German Sports Youth (Deutsche Sportjugend – dsj) represents the interests of around 10 million children, adolescents and young people aged up to 26, organised in over 90,000 sports clubs in 16 youth organisations belonging to the Local Regional Sports Confederations, 53 youth organisations belonging to the National Sports Federations and 10 youth organisations belonging to Sport Federations with Particular Tasks.

The sports clubs and youth organisations for sport, under the umbrella of German Sports Youth, offer facilities based on sport across the whole of Germany. Their aim is to encourage young people in their personal development. Designed in an international context, German Sports Youth organises and promotes youth movements and qualification courses for young people and professionals, and works to establish exchange programmes, and to develop them further.

### German Sports Youth: where the organisation is most active

#### Broadening experience
- **Teams and others**
  - dsj Junior Team
  - Junior teams for all
  - ZIL: aid scheme – investing for the future: developing young people’s interest in sport
  - dsj academy

#### Voluntary services in sport
- Voluntary Service Year in sport (FSJ)
- German Federal Voluntary Service in Sport (BFD)
- International voluntary service

#### Experts at sport
- **Sport for children and young people**
  - Personality and team development
  - The children’s world is a world of movement
  - dsj Exercise Calendar
  - dsj Future Prize
  - Education for sustainable development in sport

#### Educational networks
- Educational networks: sport in all-day schools
- Sports: associations! exercise – education – participation
- German School Sports Award
- Conference on sports and schools
- German Youth Games
- JUFO – Young people train for the Olympics

#### Cross-sectional tasks
- Services
- Policy on children and young people
- Education and developing qualifications
- Marketing and communication
- Taking part in events (German Prevention Day)
- dsj Youth Event

#### Working for society
- **Participation and diversity**
  - Orientation through Sport programme for young refugees
  - Inclusion
  - Sport with courage
  - Solidarity through participation
  - Sport in young offenders’ institutions
  - Fan Projects Coordination Office – KOS

#### Prevention and intervention
- Prevention of doping
- Prevention of sexualised violence in sport

#### Working internationally
- **International youth work**
  - Collaboration on exchanges with the principal countries: China, France, Israel, Japan, Poland, Russia and Turkey
  - Bilateral and multilateral aid programmes
  - ‘weltwärts’ programme
  - Representative offices abroad

#### At the European level
- Erasmus+ EU programme for education, young people and sport
- ENGSO Youth
- EU projects

#### Olympic project
- German Olympic Youth Camp
- dsj academy camps at Youth Olympic Games

You will find further details at: [www.dsj.de](http://www.dsj.de)

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**Board** (election period 2018-2020)

- Jan Holze (First Chairman)
- Benjamin Folkmann (Vice Chairman)
- Stefan Raid (Boardmember for Finance)
- Tobias Dollase
- Kirsten Hasenpusch
- Luca Wernert
- Christin Wunderlich
- Martin Schönwandt (Managing Director)

**Office**

More than 40 staff work in the Association’s office. The fields in which they work are divided among three departments, under the direction of the Board:

- International youth work
- Working for young people in sport
- Services

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Guiding principles of German Sports Youth

Mission

**Character**
German Sports Youth, with the active codetermination of young people, develops innovative general facilities for sport in aid of children and young people, thus providing a young people’s welfare service of a results-oriented kind. German Sports Youth is responsible on behalf of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) for policy as it affects young people. It is non-party political, is not bound to any religious denomination, and is neutral in its general views.

**Strengths**
German Sports Youth designs independent facilities for children’s and young people’s welfare across the whole of Germany, providing holistic work for children and young people in sport and responding flexibly to the needs of young people. Its information, communication and other services are of a professional and expert kind and are target-group oriented.

**Relations**
German Sports Youth is a federally organised system for children and young people, putting German legislation in this field into practice at federal and state level with a precise aim, in and through sport. Decisions are made cooperatively and are transparent for all.

**Message**
German Sports Youth promotes healthy sport for children and young people and encourages responsible interaction. German Sports Youth follows the principles and practical aims of environmentally friendly and sustainable development.

The principles of fairness, diversity, voluntary service and democracy are its benchmarks, and it is based strongly on voluntary and honorary work.

**Vision**

"Investing in the future of young people through sport"

**Stakeholders**
The dsj, on behalf of its members from the youth organisations of the Regional Sports Confederations, the youth organisations of the National Sports Federations and the youth organisations of the Sports Federations with Particular Tasks, engages in active and professional discussions with partners from government, business, media and sport.

Intention

**Children’s and young people’s welfare services**
German Sports Youth supports the personal development of young people an encourages independent and responsible action, social responsibility, a commitment to social welfare, successful integration, intercultural learning and the principles of self organisation.

**Sport**
German Sports Youth works to develop young people’s performance, their use of their leisure time, their health and their spirit of community in sport.

Enjoyment of sport is the overarching objective.

**Ressources**
German Sports Youth, via a continual professionalisation process, is developing honorary positions and qualifying its staff in the long term. It is constructing progressive information systems, following the precepts of European integration, commercialisation, media involvement and networking. It secures public funds, sponsorship donations, equity capital and grants.