

THE BAVARIAN SPORTS YOUTH

in the BLSV

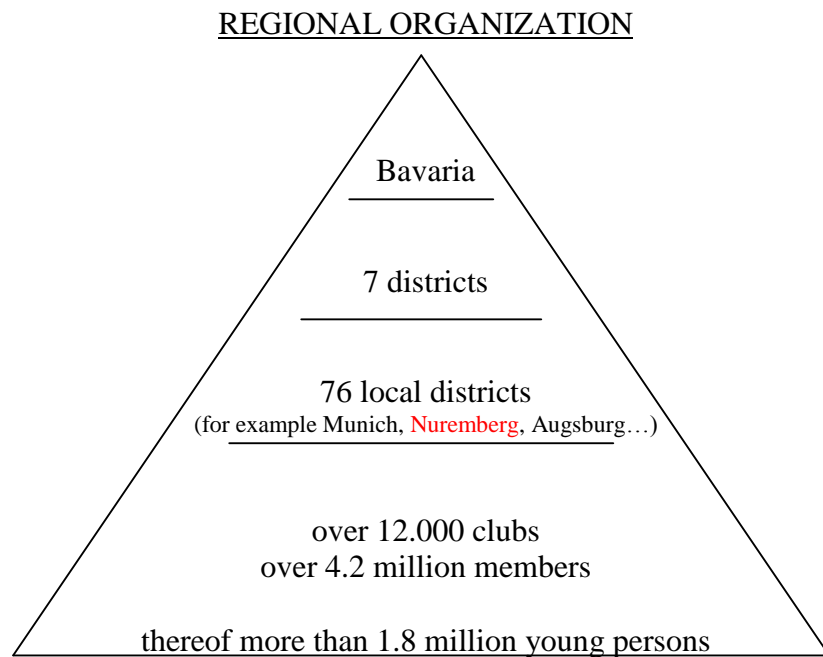
The Bavarian Sports Youth is the youth organization of the Bavarian Sports Association (BLSV), which obtained its licence from the American military government on 21st June, 1946.

Members of the BSJ are all the children and adolescents of the sports clubs as well as the youth leaders of the BLSV, of different sports sections and of the various clubs.

There are more than 12.000 (Nuremberg: 235) clubs where over 1.8 million (Nuremberg: 39.644) children, adolescents and young adults under 27 experience the multiple possibilities of sports. Therefore the BSJ is the biggest youth organization within the “Bayerischer Jugendingring”, the central organization of the Bavarian youth associations.

STRUCTURE

The Bavarian Sports Youth and the BLSV have a similar structure:



SPORTS SECTIONS

The 53 sports sections include – along with numerous traditional sports such as soccer and gymnastics – some quite recent sports such as American football and triathlon.

AIMS AND TASKS

With sports, games and leisure activities the BSJ advances the education of the young: it deals with sports in theory and in practice and is also concerned with creative and cultural activities as well as social issues.

The BSJ wants young people to share collective fun by practising sports and to treat well mind and body, man and natural environment.

The BSJ represents the interests of the sports youth inside and outside the BLSV. It cooperates with other associations and organizations and takes over some tasks of youth education and youth welfare services.

FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

SPORTS YOUTH WORK

Sports and games constitute essential parts of young persons' development of the entire personality and offer a great choice of ideas for practising sports according to the respective abilities and possibilities – from infant to adult. These include creative and cultural activities and the discussion of social and political changes.

REPRESENTATION OF INTERESTS

It is one of our principal concerns to create a basis for youth work. Therefore, we represent the interests of young people practising sports on various levels, by political parties and parliamentary groups; we maintain contact with federal institutions such as the Ministry of Education and cooperate with other youth organizations of the "Bayerischer Jugendring". We want to support young persons' co-determination and joint responsibility in sports.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

With sports youth work means education and formation for which qualified trainers are required.

The BSJ offers the sports youth leaders a wide range of possibilities for training and further qualification:

The formation of a "J" (youth) trainer is an extensive basic qualification which is complemented by further qualifications such as "P" (prevention) trainer.

These training possibilities are accompanied by a large number of specific training courses for colleagues.

MULTICULTURAL YOUTH WORK AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

By supporting international youth meetings as a part of worldwide understanding, the BSJ performs active peace work.

The international youth exchange with Japan, the USA, Israel, France, UK, White Russia, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Ukraine, South Africa and a lot of other countries is an integral part of the sports youth work.

YOUTH WORK AND ITS SOCIAL CONCERNS

Through sports the BSJ seeks to support and integrate socially disadvantaged young persons, especially by cooperating with the sports association for handicapped people, with reformatories but also by organizing games for repatriated young people.

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