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Focus Topic

OFC ticketing





Dear Fanclub Members & Friends,

“Berlin! Berlin! Wir fahren nach Berlin!” Nearly 30 of us met for the Pokalfinale in the Bundeshauptstadt end of May. But, this was only possible thanks to Steffen B. and Dirk K., who tirelessly have been organising the tickets for our OFC, at home and away, for more than 10 years now. Still, there were some issues as the demand for Pokalfinal-tickets heavily outnumbered available tickets allocated to us. So, we decided to create some more transparency in the OFC ticketing process going forward. Read all about it, as well as a short introduction of Steffen and Dirk, and our Presi’s trip to the “Pokalfinale” in this issue of “dark red Asia”.

2024/2025 was a record breaking season, in many ways and also in one very particular one: over the run of the season over 900 pictures and videos, over 1 GB of data, have been received and mostly published on Facebook, Instagram, webpage or otherwise. Needless to say, that sighting this material for the “Jahresabschlussvideo” was a Hercules-task and we all have to be very grateful to Roland H. for having taken it on. The video can be found on [Youtube](#).

Predictions are that for the coming season this may mushroom to over 1000 files or even more. So, we should try some self-restraint and put up some guidelines on what we believe we should and should not put out into the world in the new season, including some examples from the past. Please don’t take this personally, it is meant for the better of the Fanclub. Also, you may agree or disagree or have some completely different ideas? I am looking forward to your feedback via WhatsApp, Email or over a beer somewhere in Asia or elsewhere (sounds awfully familiar as if copied + pasted from the last issue)..

With white-red regards

Hartmut

President

Singapore, July 2025

Fanclub Merchandise 2025/2026



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Laying down The Law

For more than 10 years we have been organising tickets for matches of our beloved Boys from Cannstatt. This has been run smoothly and efficiently outside of the official objectives of our OFC by Steffen and Dirk (aka "The Organisers") on their private initiative and time and has enabled us to participate in many, many games over the years, which otherwise would not have been possible. As the order sizes for each match get bigger and bigger, it makes sense to lay down The Law and establish some ground rules for this process in order to improve transparency and communication.

Firstly, you need to be on our email distribution list for the ticketing. If you are not yet, please contact us at vfb.sg@outlook.sg. Secondly, please make sure these emails do not end up in your spam-folder!!!

So now that you're all set and ready, unfortunately you still can't always get what you want. So, if we don't get enough tickets for everybody, we follow The Law (see below). Want to increase your chances to get a ticket under The Law? Engage yourself actively in the Fanclub or move (back) to Asia.

Lastly, and most importantly, if you are one of the lucky ones getting a ticket, please show up or return the ticket to us, if you can't make it (acceptable reasons: own death, can't think of any other at the moment). Please do not send your third great-great grand cousin to use your ticket.

Comprende? Just in case, here it is one more time:

Das "Kleingedruckte", the small print (aka "The Law"):

- The OFC ticketing is done without any responsibility or liability of the OFC, its representatives or The Organisers.
- Emails informing about OFC ticketing are sent on a best effort basis by The Organisers. Members have no entitlement to receive these emails, nor is there any liability or responsibility by The Organisers, the OFC or its representatives to send the emails. Particularly, it is the members' responsibility to ensure that they provide correct email addresses, check these email accounts regularly, especially but not limited to regarding spam filtering.
- For home games we can and usually do apply for 5 tickets. For away games there is no such limitation and the number of tickets we apply for depends upon the number of tickets requested by our members during the ordering process.
- Only members on the Germany-distribution list of our OFC (aka "Ordering Members") are entitled to order tickets via return email. Any other modes of ticket orders will not be entertained. If you are not on that list, please send an email to vfb.sg@outlook.sg and also make sure the emails don't end up in your spam folder (Didn't we mention this already? Seems important!).
- If not enough tickets are allocated by VfB Stuttgart to serve all ticket orders, they will be allocated to members in the following order by lucky draw within the respective category:
 1. Organisers, Committee members, Honorary Auditors, Ehrenrat (aka "Infantinis") as well as their family members, who are members of our OFC. All Fanclub members are encouraged to actively engage in our Fanclub to enjoy this privilege!;
 2. Other Fanclub members whereas priority will be given to members traveling from Asia visiting Europe and wanting to attend one of the VfB matches;
 3. Others.
 4. Waitlist
- To accommodate the above, Ordering Members are to indicate the name and membership number of all members they are ordering for. It is not necessary for each member to send a separate email.
- Ordering Members are to indicate whether they will accept single ticket or repatriated ticket allocation or whether they will only accept full allocation of all tickets ordered.
- Ordering Members are to indicate whether they are willing to join a waitlist in case they do not get any or full allocation of ordered tickets. Allocated ticket holders are to inform The Organisers in case they are not able to attend the game. Returned tickets will then be allocated by lucky draw to the waitlist. In case there is no waitlist, tickets may be transferred otherwise by the Ordering Member.

Meet The Organisers

Steffen B. aka “Stapfl”

Membership no. 073, member since 2015/2016



Steffen B. joined our Fanclub shortly after a ground-breaking “Stammtisch” back in 2015. On that day, two topics were hotly debated: OFC tickets and regional expansion.

While the former took off and we have regularly members watching the beautiful game, Stuttgart-style, at home and away matches, the latter is still a problem child of

our OFC. Maybe it will require Steffen to move from his home in Meckesheim, yes that's right besides the stadium in Hoffenheim, to Asia and take over the responsibility for the regional expansion? We would not expect anything less than the same stunning success as for the OFC ticketing. And not to forget, if you want a pennant (see Advertisement page **TBA**), it's Steffen who organises them.



When not working, the motorbiking country and classic rock fan travels the US. So, if you have a question regarding Janis Joplin or Jimi Hendrix or San Francisco, he is the expert to go to.

Dirk K. aka “Gallus”

Membership no. 056, member since 2014/2015



Not sure why The Organisers seem to have the need for nicknames - “Stapfl”, “Gallus” - maybe they have something to hide after all? But surely not so expected of course from our former Vice President and Ehrenrat Dirk (and from Steffen of course as well).

Dirk had joined the OFC at a crucial time when we had to replace our first Vice President. Not only did he excel at presiding, never to be forgotten the last match day of 2014/2015 where VfB Stuttgart secured to stay in the 1. Bundesliga, but he also organised our merchandise (oh how I miss him!!!) and our Fanclub flags. So, if your shirt has a golden star over the VfB-logo for the 3 Meisterschaften won by our team, it is all thanks to Dirk.



Being slightly on the heavier side, music-wise, you'd rather see him at W:O:A than in a New Orleans jazz club, but also on the Stuttgarter Golanhöhen following that other Stuttgart football club kicking the ball around close to his place called home.

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72 hours in the life of an OFC President

Friday, 5pm, quickly finishing off work and jumping under the shower before calling a Grab. OMG, the Grab driver wears a Bayern Munich jersey, if this is not a bad omen for the upcoming Pokalfinale. Less constructive suggestions aside:



Instead, I decide to ask the driver to take a picture of me and am ready to go! However, arriving at the airport I'm about to turn around already again. Thinking I have the longest trip to the Pokalfinale, I'm bitterly brought back to the floor of facts. Meet Timon from New Zealand!

But, after a beer (or two or three) I sit in the plane to Dubai. Stopping over from Terminal 3 to Terminal 1 in DBX leaves enough time for another beer and then dry-flying with Condor to the Bundeshauptstadt.



Landing 8am, Germany time, 21 hours into the trip, but then comes the most important part in any presi's life: shopping Salami and Schwarzwälder Schinken, Edeka in Berlin has surprisingly good quality of the latter! But, also soups, almonds and much more. So, no matter what happens later, the trip is a full success!



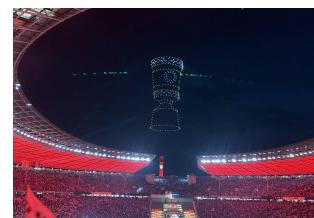
However, then the party at Breitscheidplatz started already: never have been so many Fanclub members, current and former committee members of the Fanclub, as well as friends of the Fanclub been united in one place. So it was not only Stuttgart kommt, but also München, Baden-Baden, Köln, Alarm (die Hessen kommen!), Hannover, Braunschweig, Hop Schwyz, and me making the lonely Kallang wave!



Next stop Olympiastadion! Not taking the scenic route, like some of us, but rather the train like thousands of other VfB Stuttgart fans, it was slowly getting towards 30 hours on the road. Sleep? Maybe 3 - 4 hours on the two flights, 1 hour in the hotel before leaving for the stadium.



11pm, game over and VfB Stuttgart is Pokalsieger! the morning, half time (for enough sleep. But the party goes on, and on, and on, ...



Or in presi's time zone, 5am in the trip duration) and still not



Even the beers become stranger and stranger, since when is Guinness blond?

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Presi's trip

Hallucinating due to sleep deprivation, I finally hit the sack, but then it's sightseeing time. After all, we're in Berlin!



And also time to head back already! Sunday afternoon, back the way I came, no frills Condor and then luxurious Emirates, but this time not even time for a beer in DBX and no celebrities on board:



Who is this famous guy on the right side of these pics? The other guys all want to take pics with him it seems!!!

But therefore space to unfold myself AND finally sleep!!!



Back at home at 5pm on Monday, the trip can be easily summarized as follows:
72 hours total, from 5pm Friday to 5pm Monday
30 hours in planes, Condor and Emirates, no need to mention which was better
12 hours in airports SIN, DBX and BER with roughly equal shares
4 hours to and from the airports, Bayern-Grab, Roland private chauffeur, standard taxi
1 hour shopping
4 hours party at Breitscheidplatz
7 hours Olympiastadion including trip to and from the stadium
3 hours sightseeing
5 hours breakfasts, lunches, dinners
6 hours sleeping (excluding on the flights)

Next year Berlin again! But first Istanbul!!!

For more on the Pokalfinale please watch our [Pokalfinalevideo](#) (again).

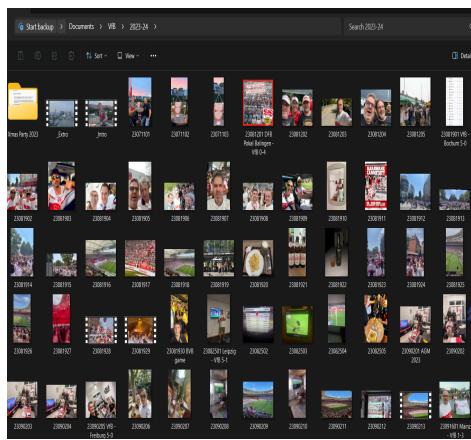
Interested to join next year's trip to Istanbul for the Europe-League final and then followed by the Pokalfinale in Berlin? If yes, please contact the Fanclub via Email at yfb.sg@outlook.sg or WhatsApp at +65 9848 6195. Subject to VfB Stuttgart reaching those finals of course.

RSVP latest by 20.01.2026.

Do's & Don'ts

The Fanclub's diligent picture and video filing system:

every matchday result or other special occasion



Every beginning of the week it's the same old routine: uploading numerous pictures and videos on Facebook, saving them for later use in the "Jahresabschlussvideo" on Dropbox, deleting all the files from the phone. If it is an English or CL/EL-week, the process repeats itself towards the end of the week, whereas "Länderspielpausen" grant a welcome break from it. Because, if more than one match day of pictures is on the phone, it is sometimes getting very difficult to determine which picture belongs where, also because they are so similar: football players on a green grass pitch, open football stadiums, pyro and banners, people we don't know, television sets on walls, hand phones or tablets on tables, beer bottles full or empty ... how to tell which match it was?

And, then there are these endless, although purely hypothetical, discussions about target setting:

Presi: "This year's [Jahresabschlussvideo](#) must be under 5 minutes."

Roland: "But my first draft version is already 27 minutes long!"

Presi: "Reduce the time per slide, we don't want to look 35 seconds at one slide."

Roland: "But at 3 seconds per slide we all get headaches."

Presi: "Then increase the number of pictures per slide."

Roland: "But at 20 pictures per slide no one can see anything."

President: "Okok, I give up!" (thinking: next year I'll do it myself again)

Roland: "And, I want more and longer videos in it as well" (thinking: next year I challenge you for president, so the director's cut of the Jahresabschlussvideo will be 3 hours 57 minutes)

So we settle for 12:27 minutes for the [Jahresabschlussvideo](#), plus 12:03 minutes for the [Pokalfinalvideo](#). 24:30 minutes in total, I have to work on my negotiation skills! But, haven't we all been there one way or another?

Of course there are pictures of you, in the stadium, in the pub, at home or anywhere else following the game or pursuing some other activity in-lieu of watching the game (not that you would do something like that, would you?). There are pictures with your friends, your families, your dogs (actually not so far), on your holidays (in VfB shirts), at parties, at other sporting events, and many, many more situations and locations. Yes, this is the pictures and videos we want, or in other words: See the Do's and Don'ts on the next page, you'll get the idea!

Do's

You and/or other Fanclub members, wherever, but in VfB stuff



The team in the stadium



You and the Schnitzel (but with head please)



You "fremdgehen" as long as it's not KSC



Don'ts

Strangers, even if in front of the stadium entrance



Only the stadium



Only the Schnitzel (or beer)



Lastly, please be careful with just TV pics as we all know you may find yourself in a beautiful house, with a beautiful wife. And you may ask yourself, "Well, how did I get here?" And, cut your toe nails ...

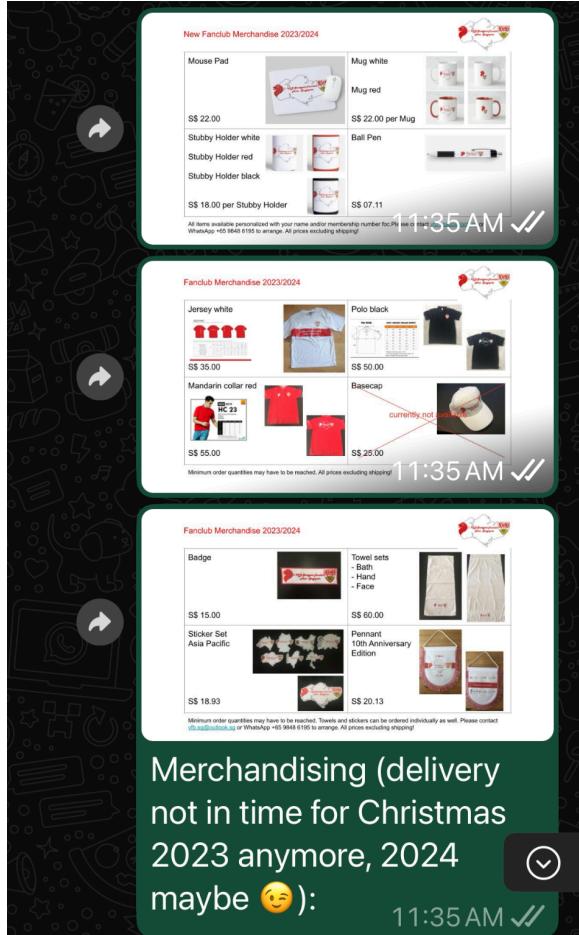
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New items on sale!

WhatsApp 21/12/2023:



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Well, the response was lacklustre to say the least with only 3 respondents including myself (thank you Sven & Andy!) ordering 6 white jerseys, each 1 black polo and 1 red honeycomb shirt plus 1 sticker set. As we have minimum order quantities, e.g. white jerseys 10, black and red shirts combined 15, stickers 25 each, the orders have not been processed, yet. Also, it is quite a hassle to get the orders going, so this only makes sense, when we have sufficient quantities. So, let's give it another try:

Please contact the Fanclub to get access to the electronic order form or return below order form to Email vfb.sq@outlook.sg or to WhatsApp at +65 9848 6195. RSVP latest by 10.08.2024.

So, we give it another try again!!! Please refer to the advertisement sections in this issue and hopefully this time we'll get the minimum order numbers together!!!

Please contact the Fanclub for your orders and please make sure you pay before we process your order. Email to vfb.sq@outlook.sg or WhatsApp to +65 9848 6195. RSVP latest by 10.08.2025.

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Bundesliga Bowling Season 2024/2025

Read more about it:

Match Day 1: "Champions League"

<https://www.vfbasia.com/post/fc-bayern-m%C3%BCnchen-i-winning-cl-finale-dahoam-in-bundesliga-bowling-in-singapore>

Match Day 2: "Meisterschaft"

<https://www.vfbasia.com/post/fc-bayern-m%C3%BCnchen-first-time-winning-the-meisterschaft-title-in-bundesliga-bowling-i-n-singapore>

Next events are planned:



Bundesliga Season 2024/25 (in BOWLING in Singapore)

Match Days:

- 1. - 19.01.2025, Sunday 4.00pm – 7.00pm "Champions League"
- 2. - 17.05.2025, Saturday 4.00pm – 7.00pm "Meisterschaft"
- 3. - 16.08.2025, Saturday 4.00pm – 7.00pm "DFB - Pokal"

Place: Westwood Bowl @Civil Service Club Bukit Batok, 91 Bukit Batok West Avenue 2, (S) 659206
All dates tentative! Final confirmation about 4 weeks prior to the Match Day.
After Bowling we go Brotzeit @Westgate for dinner (optional).

Please make sure we have your up-to-date email and HP-number for any last minute notifications!

Teams: 4 teams with 2 - 4 players each. We will try to keep the teams the same throughout the season as much as we can.

Transfer windows: In between the match days all players are eligible to transfer to another team.
Estimated cost: \$40 - \$60 per player (kids under 12 half price). Bumper lanes available (TBC).

"Champions League": 2 games league phase, 2-stage knock-out competition.
4 games per player.
"Meisterschaft": 3 games league phase, 1-stage knock-out competition.
4 games per player.
"DFB-Pokal": 1 game for ranking purposes, 3-stage knock-out competition.
4 games per player.



Bundesliga Season 2025/26 (in BOWLING in Singapore)

Match Days:

- 1. - 18.10.2025, Sunday 4.00pm – 7.00pm "Europa League"
- 2. - 20.12.2025, Saturday 4.00pm – 7.00pm "Meisterschaft"
- 3. - 19.04.2026, Saturday 4.00pm – 7.00pm "DFB - Pokal"

Place: Westwood Bowl @Civil Service Club Bukit Batok, 91 Bukit Batok West Avenue 2, (S) 659206
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4 games per player.

"Meisterschaft": 3 games league phase, 1-stage knock-out competition.
4 games per player.

"DFB-Pokal": 1 game for ranking purposes, 3-stage knock-out competition.
4 games per player.

Special guests subject to confirmation. Interested to join:

Please contact the Fanclub at Email vfb.sq@outlook.sg or via WhatsApp at +65 9848 6195. RSVP ASAP.

Sold out!

Upcoming Events!

16.08.2025	Season Opening 2025/2026 @Brotzeit Westgate
30.08.2025	Fanclub AGM (planned to watch the VfB game afterwards)
22.-24.08.2025	1. Match Day Bundesliga Season 2025/2026
26.08.2025	DFB-Pokal: Eintracht Braunschweig vs. VfB Stuttgart - the road to Berlin.
24./25..09.2025	1. Match Day Europa League 2024/2025 - the road to Istanbul

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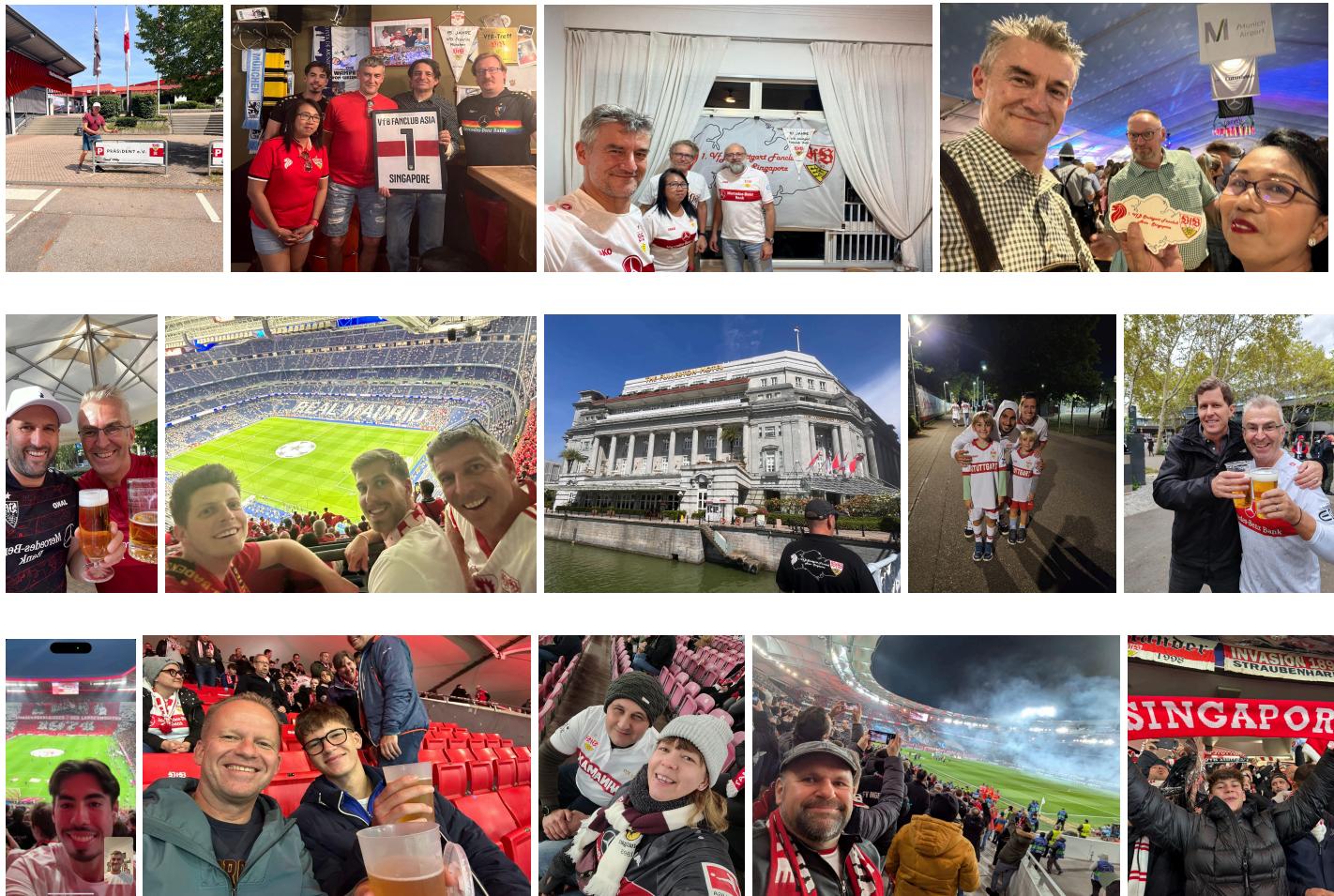
10 Years Joined Season 2014/2015

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5 Years Joined Season 2019/2020

147 Benedikt A. | 147 Jessica T. | 149 Roland H. | 150 Manuel M. | 151 Thilo W.

Highlights 2024/25





Pictures chosen randomly. For full coverage please refer to our [Jahresabschlussvideo](#), [Pokalfinalevideo](#) or Fanclub Facebook page.