

DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT

In summer 2006 it was some guys wanted to play ball. The soccer pitch was occupied but the table tennis table was vacant. So René Wegner started to play a rubber ball just with his head. Today there are more than 100.000 people that play table tennis with their heads.

Thereof the Headis Tournament Series developed with more than 1500 players that compete at the hilarious sport events every year. The tournaments cause sheer euphoria among the steadily growing Headis community.

By now the tournaments aren't limited to Germany anymore. There are reoccurring tournaments in the Czech Republic, Belgium, France and the Netherlands. For the first time the European Open (with players of each official partner-country) will take place in the Czech Republic. The coach for this trip is fully booked by Headisplayers months before the tournament. The last tournament in Rotterdam was sold out within 24 minutes!

In eight countries there are official Headis-Partners that advance the promotion. So it's no surprise that the annual World Championships have about 200 players from at least twelve countries. Especially in the Czech Republic and Japan there are professional tournaments that gather more and more players.

While having fun is important at the tournament days, the sport plays an important part. The game is getting more and more spectacular. Dives to the floor and defensive action meters behind the tables are business as usual for the players. "If you want to become World Champion you need a lot of ball skills and coordination. A certain fitness is important as well", tells Wegner. „But still you can just register at headis.com for every tournament. Just come over", Wegner explains.

HEADER IN FOOTBALL

There are some Headis clubs as well. The most popular ones are 1. FC Kaiserslautern and SV Darmstadt 98 that have Headis-Departments. Headis verifiable improves the header, especially the accuracy. "I would have loved to play Headis in my youth. The earlier you start, the better you train your header. I really often play with some guys from the Bundesliga", says professional Footballplayer Christoph Moritz (HSV).

Lots of teams have played Headis during their training sessions already such as Borussia Dortmund, Schalke 04, Arsenal London or Mönchengladbach. The latest professional that played Headis was World Champion Mats Hummels in April 2018.