

ANDRÉ HENNING



Head Coach of the German Men's National Field Hockey Team FIH Coach of the Year 2023

André Henning is head coach of the German men's national hockey team, with whom he will win the world championship in January 2023. André Henning not only ensured the long-awaited triumph, but also sparked a new hockey euphoria. André Henning is the first German coach to become World Coach of the Year in 2023.

Henning took over the German national team just eleven months before the World Cup as number five in the world and, together with his team, immediately ensured the first title win in over ten years. In just under a year, the German team developed into arguably the mentally strongest team in the world with Henning as coach.

André Henning (*1983) himself played in the 1st Bundesliga and for the German U18 national team before he had to end his career early due to a knee injury. Parallel to his law studies at the Ruhr University Bochum, he began his successful career as a hockey coach. After initially coaching the youth teams at Uhlenhorst Mülheim, he became the youngest head coach of a Bundesliga team in 2007 at the age of just 23. With Henning as coach, the German record champions Mülheim returned to the top of the national league and reached the final of the German championship for the first time in 2011. After two vice championships, the Mülheim team became German champions in 2014. André Henning also enjoyed great success in his subsequent coaching positions at Club an der Alster Hamburg and Rot-Weiss Köln. Henning finally took over the German national team in 2022.

André Henning's presentations are both instructive and captivating and he provides deep insights into his work and impressively demonstrates how to form, lead and motivate a team. André Henning's motto is "Every team is more intelligent than its leadership". He shows how he consistently breaks down traditional hierarchies and ways of thinking in sport and modernises leadership in teams and staff. He explains why his team sometimes has to buy its own mineral water for the game and why this makes a decisive contribution to World Cup success, as does the celebration of small successes and the agile handling of crises.