

How can I join a football club?



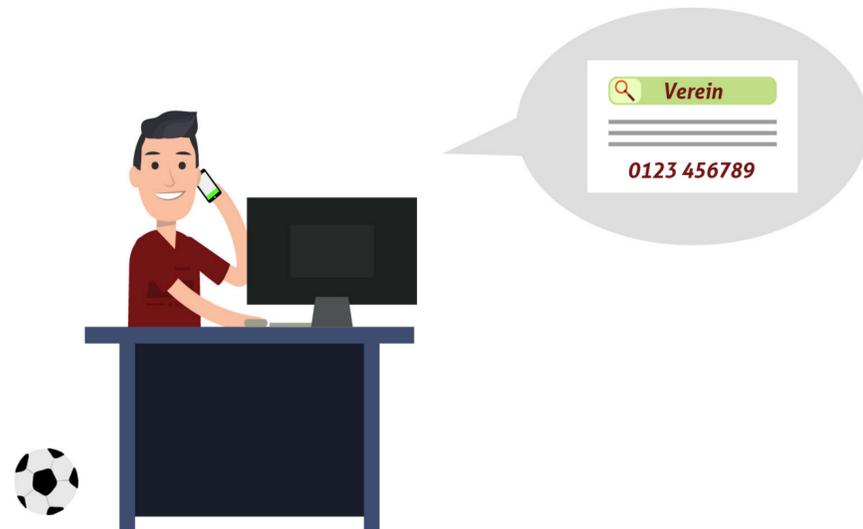
Football is Liam's greatest passion. In his home country, he always played in the street with his friends.



Liam recently arrived in Germany. He would like to play football here too and make new friends.



In Germany football is played in clubs. This offers many advantages: excellent training, great sports grounds and regular matches in a league. Registration, however, is a bit more complicated.



Liam does not let this deter him. He searches in the Internet for a football club in his area, quickly finds one and makes a phone call. Unfortunately, he has no luck on the first call. The club is not looking for new players at this time.



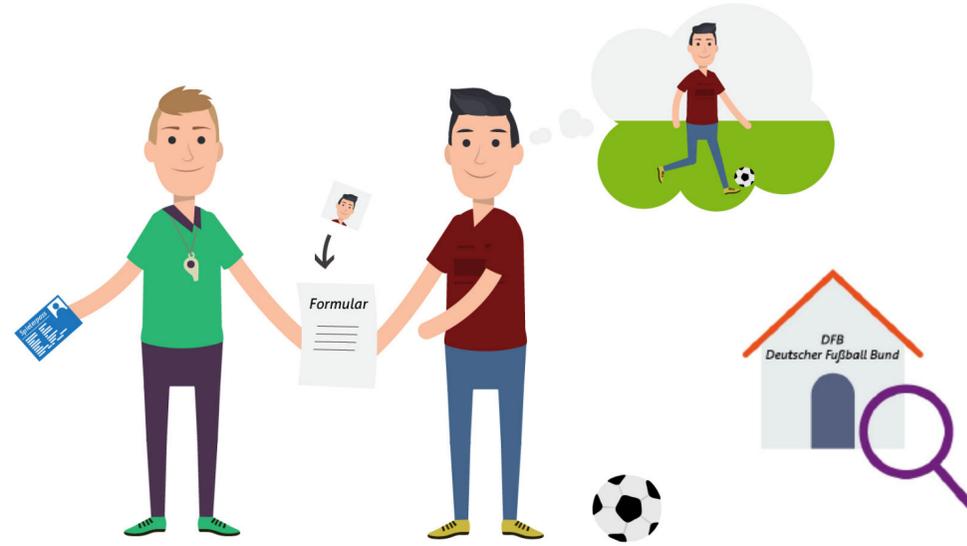
But then he finds the FSV. The sports complex is only 10 minutes away. The FSV trains Tuesdays and Thursdays. Great, Liam is free on those days! The coach invites him to a try-out training.



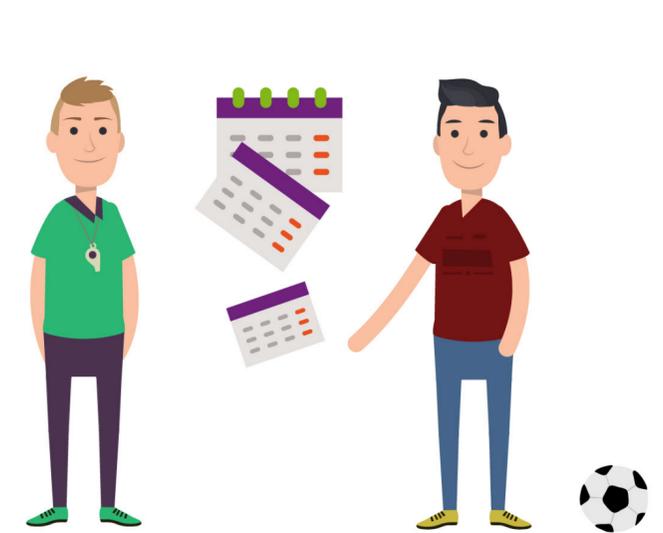
Liam has a lot of fun. The other players are nice and the coach really wants Liam in the team. But first, Liam needs to take several steps.



He must register as a player with the FSV. This requires filling out an application, which he gets from his coach. Liam can now take part in training sessions, but is not yet allowed to play in league matches.



He must first apply for a player's license. This requires filling out more forms and submitting them to his new club along with a passport photo. The DFB checks whether Liam is registered with another club. For this purpose, personal data will also be sent to the football association in Liam's home country.



And then he has to wait.



8 weeks later he is finally the proud owner of a player's license.



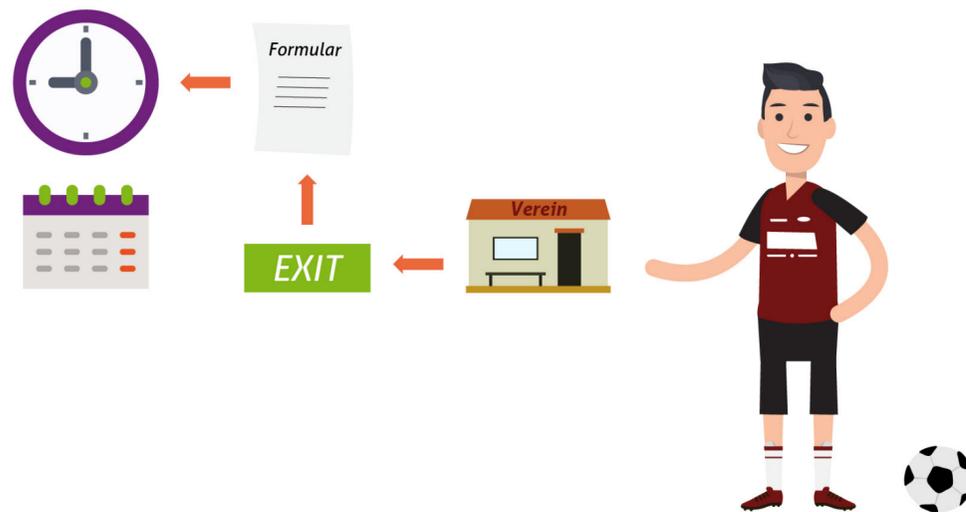
But there are still a few things Liam needs to consider. He has to pay a club membership fee every month. A reduction or a complete exemption is possible.



He will be wearing shin guards and football boots from now on. In order to have a chance of securing a permanent position in the team, Liam must also regularly and punctually take part in the training.



Still, other players may be better or have been playing together for a longer time. This means that he must be prepared to spend some time sitting on the bench at the beginning.



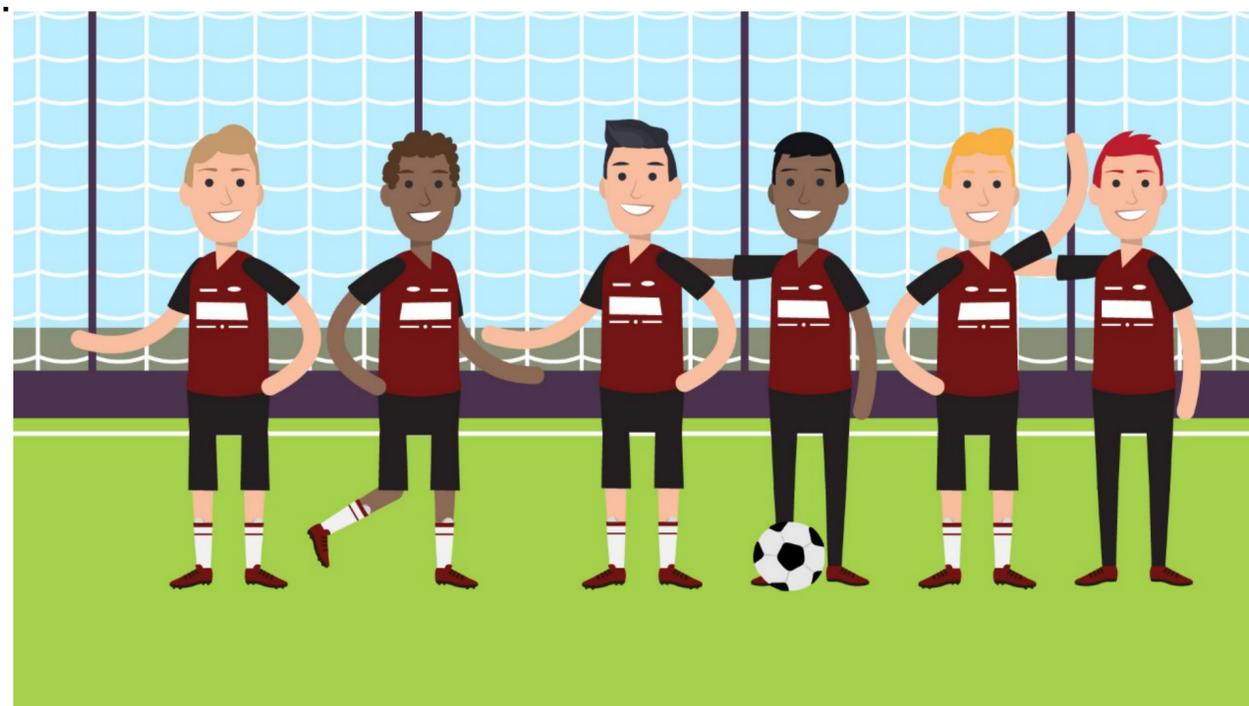
He also cannot simply switch or leave his club.



But that is not important at the moment. Liam is feeling on top of the world! He is happy to have mastered all the steps for becoming a club member. It was not even all that difficult.



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