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Greetings!

Welcome to the Spring Season! We are thrilled to be back on the pitch and play outdoor games. It's great to see everyone on the fields!

We are excited to announce the Schwaben AC turf field project. As one of the oldest independent soccer clubs in the United States, the Schwaben Athletic Club is **celebrating our 100th anniversary!** We're not just looking back at a century of triumphs; we're building toward an even brighter future.

A cornerstone of our next chapter is improving our facilities. We're investing in a state-of-the-art artificial turf field with lighting to ensure our players enjoy an unparalleled soccer experience—regardless of weather or daylight limitations during late fall, winter, and early spring. More information on the project and how you can help support Schwaben's 100-Year Legacy Project.

Included in the April Newsletter:

- Schwaben AC Turf Field Project/GoFundMe
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Regards,

-Thomas Gansauge
Director of Coaching



Schwaben Turf Field Project: BUILDING THE FUTURE TOGETHER

Help Support Our Project

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We need your support to make this vision a reality! Our GoFundMe campaign will help us grow our historic club and create a community space where soccer thrives.

Founded in 1926 by thirteen passionate young men, Schwaben Athletic Club has weathered history—from the Great Depression and World War II to six Major Division Championships in the late 1950s and a move to Buffalo Grove, IL in 1970. Over decades of success, including 1964 and 1998 US National Amateur Championships as well as producing two national Hall of Famers and numerous Illinois Hall of Famers, thousands of players have called Schwaben home, finding a safe space to foster a healthy lifestyle, a love of soccer, and deep community connections both on and off the field.

Today, Schwaben is renowned as one of Chicagoland's most respected soccer clubs. With a vibrant youth program and opportunities for lifelong involvement through our Men's and Women's teams, we remain committed to empowering players of all ages and creating lasting friendships.

Help us grow the Schwaben Athletic Club as we prepare for the next 100 years of incredible soccer, teamwork, and community spirit. Join us on this journey—together, we can build a new era for Schwaben!

Support us today on [GoFundMe](#). Let's build our future, one goal at a time!

All donations/contributions are tax deductible

Indoor Recap 2025/26

The Schwaben youth teams concluded the indoor 2025/26 indoor season. It was a long fun season and we are now ready to compete outdoors!

The U18 - U14 teams played at the Willowhill Dome Indoor League and the high schooler players at Canlan Barrington and Soccercity.



Our 2016 National and Olympic teams both finished in 2nd place in their respective indoor divisions at Willow Hill.



The 2017 National team are undefeated champions of the Willow Hill indoor league second division!



The 2018 National team finished third in their indoor league. Developing into a team focused unit.

After a tough Fall season, this Olympic group showed tremendous improvement over the Winter. We also played in some of the most fun to watch and coach games Coach Nick has been a part of. We scored tons of goals, mounted big comebacks, and learned how to



work together on the field to solve problems.

The 2015 National team ended the indoor season in 2nd place. We started shaky but as the season progressed the team gained confidence and started finding the back of the net more regularly.

This group grew not only with their on field ability, but also as a team. Our camaraderie and team spirit was incredible and Coach Nick is incredibly proud of the effort, energy, and heart we displayed.



The U19s won their 3rd place final in the Wednesday night men's league. Congrats on a good season!



2013 Olympic are Champions of Willow Hill Dome U13 Boys White Division. The U12, U13 and U14 group had a pretty successful indoor season with practices and games.

U12 National finished 2nd in Blue division

U12 Olympics finished 2nd in the White Division

U14 National 3rd place in the top division.

U13 National and U14 Olympic showed a lot of improvement since last year's indoor season!





Schwaben Tryout Registration

The tryout season has begun. We are meeting a lot of great players. If you know anyone that is interested in travel soccer please feel free to share the registration link with friends and neighbors. Tryouts are free to register and take place throughout the month of April and May.

[Tryout Registration Link](#)



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Summer Camp Info - Schwaben Discount

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Hansa Summer Camps start June 8th. Full day and Half day camps are offered. *Including an exclusive opportunity to train with Bundesliga coaches*

from Germany with our partner Borussia Mönchengladback during Week 2.

Schwaben players receive a player discount of **\$55** on all Full Day camps. Please email Alicia for discount code at: alicia@schwabensoccer.com.
Discounts cannot be given retroactively.

All camps will be at Schwaben: 20364 Weiland Rd, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 - this is across the street from 301 N Weiland Road, Buffalo Grove, IL



Spring and Striker Academies Start Monday, May 4th

For those wanting extra skill training the Spring Skill Academy is offered in three different levels Junior, Premier, and Champions Academy level. The practice structure combining skills *and* speed & agility training in one session.

The Striker Academy focuses on improving your finishing abilities. 4 spot left!

Visit the academy pages for more information. Both academies are Mondays, May 4 - June 15th at Schwaben

[Spring Academy Info & Registration](#)

[Striker Academy Info & Registration](#)

High School Prep Camp - Get Sharp For Your School Tryout

If you want to get ready and sharp for your High School Tryouts this is your camp! Improve your technical skills and soccer fitness to shine at your school tryouts.

Dates: August 3rd - August 6th (4 day camp)

Times: 5pm - 6:30pm

Instructor: Coach Thomas/Coach Nick

Location: Schwaben at 20364 Weiland Rd, Lincolnshire, IL 60069

HS Prep Info & Registration

Schwaben AC - Borussia Mönchengladbach Partnership



The Schwaben AC is thrilled to announce their partnership with Borussia Mönchengladbach. As the only club in Illinois to be selected, BMG is infusing its deep player development experience and knowledge of a professional European football club, helping Schwaben generate high caliber talent, training, coaches, and successful player development on and off the field. The Schwaben AC - BMG partnership programming will include access to the Foals Philosophy, training and player development models as well as overseas German Academy opportunities.

DOC Thomas on the partnership, "Borussia M'gladbach is one of the best German youth academies so it just made sense for Schwaben to work closely with them and improve our player and coaches development. Borussia brings tremendous know-how to Schwaben and Hansa.

We are happy to be part of an elite group of soccer clubs around the world that have partnered with Borussia. We are looking forward to a long lasting partnership."



As part of our partnership [Borussia Mönchengladbach](#) Head of International Coach Wolfgang held a coaches education event at Schwaben for all of our coaches.

Coach Wolfgang will be returning and bringing his coaches from Germany this summer to run the Borussia camp at Schwaben from June 15 - June 19. Train like a pro. For players interested in taking their soccer to the next level, this is an exclusive opportunity for those outside the European academy system to be seen and scouted by professional world-class Bundesliga coaches.

[More Info & Registration](#)



Save The Date - 100 Year Party!



Schwabens is celebrating 100 years throughout the year. Save the date for the November 7th party. Details to follow.

Recent Tournament News

- The 2007/8 Boys are Las Vegas Mayors Cup Champions! Congrats to the team and Coach Thomas
- The 2009 Boys won their Circle City Showcase in Indianapolis. Results: 6:0, 2:1 and 2:0.





First Team News



The Schwaben AC Men's First Team ended their Europa League season with an excellent 2nd place. The boys won their last game 3:2 and finish with a 9-1-1 record.

On April 26 the team traveled to Hebron, IN to take on the reigning indoor champion, FC Dinara. The boys brought all 3 points home with a 1-0 victory. Goal scored by Tim. They are off to a good start with their first win of the season!

The team is going into the season with the ambition to defend their 2025 Championship. Go Schwaben!

Player News



A big congratulations to Schwaben player Philip Hupf! He was crowned the Kinder Prince for the Rheinischer Verein Chicago. Another longstanding German organization founded in 1890.

Thank you for the wonderful words about soccer and Schwaben A.C. in your acceptance speech.

Schwaben Newsletters

Stay up to date. If you missed any of our newsletters, PDFs of the Schwaben Newsletters are available on the website, [here](#).

Coach News



At the Las Vegas Mayor's Cup Coach Thomas met up with Dominik a [Hamburger Fußball-Verband e.V.](#) referee (red) who was part of the [2025 Schwaben International Exchange Program](#).

He also reunited with Daniel a Borussia Camp coach with our partner club [Borussia Mönchengladbach](#). Daniel was in Vegas with the BMG U15 Academy team. Great to see our partners in soccer!

Daniel will be traveling back the US to coach Week 2 and is looking forward to seeing all the Schwaben players

[Register For Week 2](#)

Schwaben Sponsorship Partner - SGL FINANCIAL



The Schwaben AC is proud to have SGL Financial on board as our official jersey sponsor for the youth program. We look forward to the two-year partnership and welcome SGL Financial as Schwaben AC's official jersey partner!

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