

GCE Physical Education - Exemplar Material

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Task 4.2 – International Study (Table Tennis)

Commentary

This was an interesting study and highlighted the provision in a suitable other nation, There was good coverage of local and national frameworks as well as good factual detail. The task could have benefited from case studies of a typical local club and an elite club.

Mark Band – 10-12



Table Tennis

International Study-Germany

Overview Page

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Introduction



- Germany has a population of 82 million people and is the largest population among the European Union.
- Berlin is the capital and is also the largest city in Germany.
- Christianity is the largest religion in Germany, with 52.116 million people (63%) in 2007.
- 26.5 million are Protestants (32.3%) and 25.5 million are Catholics (31.0%) in 2007.
- The second largest religion is Islam with 4.3 million people (5%) followed by Buddhism and Judaism.
- Germany has a temperate seasonal climate in which westerly winds prevail. The winters are mild and summers are cool though temperatures can reach to 30°C.

East Germany Structure for Sport (1948-1989)



- State of the art facilities used to prepare athletes for major championships and Olympic Games

- Each school was linked to a sports club so athletes could still train full time. They could represent their club after age 16.

- Each year mini Olympics held and between each age groups. Important for evaluating progress and to replicate pressure of games.

- Children train for around 50hrs a week alongside academic study

- Systematic doping/drug abuse of all athletes – State Plan 1425

- Every primary school tested (medical tests, fitness tests, skill test and biometric measurements. Coaches and medical staff observed the children to identify talent.

Introduction

- Sport forms a central part of German lifestyle.
- 27 million Germans are members of various sporting clubs and another 12 million are involved in sporting activities individually.
- Germany are currently ranked 2nd in the World Team rankings for table tennis. (See appendix 1)



President of
Germany playing
table tennis



Sporting Ethos



- The German sporting ethos/motto is “Sport für alle” Which translates into English as ‘**Sport for all**’ this upholds Pierre de Coubertin’s Olympic creed.
- Germany’s sporting motto is focused on encouraging and promoting participation whilst identifying talent and nurturing elite development.



Sporting Success – Germany Table Tennis

Olympic Games

- Table tennis has been an Olympic Sport since 1988 when it was first introduced at the Seoul Summer Olympics
- Throughout the years Germany have been involved in the Olympics and have consistently produced medal winners (see appendix 2)



Sporting Success – Germany Table

Tennis

Medal Record for Timo Boll

World Championships

- Germany has won a total of 45 medals at the world championships over the years
 - 5 Gold records
 - 14 Silver
 - 26 Bronze
- Recent success at the team world championship was a third place in 2006
- In the Individual Championship 2005 Timo Boll and Christian Suss gained Silver medals in doubles



Medal record		
Men's table tennis		
Competitor for  Germany		
Olympic Games		
Silver	2008 Beijing	Team
World Championships		
Silver	2004 Doha	Team
Silver	2005 Shanghai	Doubles
Bronze	2006 Bremen	Team
World Cup		
Gold	2002	Singles
Gold	2005	Singles
Silver	2008	Singles
European Championships		
Gold	2002 Zagreb	Singles
Gold	2002 Zagreb	Doubles
Gold	2007 Belgrade	Singles
Gold	2007 Belgrade	Doubles
Gold	2008 St. Petersburg	Singles
Gold	2008 St. Petersburg	Doubles
Gold	2009 Stuttgart	Doubles

Sporting Success – Germany Table Tennis

International events in Germany

- The aim of the DTTB (national governing body) is to arouse public interest in table tennis, develop the sport at grassroots level and promote major international table tennis events.



Grassroots Provision

- I am now going to outline some of the many grassroots initiatives created to encourage and promote table tennis at this level.
- I will outline these initiatives in two groups:
 - School
 - Community

Schools

- The German Table Tennis Association has numerous schemes to reach children and introduce them to table tennis within both primary and secondary schools.
- The first initiative is called the mini-championship and supports primary school aged children to get involved in table tennis.
- The mini-championship is a grassroots campaign by the German Table Tennis Federation (DTTB). It is especially designed for children aged 12 years or younger. This campaign is all about getting young children into table tennis regardless of whether they have never, rarely or often played table tennis before.



Grassroots provision

- The two main sponsors that work alongside each other, for this mini-championship, are ARAG and Joola.
 - ARAG is already the main sponsors for the DTTB
 - ARAG sponsor all the national events in Germany and their logo is also on the national team shirt



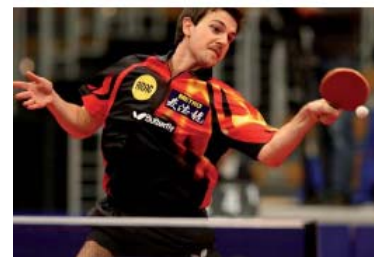
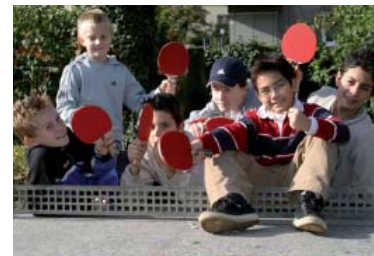
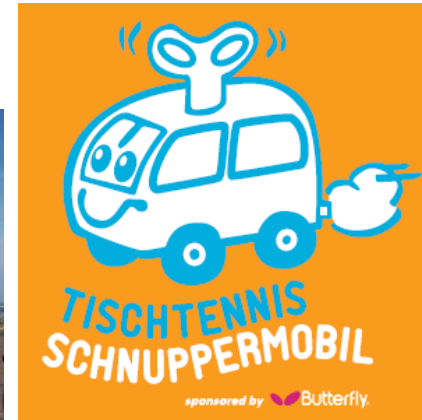
Community

- The German Table Tennis Association has a variety of projects directed to promote community involvement in table tennis.



Grassroots-Trail mobile

- The 1st community initiative that I am going to outline is called the TT-mobile.
- The TT-mobile trial is a mobile van which aims to target and increase grassroots participation in table tennis.
- A van full of table tennis equipment and information travels around the various regions of Germany to the various clubs, associations, recreational facilities, youth centres, schools, companies and institutions.
- This scheme is organised and funded by the DTTB (German Table Tennis association). The scheme also is sponsored by the leading table tennis brand 'Butterfly'



Provision-Youth/Summer Camps

- The German Table Tennis Association organises many camps across the country through the school summer holiday months.
- **DTTA Table Tennis Camps consist of:**
 - **Duration** = Weekend, 1 week or 2 weeks
 - **Who Goes**= Campers play table tennis alongside 24 other girls and boys
 - **Age** = 8-17 year olds
 - **What** = Training under the guidance of qualified coaches and daily workouts however there is also other sports they can try while they are there such as Climbing, kickboxing aerobics, aikido, or relax in the pool
- The DTTB youth camps are supported by DTTB DONIC equipment and they are also sponsored by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth funds from the Child and Youth Plan of the Federation.





Family Table Tennis

- This is a scheme developed to encourage all of the family to play table tennis. The concept behind this is to encourage families to play table tennis together to get fit and healthy.
- The German Table Tennis Association offers support for families and has developed a table tennis box with instructions to many games and forms of competition: for example, playing in different variations, and drop the table, table tennis sports badge.

In der Regiebox werden Ihnen alle Aktionsmaterialien, die Sie zur Bewerbung, Vorbereitung und Durchführung eines Familienturniers benötigen, zur Verfügung gestellt. Weiter finden Sie ein Alternativ- und Zusatzprogramm für Ihre Veranstaltung.

Wir wünschen Ihnen viel Erfolg bei der Planung und Durchführung Ihrer Veranstaltung.

Ausführliche Informationen über die Aktionen des DTTB erhalten Sie bei:

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www.tischtennis.de

DEUTSCHER TISCHTENNIS BUND



Provision Youth community



- Germany has also introduced table tennis into youth centres for young people and local communities - **Table Tennis against violence and racism**
- **Aim** = 'The aim of the campaign: to tear down barriers for young people in mind to create intercultural understanding and tolerance between different nationalities and strata'
- **Case Study**
 - On 2nd to 14th February 2009 the Ping-Mobile trial van visited 11 youth clubs for three to four hours in Munich and had experienced leaders and the local youth club leader to help in the organisation of the events.
- The children and young people had the opportunity to try out table tennis as a sport and become familiar with different cultures and the common platform of sport.
- Sponsored by Butterfly and it was funded by Children's and Youth Plan (KJP) of the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.



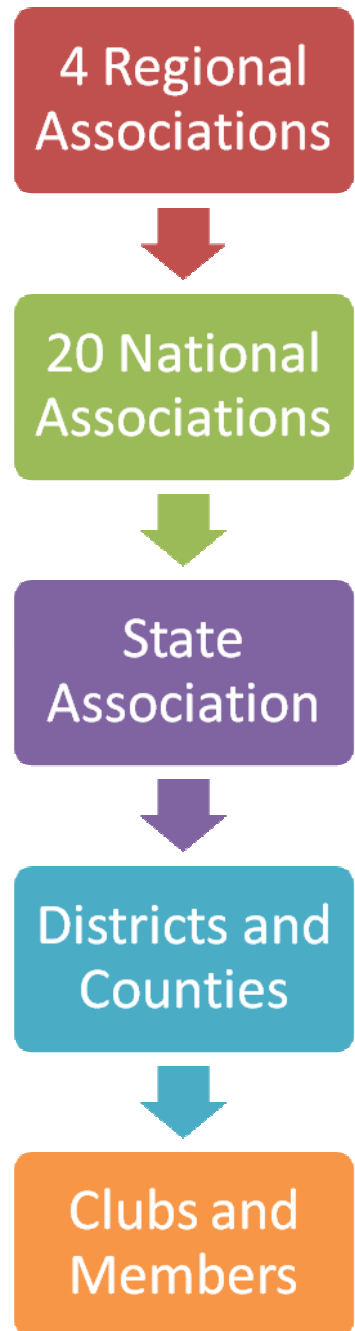
Promote health and table tennis

- The German Table Tennis Association (DTTB) is the co-partner of the health initiative "Germany is moving!" The action has the aim to help Germans, live longer and healthier lives.
- The programme is run and supported by BARMER and ZDF which is a German insurance company.
- The programme tours in fifteen cities / regions throughout Germany. The tour runs stations and offers visitors a combination of stage performances and participatory programs.
- They have over 29 million participants in total
- Table tennis is just one of the many sports prompted on the tour and these sports are presented in various forms of games or demonstrations



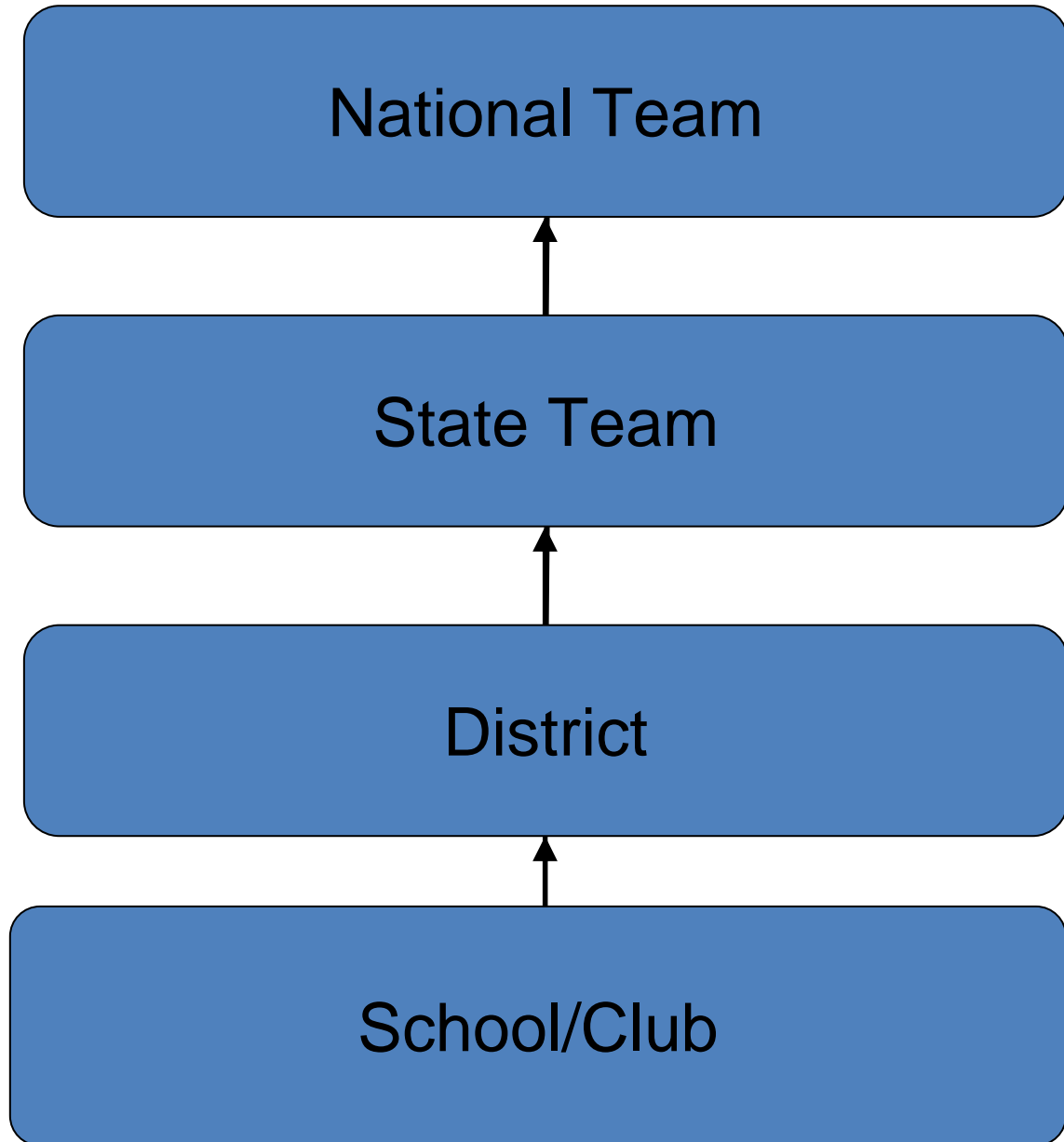
DTTB

- The **DTTB** is the table tennis association responsible for table tennis throughout Germany
- **The German Table Tennis Association (DTTB)** was established in 1925 in Berlin.
- Currently in Germany there are approx 10,000 table tennis clubs. It includes some 700,000 organized table tennis players
- The DTTB is divided into four regional associations which consist of 20 national associations. The state association then follow in districts and counties which are then connected to the clubs and members.



National Pathway

This flow chart outlines the pathway from club level onto the German National team.



Structure

- **National team matches** are organized within different divisions
- The Table Tennis League in Germany is considered the strongest league in the world, mainly because of the visitor players and it has the highest number of world ranked top-100 players.
- These are following leagues in Germany:
 - Bundesliga (Federal League)
 - Premier League
 - Regionalliga (Regional league)
 - Oberliga (Upper league)
- In addition, to these leagues there are **individual championships organized as well e.g.** District Championship, Country Championship, German Championship, German Open linked with the ITTF Pro Tour (International Table Tennis Federation)

International Youth Exchange

(Initiative to promote table tennis)

This is an initiative which gives performers the opportunity to experience table tennis in a new culture and country. It is targeted at 14-16 year olds and lasts approximately two weeks. (See full details of program in appendix)

- The performer has the opportunity to travel to Germany and join a table tennis club for a certain period of time.
- The Youth Exchange is supported by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth.

LIEBHERR European Championships

- In September 2009 various German schools took part in the LIEBHERR European Championships in Stuttgart.
- In August 2009, each school was assigned a partner country that participates in the LIEBHERR European Championship.
- There was a theme day for the partner nation. The students formed teams to play table tennis with their class in public places and invited a neighbourhood school to competitions.



DTTZ Table Tennis Centre/Academy

- The German Table Tennis Centre (DTTZ) in Düsseldorf has just been opened recently.
- The aim of the teaching concept is to promote the athletic, academic and personal development of children and bring them into compliance.
- The DTTZ table tennis centre has sports hall and accommodation. It is the central development body of the DTTB. Another important part of the service centre is the table tennis boarding school.
- The DTTZ can be train up to 16 young athletes physically, technically and educationally.
- The table tennis boarding school acts as a link between the schools.
- The new training facility will also be used as a regular meeting place for European and Asian top players who are training with the German national team for major tournaments.

DTTZ



Support provided by the DTTZ

- The players involved in the centre have multiple coaches to help them achieve their full potential
- There is also a medical team with qualified specialist to assist the players if they have injury etc.

Admissions criteria

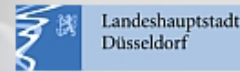
- The age of the students for the German Table Tennis Centre is from 12 year olds. The applicant must have very good performance in the sport of table tennis and a good academic performance.
- A reference/opinion from the players Home/Federation coach on the students sporting perspective

DTTZ

- Partners and sponsors for the table tennis centre



Partners / Sponsors



[City of Düsseldorf](#) (developer and owner)



[North Rhine-Westphalia](#) (Mortgages)



[Federal Republic of Germany](#) (Mortgages)



[Borussia Düsseldorf](#) (DTTZ-operator)



[German Sports Aid Foundation](#)



[Sports Foundation of North Rhine-Westphalia](#)



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[Butterfly](#)



[Donic](#)



[Joola](#)



[Tibhar](#)



[Sponeta](#)



Funding



- The initiatives, schemes and DTTZ (academy) for table tennis in Germany are funded by the German government, DTTB (German Table Tennis Association) and also private sponsors such as:
 - » Butterfly
 - » Joola
 - » Tibhar
 - » Donic
 - » ARAG
 - » Andro



Critical Comments

Table Tennis in Germany is a very popular sport with many initiatives to promote and encourage participation at grassroots level.

Germany are well known for their sporting achievements in this sport and the table tennis performers have a very high profile within the German media.

In Germany there is a highly structured pathway for talent identification and elite development through the DTTZ table tennis academy.

Germany have also excellent provision to encourage mass participation/bottom pyramid and they also cater for the needs of the top pyramid as they are currently ranked 2nd in the ITTF World ranking.

I personally have found the lack of information and resources a great difficulty when researching table tennis in Germany.

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- For the majority of the above websites I had to use the Google automated translator which helped me obtain the information that I needed.

Appendix for Physical Education and International Study

Appendix 1 Germany ITTF World Ranking (Slide 4)

The screenshot shows the ITTF Team Ranking website. The main content area displays the 'Men's Team Ranking (1, 1/2/2010)'. A table lists various countries with their respective points and championship divisions. Germany is listed as the 2nd ranked team with 272 points. A callout box with an arrow points to Germany's entry in the table, stating 'Germany 2nd in ITTF World Ranking'. To the right of the table, there is a detailed view for Germany (272 points), listing the top three players: Timo Boll (7838), Dimitrij Ovtcharov (7164), and Patrick Baum (6919). Below this, there is explanatory text about the ranking system, including details on how points are awarded and how tied teams are resolved.

Rank	Team Name	Points	Championship Division
1	CHINA	274	24*
2	GERMANY	272	24*
3	KOREA REPUBLIC	270	24*
4	HONG KONG	268	24*
5	JAPAN	266	24*
6	AUSTRIA	264	24*
7	SINGAPORE	260	24*
8	SPAIN	260	24*
9	CZECH	258	24*
10	RUSSIA	258	24*
11	CHINESE TAIPEI	254	24*
12	PORTUGAL	252	48*
13	FRANCE	250	24*
14	DENMARK	248	24*
16	POLAND	246	24*
15	SINGAPORE	246	24*
18	ROMANIA	240	24*
17	UKRAINE	240	24*
19	KOREA DPR	238	24*
20	SPAIN	238	24*
21	CZECH	238	24*
22	SERBIA	231	24*
23	BELGIUM	228	24*
24	SLOVAK REPUBLIC	228	24*
26	HUNGARY	227	24*
26	ITALY	226	24*
27	BRAZIL	222	48*
28	CANADA	220	48*
29	HONG KONG	214	48*
30	TURKEY	212	48*
32	UKRAINE	212	24*
31	INDIA	212	48*

Germany (272 points)

PLAYER	RATING
BOLL Timo	7838
OVTCCHAROV Dimitrij	7164
BAUM Patrick	6919

Germany 2nd in ITTF World Ranking

Appendix 2 Sporting Success – Germany (Slide 6)

- National Record Holders - Steffen Fetzner & Jörg Rosskopf of Germany gained silver medals in 1992 Olympic games (Barcelona)
- 1996 Jörg Rosskopf won Bronze in mens singles in Atlanta Olympic games
- 1996 Steffen Fetzner & Jörg Rosskopf were fourth in doubles
- Beijing 2008 the trio Timo Boll, Dimitrij Ovtcharov and Christian Suss won the silver medal in the team competition

Appendix 3 International Youth Exchange (Slide 21)

- **Duration:** 10 to 14 days during the Championships
 - **Age:** 14 to 26 years
 - **Target group:** European clubs / clubs in and around the city of Stuttgart
 - **Size of the group:** minimum of 8 persons with one coach; maximum 15 persons with two coaches
 - **Accommodation:** private in host families
 - **Programme:** Visit of the European Championships, tournament, parties, local activities with the partner club
- **The German Table Tennis Youth supports this Youth movement:**
 - They offer a range of opportunities for a European Youth Exchange
 - The participants will be provided with two days' entry tickets free of charge for a visit of the LIEBHERR European Championships within 13th – 17th September
 - The German table tennis youth will organise two special highlights for both German and foreign groups: a table tennis tournament with prize awards followed by a championships party
 - The individual will get the opportunity to collect autographs from a national team player
 - The individual will get in touch with a person of the national team of your partner country