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Welcome to the Mighty Berlin Crocodiles





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## **I. Introduction to the Berlin Crocs**

The Berlin Crocodiles have been established in 2001. After difficult years in the beginning, the Crocs are flying high in the year of their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, having good chances to make the Grand Final of the AFLG on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in Stuttgart! So we dare say it is exciting times at the Crocs.

## **II. How the AFLG works**

There are currently 6 teams in the AFLG comprising of Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, Munich, Stuttgart and Frankfurt.

Each team will play each other twice, once at home and once away.

*Transport:* In 2011 the Berlin Crocodiles have pre-purchased 20 x ICE Bahn Tickets for 4 of the away games (20 is a full team). The exception is the away game to Hamburg, in-which 4 x Wochenende-Tickets (which 5 players can travel on each ticket) will be pre-purchased. The schedule times have been pre-selected. For more information, please see the document 'Away Game Rules'. If you do not have this document, please request it from [berlincrocs@gmail.com](mailto:berlincrocs@gmail.com).

*Accommodation:* A few teams in the AFLG (usually Berlin, Stuttgart and Cologne) will offer to host the travelling team. In this regard, the home team will offer the away team to stay at their place for the night (or sometimes even 2 nights if you arrive on Friday and leave Sunday).

If not hosted, we will either return the same day or book everyone into a cheap hostel in the city.

The away trips are always a lot of fun, regardless of the result; with the home team always taking out the away team on the Saturday night.

*Costs:* weekend for transport and accommodation range from €45 - €65 dependant on destination and host accommodation offered.

### ***Game day:***

- Each team is allowed to use 20 players
- Maximum numbers on-field is 16 from each team
- Minimum numbers to bring to an away game is 12. Anything under that number and the game is automatically forfeited.



- 4 quarters of 20mins each, 2 x 10mins break + 20mins break at half-time
- 1 - 2 umpires (usually one from each club playing each other. Future AFLG fixtures are looking into organising mutual umpires for each game)
- Goal posts are shorter than normal AFL height
- Each AFLG teams ground is different in size, width and length
- Rules: There are no official AFLG rules and they differ (unfortunately) from umpire-to-umpire. Generally they follow AFL rules with a little more leniency.
- Water and energy supplies are provided by the individual teams

### III. Berlin Crocodiles Structure

- Coach
  - Head Coach: Troy Pedder
  
- Board
  - President: Daniel Karsch
  - Vice President: Troy Pedder
  - Finance Manager: Dov Selby
  
- Crocs Committee
  - Daniel Karsch
  - Troy Pedder
  - Dov Selby
  
  - Off-field dealings eg. Sponsorship, events, fund-raisers, awards night, ground arrangements etc. etc.
  - The committee is open to join by any existing member who is interested, willing and able commit time to the Crocs and contactable on a daily basis via email.
  
- Website Group 'Propellarheads'  
(In charge of the development of the clubs website)
  - Co-Head of Operations: Dee Pabst and Geordie Dostal
  - Assistants: Steffen Risse and Michael Frangos



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#### **IV. What does being a Berlin Crocodile mean?**

Over the years, our new players have seen the Crocs as an opportunity to lay a foundation in their new city. This is precisely what the Crocs represent; a very open and friendly group of people, in-which players have been able to develop strong bonds and a home-away-from-home. Additionally, the club opens up the opportunity to connect with a wide range of diverse backgrounds with players from Germany, France, Ireland, United Kingdom, Greece, Chile, Afghanistan, America, Russia, New Zealand and Australia, spanning Muslim, Jewish and Christian followings. We are open and keen to learn about all backgrounds and religions. Along with these great opportunities, the individual players each have experience in 'finding their feet' in their new city, so we are all more than happy to help you adjust and give hints, tips, advice and lend-a-hand in setting-up in Berlin.

The sole basis of the club (and most AFLG teams) functions and operate by people/Crocs who work for the love of the club and footy eg. the work they do is 100% voluntary. So everything you see happening, is done by someone at the Crocs who is giving up their own personal time to help the club.

We don't have any set rules for our players, but if everyone can lend-a-hand here and there throughout the season at training, on game-day and other social events; it makes it a lot easier for everyone. Plus it builds a good sense of sportsmanship.

#### **V. Training**

Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30pm

*Start date:* End of March

*End date:* Last training before the Grand Final

After each training session the boys go for cheap Asian food and beer around the corner.

*Off-season:* the Crocs Committee try to organise an indoor training facility. When this is not possible, we will try to organise a semi-regular training or facility get-together eg. Join a basketball team, rent out an indoor soccer pitch etc.



## VI. Berlin League

The Berlin League was established in 2011. Aim of this local competition is offer more game experience to our players and allow the possibility for all players to play an official game of Australian Rules Football (AFL), no matter the level of skill. The Berlin League started in the 2011 and has been a great success so far with up to 50 players on ground in the 2 games each game day and great nights in the park with Hot Dogs, cool drinks and spectators watching great footy!

The 4 teams of the Berlin League are:

### **North Berlin Crows**

Captain: Tony Whitney



### **South Berlin Demons**

Captain: Dee Pabst



### **East Berlin Mariners**

Captain: Declan McCaffrey



### **West Berlin Eagles**

Captain: Fabian Lindner



The league rules are slightly different to those of an AFLG game, most notably with a format of 9-a-side. Each of the 4 clubs has their own name and individually supported by an official AFL team. In the league's 1<sup>st</sup> year of 2011, West Coast Eagles, Fremantle Dockers, Melbourne Demons and Adelaide Crows have jumped onboard top to supply Guernsey for this exciting new intra-Berlin League.

The league runs every Thursday when there is no game the coming Saturday. Fixture, rules & conditions can all be found on the Crocs website:

<http://berlin-crocodiles.de/season/berliner-comp>



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There is also a separate document to explain all the rules in details. Please ask your coach Troy Pedder for further info.

#### VII. **Annual Membership**

*Option 1:*

Yearly: €60

*Options 2:*

Monthly: €15 per month x 6 months (season length)

#### VIII. **Berlin Crocodiles Gear + Merchandise**

*On-field and training wear: Guernsey, socks and shorts*

The on-field gear will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> year players on the gamedays. The players will return the gear at the ground after the completion of the game.

The purchasing of Berlin Crocodiles on-field wear is possible when in your 2<sup>nd</sup> year and based on availability. If you would like to buy a Guernsey, please speak with a person on the Committee/Board

*Off-field wear\**

Crocs T-shirt (soon to include a Crocs Jacket)

*Stubby Holders\**

Berlin Crocodile stubby holders with sponsors

*Crocs & Belushi's Guernsey\**

The Crocs sell numberless Berlin Crocodiles Guernsey's at Belushi's.

The purchase of the Guernsey's is open to anyone.

Currently these are sold out.

\*A merchandise section will shortly be LIVE on the Crocs website.

Any questions – get in touch with the **Crocs Committee** under [berlincrocs@gmail.com](mailto:berlincrocs@gmail.com)

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