

**2024 Donauschwaben Tournament Schedule**  
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Saturday, May 25:

11 am, Carpathia Majors play Cleveland Concordia.

Noon, Carpathia Over 35 play Akron GFS.

3 pm, Carpathia Majors play Akron GFS.

3 pm, Carpathia Over 35 play Cleveland Concordia.

5 pm, Carpathia Majors play Mansfield Liederkrantz II.

Sunday, May 26:

10 am, Carpathia Over 35 play Mansfield Liederkrantz.

11 am, Carpathia Majors play Chicago Green White.

2 pm, Carpathia Majors play Mansfield Liederkrantz.

3 pm, Carpathia Over 35 play German Central.

5 pm, Major's Championship Game.

**U.S. National Donauschwaben Soccer Tournament History**  
**"49th Anniversary" Mansfield, Ohio**  
**At Mansfield Liederkrantz Club**

**A Donauschwaben Tradition that continues to stay strong for 49 Years**

After many attempts of organizing a soccer tournament during the annual Labor Day weekend "Landestreffen der Donauschwaben", with struggling to create a schedule of games to fit between dance group performances. The Society of Danube Swabians (Donauschwabern) soccer group led than by Franz Schoenberger (Cleveland), Franz Frank (St. Louis), Stefan Zimmer (Chicago), and Hans Metzinger Chicago) got together and decided they would pick their own weekend to have a soccer tournament. In 1975, Franz Schoenberger was voted in as the first Landessportleiter for the Verband der Donauschwaben USA. The Memorial Day Weekend in May was chosen for the tournament, and now 45 years later every Donauschwaben Club in the United States and Canada knows where their soccer club will be that weekend. The tournaments first official debut was in May of 1975 in Akron, Ohio at the German Family Society. The tournament had two Divisions of competition in its first year of formation, a Men's Major Division and a Boy's Youth U-19 division.

With the weather being totally against the wishes of the tournament organizers, everyone stood back and watched the fields become rain soaked and hardly playable. Although games went on and a Champion in each Division was crowned, the future of the tournament was in doubt. The dedicated and devoted Clubs that were in Akron that weekend made a promise to each other that this tournament will be an annual event for many years to come. As the years went on many more of the Donauschwaben Clubs began to enter their teams into the tournament, and low and behold an "Old-Timers" or "Alte Herren" Division was started to yet make things even more interesting.

Through the many years of competition the quality of soccer became better each year. Not only did the competition grow in quality so did the number of Teams and Divisions grow. The tournament had grown into an annual reunion between players and coaches, which now have become friends. Many long time friendships between young and old have been created on this Memorial Day Weekend and continue still today. Today many of the Managers and Coaches of the various Clubs were either Junior or Major Division players in the early days of the tournament. Also there are some of us individuals that are very proud to say that we have played in this tournament in all the Junoir, Major, and Old-Timers Divisions throughout our lifetime.

In 1999 the Society of Danube Swabians (Donauschwaben) elected a new National Sports Director, Michael Talan from Detroit, Michigan. His predecessor Franz Schoenberger asked Michael if he would take over the post that he held since 1975, Franz said it was time for someone younger to do the job and that he was just tired. Michael Talan accepted proudly and has held the position of National Sports Director (Landessportleiter) ever since.

As Memorial Day Weekend is here again, we know exactly what must be running through the minds of all the Players, Coaches, Managers, and Fans of our Donauschwaben Society Soccer Clubs... It's Tournament Time!!!!

Is it all those great memories you remember? Is it that friend from out of town that you have not seen since last tournament? Is it the great goals and fantastic saves that are made? Is it the smell of the Wurst on the grill or that cold beer after the game? Or is it who will be this years Champion? Whatever it is, we all know that if you have ever attended this great tournament weekend you know exactly what it's all about, and if you have never attended, and its time you do. A special Tribute goes out to our entire Club members that helped create and preserve this Donauschwaben tradition through the past many years. May God along with the "Old Guard", look down on us from that "Sportplatz" in Heaven, and help us through the many more years of Donauschwaben Fussball to come. Many years have gone by and many great Tournaments have been hosted by all Our Clubs in our Donauschwaben Society. Thank You to all those that have worked hard and committed to bringing Teams every year!!

This year 2024 in April at the Annual General Meeting in Cleveland, Ohio our long running Landessportleiter Michael Talan decided to step down from his post after 25 years plus, to make room for a "younger" person to take over.

Werner Fricker III from the Philadelphia United German Hungarians was nominated and voted in as "New" Landessportleiter/National Sports Director of the Society of Danube Swabians USA. All in attendance promised to continue to support our Tournament along with Werner Fricker III moving forward. Also a motion was passed at this meeting that an "Honorary" status as Honorary Landessportleiter would be awarded to Michael Talan for his dedication to Soccer and this Tournament for so many Years!!

Looking forward once again to another exciting and entertaining US National Donauschwaben Soccer Tournament this coming Memorial Day Weekend. May God Bless all our Fussballer and their Clubs!!

<b>MEN'S MAJOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS HISTORY</b>			
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>HOST CITY</b>	<b>TEAMS</b>	<b>WINNER</b>
2023	CHICAGO	AKRON GFS (2) vs CLEVELAND CONCORDIA SC (1)	AKRON GFS
2022	CLEVELAND	DETROIT CARPATHIA(2) vs CLEVELAND CONCORDIA SC(1)	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2021	AKRON	PHILADELPHIA UGH(1) vs CLEVELAND CONCORDIA SC (0) OT & PK's	PHILADELPHIA UGH
2020	N/A	NO TOURNAMENT "COVID19"	N/A
2019	AKRON	MILWAUKEE SPORT CLUB (1) vs CLEVELAND CONCORDIA SC (0)	MILWAUKEE S.C.
2018	PHILADELPHIA UGH	PHILADELPHIA UGH (1) vs MILWAUKEE SPORT CLUB (0)	PHILADELPHIA UGH
2017	MANSFIELD	DETROIT CARPATHIA (1) vs CLEVELAND CONCORDIA SC (0)	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2016	CHICAGO	DETROIT CARPATHIA(3) vs MILWAUKEE SPORT CLUB (0)	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2015	MANSFIELD	CLEVELAND CONCORDIA VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (0-2)	DETROIT CARPATHIA

2014	CLEVELAND	AKRON GFS VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (2-3) OT/PK	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2013	MILWAUKEE	DETROIT CARPATHIA VS MILWAUKEE SC (2-3) OVERTIME	MILWAUKEE S.C.
2012	MANSFIELD	DETROIT CARPATHIA VS CLEVELAND(1-0)	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2011	PHILADELPHIA UGH	PHILADELPHIA UGH VS CHICAGO G/W (1-0)	PHILADELPHIA UGH
2010	AKRON	CLEVELAND CONCORDIA VS CHICAGO G/W (1-0)	CLEVELAND
2009	DETROIT	DETROIT CARPATHIA VS CLEVELAND(0-1)	CLEVELAND
2008	CLEVELAND	DETROIT CARPATHIA VS CLEVELAND(1-0)	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2007	MANSFIELD	CLEVELAND CONCORDIA VS AKRON (1-0)	CLEVELAND
2006	CHICAGO	DETROIT CARPATHIA VS CLEVELAND (1-0)	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2005	MANSFIELD	CLEVELAND VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (1-1) OT/PK	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2004	DETROIT	CLEVELAND VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (0-0) OT/PK	CLEVELAND
2003	MILWAUKEE	CHICAGO G/W VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (1-0)	CHICAGO G/W
2002	CLEVELAND	DETROIT CARPATHIA VS ST. LOUIS G/W (1-1) OT/PK	DETROIT CARPATHIA
2001	AKRON	AKRON VS CLEVELAND (1-0) OT	AKRON GFS
2000	MANSFIELD	DETROIT CARPATHIA VS CLEVELAND (3-1)	DETROIT CARPATHIA
1999	PHILADELPHIA	CHICAGO G/W VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (0-0) OT/PK	CHICAGO G/W
1998	DETROIT	CHICAGO G/W VS MILWAUKEE SC (2-0)	CHICAGO G/W
1997	CLEVELAND	AKRON VS CLEVELAND (2-1)	AKRON GFS
1996	CHICAGO	CHICAGO G/W VS AKRON (3-0)	CHICAGO G/W
1995	MANSFIELD	CHICAGO G/W VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (0-0) OT/PK	CHICAGO G/W
1994	AKRON	AKRON VS CLEVELAND (3-1)	AKRON GFS
1993	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE SC VS CLEVELAND (1-0)	MILWAUKEE SC
1992	CLEVELAND	MILWAUKEE SC VS ST. LOUIS G/W	MILWAUKEE SC

		(2-1)	
1991	ST. LOUIS	AKRON VS ST. LOUIS G/W (2-1 OT)	AKRON GFS
1990	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA GER/HUNG VS CHICAGO G/W (2-1)	PHILADELPHIA GER/HUNG
1989	MANSFIELD	AKRON VS CLEVELAND (1-0)	AKRON GFS
1988	CHICAGO	PHILADELPHIA DANUBIA VS MILWAUKEE (1-0)	PHILADELPHIA DANUBIA
1987	CLEVELAND	PHILADELPHIA DANUBIA VS CLEVELAND (4-3)	PHILADELPHIA DANUBIA
1986	AKRON	NO FINAL (PLAYOFF POINT SYSTEM)	CHICAGO G/W
1985	PHILADELPHIA	AKRON VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (2-0)	AKRON GFS
1984	DETROIT	CHICAGO G/W VS PHILADELPHIA DANUBIA (2-1)	CHICAGO G/W
1983	MILWAUKEE	PHILADELPHIA DANUBIA VS CLEVELAND (1-1) OT / PK	CLEVELAND
1982	CLEVELAND	NIAGARA FALLS VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (2-1)	NIAGARA FALLS
1981	CHICAGO	MILWAUKEE VS CLEVELAND (3-2)	MILWAUKEE SC
1980	AKRON	NIAGARA FALLS VS AKRON (1-1) OT/PK	NIAGARA FALLS
1979	MILWAUKEE	NO FINAL (TOTAL POINT SYSTEM)	CLEVELAND
1978	PHILADELPHIA	NO FINAL (TOTAL POINT SYSTEM)	CLEVELAND
1977	CLEVELAND	PHILADELPHIA DANUBIA VS CLEVELAND (3-2) OT	PHILADELPHIA DANUBIA
1976	CHICAGO	MILWAUKEE SC VS DETROIT CARPATHIA (2-0)	MILWAUKEE SC
1975	AKRON	NO FINAL DUE TO FLOODED FIELD AND HEAVY RAIN *	CHICAGO G/W