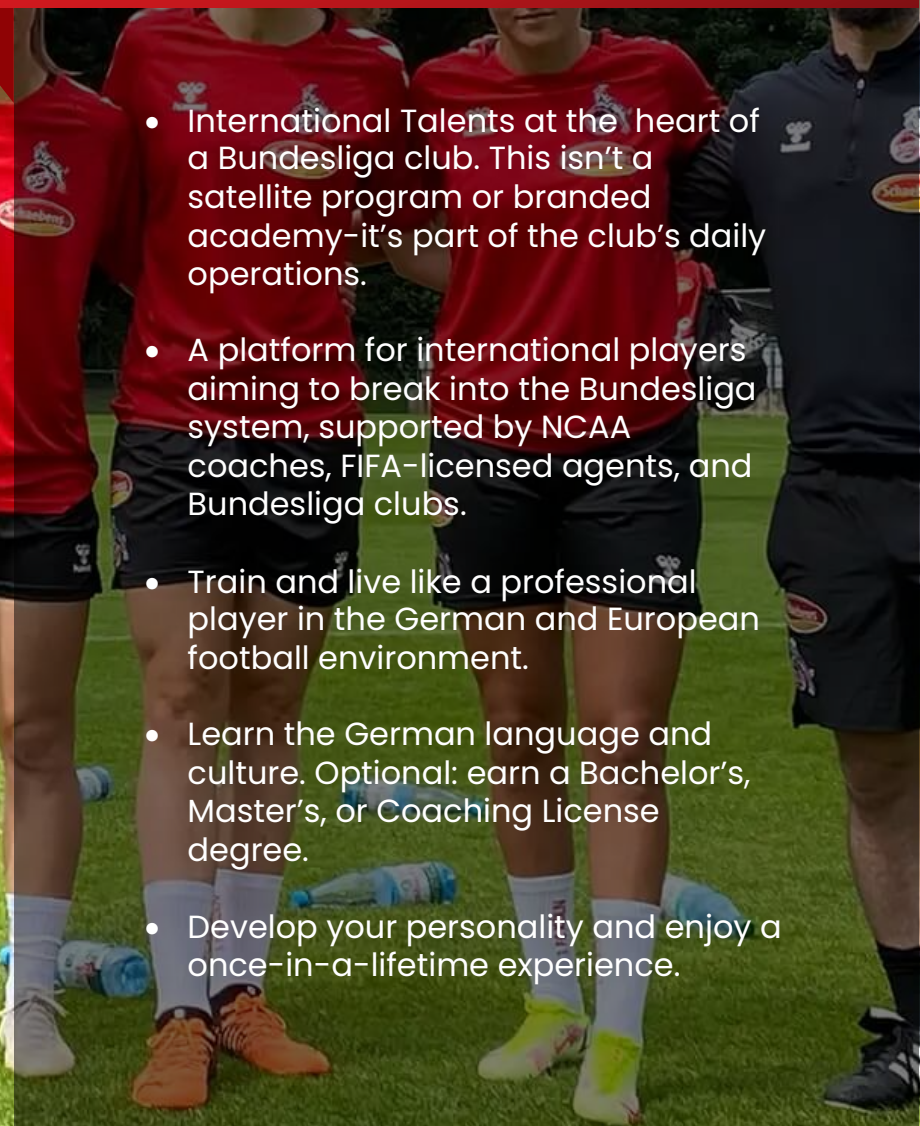
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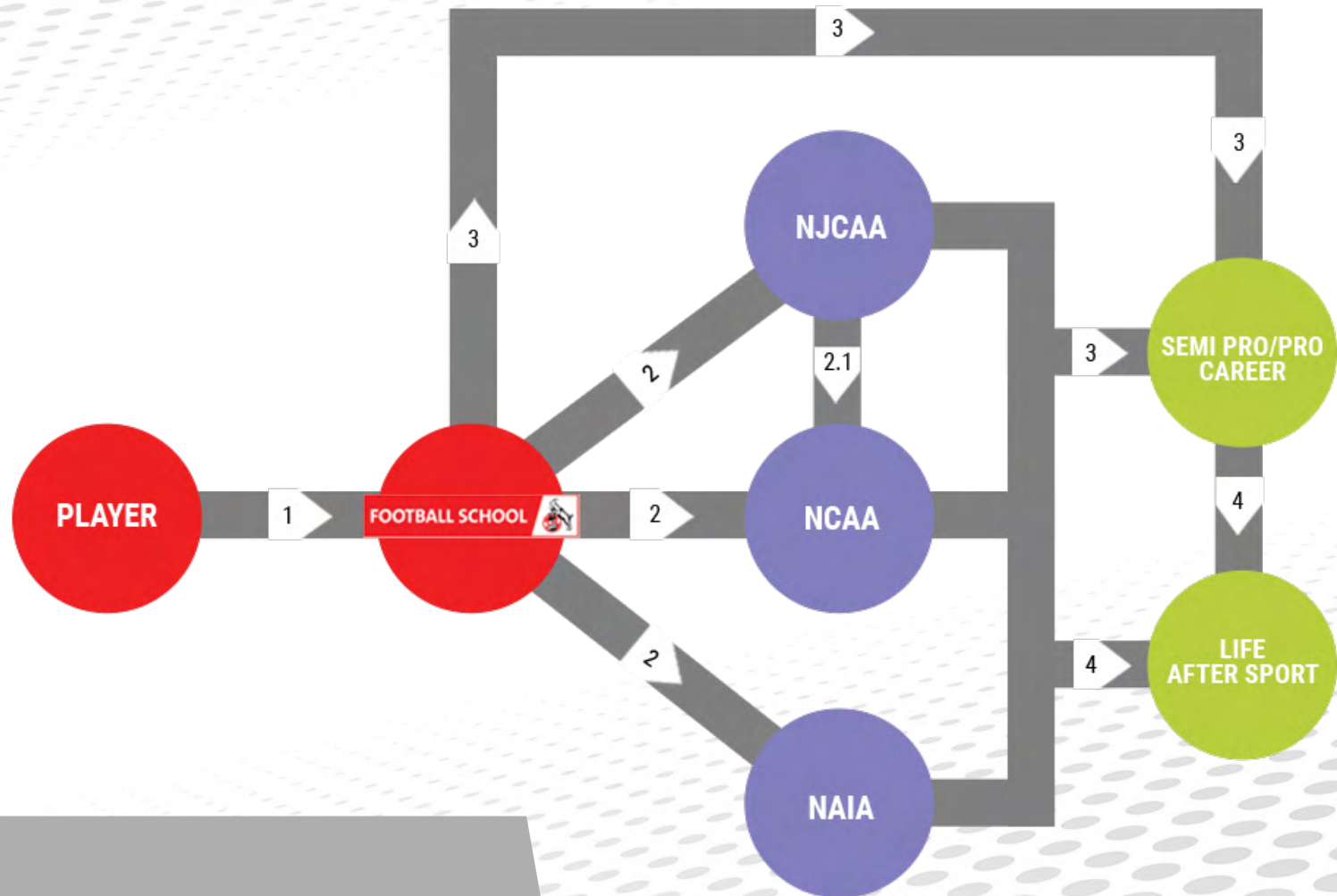
International Talent Pathway

- International Talents at the heart of a Bundesliga club. This isn't a satellite program or branded academy—it's part of the club's daily operations.
- A platform for international players aiming to break into the Bundesliga system, supported by NCAA coaches, FIFA-licensed agents, and Bundesliga clubs.
- Train and live like a professional player in the German and European football environment.
- Learn the German language and culture. Optional: earn a Bachelor's, Master's, or Coaching License degree.
- Develop your personality and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



A PROFESSIONAL CAREER OR A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

are the top reasons players choose the **Bundesliga Talent Pathway**.



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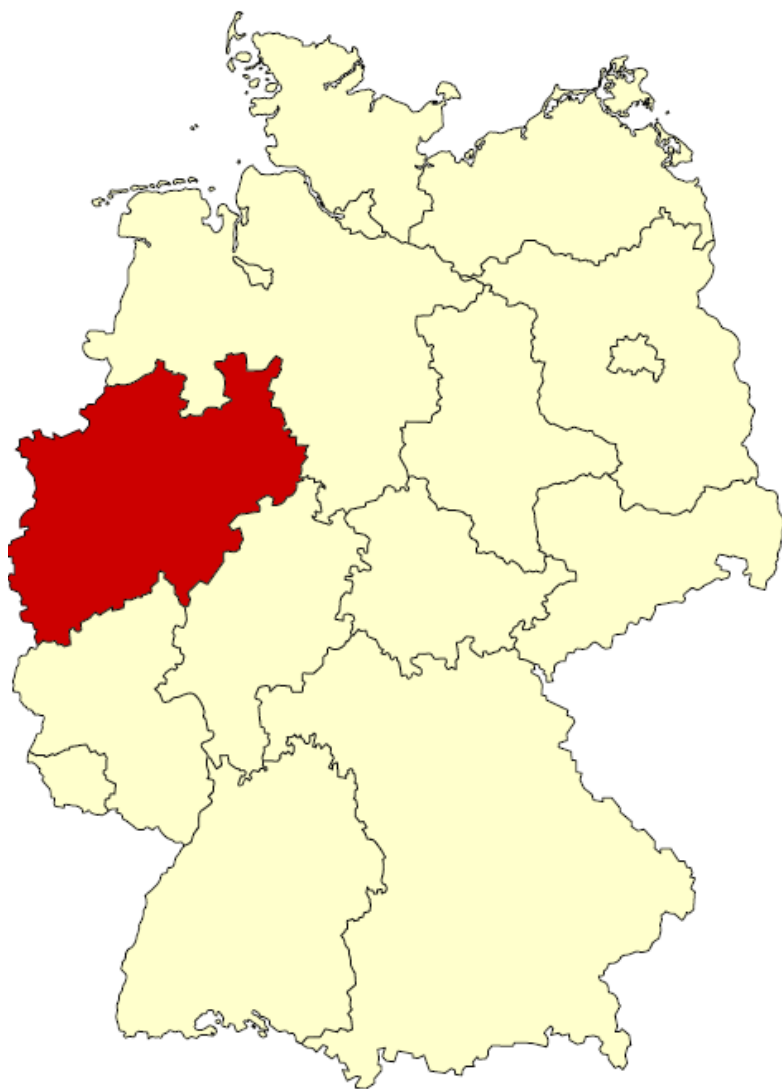


THE CITY OF COLOGNE (German: Köln)

- Germany's 4th largest city.
- Cologne has more than 1 million inhabitants and is the biggest city of the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Cologne was founded by the Romans in the first century AD.
- Cologne is less than 1 hour driving time away from the Netherlands and Belgium. Within 1 hour driving time, there are more than 10 professional football clubs.
- In total, about 100,000 students study at different universities and colleges in Cologne, the biggest and most famous being the University of Cologne with more than 50,000 students.



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EUROPE'S MOST DENSE FOOTBALL REGION

More than 40 professional and semi-professional teams within a 150km distance of Cologne.

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1. Bundesliga



2. Bundesliga
and lower



Netherlands
(Eredivisie)



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Belgium
(Jupiler League)



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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Daily at FC Köln

- The players train daily at the Ostkampfbahn, located next to 1. FC Köln's stadium, the RheinEnergieStadion.
- UEFA licensed coaching staff ensure optimal soccer development.
- The goal of the training sessions is to improve each player technically, tactically, physically, and mentally.
- Each player will undergo a performance evaluation and an athletic test during the program.
- Scouts regularly communicate with coaches about talented players and attend training sessions and matches. Additionally, FIFA-licensed agents and college recruiters will observe selected games and training sessions.

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Head Coaches

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- **Jorge Arcila Cáceres**

UEFA-Pro licensed coach from Spain. Worked as a youth coach for FC Barcelona and Atlético Madrid. Currently a youth coach for 1. FC Köln and responsible for technical training of the club's top talents.

- **Karoline Heinze**

Former Bundesliga player (Bayer Leverkusen, FC Köln, Carl Zeiss Jena) and U.S. college player at UCF (NCAA D1). U20 World Cup Vice Champion.

JORGE ARCILA CÁCERES



UEFA PRO Licence

Former FC Barcelona and Atlético Madrid Academy Coach

1. FC Köln Academy Coach & Bundesliga Talent Squad



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LANGUAGE CLASSES

German language as a cornerstone of success

- Learning German is a major and essential part of this program. From day one, training sessions will be led in both German and English. Understanding the coach and teammates is crucial to maximize performance and opportunities.
- In addition to German-led training, players will attend language school 2–3 days per week. The program expects players to achieve basic German skills after 3 months and near-fluent (B2 level) after a full season in Germany.
- Once B2 level is reached, students can apply for a pre-study course to be admitted to a German university-with no tuition fees!
- Additionally, each player has the to continue their education-Bachelor's, Master's, and UEFA licensing programs. The #1 ranked Sport Science University in Germany (and #17 globally) is located directly on the club's campus.

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Accommodation and Boarding

Players' Well-being as a Priority

- The players will live in the International Football Houses in a safe and secure environment. They will share a room, and the apartments are easily accessible to the training facilities via public transportation.
- Meals, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner, will be provided for the players.

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Costs

Season 25/26

1 Month – 5,500 EUR

3 Months – 14,000 EUR

What is included

- Official FC Köln Invitation Letter
- Visa application support
- Performance assessment and athletic testing
- 5 training sessions per week
- Video analysis
- Full FC Köln training and game day gear
- 2-4 games per month (depending on length of stay)
- Stadium tour
- Tickets for selected Bundesliga home games
- Full room & board (accommodation and food)
- Access to public transportation
- Access to gym, swimming, and wellness facilities
- Language school (2-3 days per week)
- Personal performance report
- Health, accident, and liability insurance
- Access to 1. FC Köln's sports medicine specialists