OUR DISABILITY FOOTBALL COMMITMENT

The Football Club Social Alliance (FCSA) has been supporting people with a disability since 2007. We sustainably foster disability football structures in Europe by educating young women and men as so called “Young Coaches”. We also organise the annual Special Youth Camp, which is a football and leisure time summer camp in Basel. Once a year, our Alliance member clubs as well as several invited guest clubs travel from all over Europe to Switzerland in order to spend a joyful week full of amazing experiences together.

SPECIAL YOUTH CAMP

One-week football camp for youths with an intellectual and/or physical disability.

The annual Special Youth Camp was established by the FCSA in 2007 and has been continually developed further ever since.

The programme’s contents are specifically designed to fit the needs of children and youths with a disability and contain both football as well as leisure time activities. We aim to strengthen the personality development of young people in order to promote their social skills and, thus, integration and inclusion processes.

Furthermore, the Special Youth Camp provides a platform to encourage professional exchange in disability football and enhance its structural development in Europe.

TANDEM YOUNG COACH EDUCATION

Education of young people with and without a disability as Young Coaches.

Since 2010, we additionally organise a one-week education programme for young adults with and without disabilities.

The goal is to empower and motivate them to take responsibility as children’s football coaches in disability football. As a pair, a so-called “Young Coach Tandem”, the participants complete the Young Coach training, which is led by disability football experts of the FCSA as well as by qualified social pedagogues.

During the Special Youth Camp the FCSA-Tandems get the opportunity to put their acquired skills into practice. As assistant coaches and supervisors they prepare and carry out their own practice sessions with the camp participants.
The Scort Foundation is a non-profit, politically and religiously independent operating foundation based in Basel, Switzerland. The Scort Foundation initiated the Football Club Social Alliance in 2007 and manages the development and administration of the partnership programme. All conceptual and organisational tasks, including the project management, fundraising and linking up with local partners, are accomplished by the Scort Foundation. All project costs are covered by the FCSA, Scort as well as international and local partners.

**OUR ACHIEVEMENTS 2007-2023**

- **226 YOUNG COACHES**
  226 Young Coaches with and without a disability have been certified so far. After the education they actively support the disability football groups of their home clubs.

- **>1000 CHILDREN**
  Our programme has reached more than 1000 children with an intellectual and/or physical disability. Many of whom are benefiting week by week from the Young Coaches’ work for the clubs.

- **2:1 CARE**
  The Special Youth Camp ensures a 2:1 care of the children and youths at all times. In other words: there is at least one supervisor being responsible for two kids with a disability.

- **& 15 GUEST CLUBS**
  15 guest clubs from all over Europe have taken part in the disability football programme since 2007, e.g. Liverpool FC (2007-10), FC Barcelona (2011) and Manchester United FC (2015).

**SELECTED PARTNERS SINCE 2007**

- InterStadt - Sportfonds Basel-Stadt
- Foundation
- Liverpool FC (2007-10)
- FC Barcelona (2011)
- Manchester United FC (2015)
- Swiss Deaf Sport
- Joint Stiftung Philipp Herberger
- Novartis
- Roland-Lené Foundation
- EKOS
- BEAM Foundation
- Dekemich Foundation
- OZI

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