

FACTS

- Founded 1954
- Founding member of the World Underwater Federation CMAS (Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques)
- Member of German Olympics Sports Confederation DOSB (Deutscher Olympischer Sportbund)
- Representative of 900 clubs
- More than 81,000 sports divers
- 8,000 licensed dive instructors and coaches

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ABOUT THE VDST

German Underwater Federation provides you with all information regarding sports diving.

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MORE THAN FACTS ABOUT THE VDST

For many people, sports diving is more than just a sport, since it offers the possibility to explore the beautiful aquatic realm and to be part of countless related adventures. In addition, diving offers excellent possibilities for sport competitions.

But no matter what motivates a sports diver-to-be, an elaborated and professional training characterizes the beginning of every diving experience, to provide the utmost safety and unrestricted joy.

The German Underwater Federation **VDST** (Verband Deutscher Sporttaucher e.V.) offers an optimized way to learn and practice sports diving in a reliable and safe way.

If you are a qualified diver, new starter or if you want to learn to dive, the **VDST** clubs welcome every diver, from beginner up to qualified diver.

All our committees are headed by honorary experts. The excellent teamwork assures a permanent flow of current information - and state of the art of scientific and technical knowledge. **VDST** members are informed by the member magazine '*sporttaucher*' and the webpage www.vdst.de.

Since many years the **VDST** athletes belong to the world's leaders in Finswimming, Orienteering and Underwater Rugby. The **VDST** extensively supports fair sport without doping and strictly follows the WADA code.

Every **VDST** member benefits from a special sports diving insurance, covering costs after diving incidents and legal expenses. The included health insurance is also valid for any holiday - even if it isn't a diving vacation.

SPORTS DIVING – MADE IN GERMANY

The German Underwater Federation is the only national representative of the World Underwater Federation CMAS (Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques) and thus provides internationally accepted diving licenses.

The excellent quality of the education system is certified by the European Underwater Federation (EUF). Coaches and instructors are educated and licensed, following the 'General Guidelines of Education' of the German Olympics Sports Confederation DOSB (Deutscher Olympischer Sportbund).

Sports Diving - Made in Germany by VDST

Since 1954, the **VDST** provides a training program for all levels of diving - from entry level of children and adults through to our instructor courses.

VDST clubs guarantee a warm social and family-friendly atmosphere. They offer a great mix of high quality training and regular dives. Divers just can enjoy diving and progress at their own pace.

The modular concept of skill development and specialist courses allow divers to improve their diving level whenever they like.

The **VDST** is engaged to ensure continuous development in all fields of sports diving, e.g. volunteer work, safety, inclusion and coherence of all groups of society, sustainability, gender equality, biodiversity, cross-generational sport, free diving and scientific diving.

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