

Annual Report 2025 – Hamburg Hurricanes e.V.

The year 2025 was a special year for Hamburg Hurricanes e.V., in both sporting and social aspects. We were able to make important strides on the pitch and beyond, further strengthening our role as an international, socially engaged amateur club.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

A standout moment of the season was the cup match against Eintracht Norderstedt. Despite a difference of four tiers and 75 league places, we managed to lead 1–0 for over 20 minutes. Although the match ultimately ended 2–11, it became a true club highlight: about 250 spectators set a new attendance record, accompanied by media attention including coverage from Die ZEIT and Transfermarkt.de.



Picture 1: Record attendance at the cup match on 8th October 2025

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Our social engagement was recognized several times in 2025. We received both the German Neighbourhood Award and the Hamburg Airport Neighbourhood Prize. These accolades show that we have succeeded in gaining recognition for our club's social DNA at both the regional and country levels, despite linguistic and cultural barriers.



Picture 2: Award ceremony for the German Neighbourhood Award on 11th November 2025

PARTNERSHIPS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In 2025 we were able to deepen existing partnerships and establish new collaborations. With Procrewment we secured an important sponsor that sustainably supports our sporting and organizational development. Together with the organization Street Child we also launched a fundraising campaign to provide school supplies in Nigeria, which Procrewment promptly supported with a donation of €1,000. Thank you for that!

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MATCH OPERATIONS

The training and match operations of the first team and parts of the second team were moved in 2025 to the artificial turf pitches on Habichtstraße and Vogesenstraße. We would like to expressly thank the Hamburg-Nord district office for this change, with whom we continue to work constructively on long-term infrastructural solutions.

NETWORK, VOLUNTEERING AND ASSOCIATION WORK

With the election of our chairman Dean Haltmayer as the representative of small sports clubs in the ARGE Nord (future Sports Advisory Board Hamburg-Nord), we will be able to bring the perspectives of small and migrant-influenced clubs to the table more strongly and actively give back to the club landscape.

On 15th October we also took part in the club dialogue with the Hamburg Football Association (HFV). Topics such as club development, structural hurdles, language barriers and discrimination were openly discussed. We expressly thank the HFV for the constructive exchange and support.



Picture 3: HFV club dialogue on 15th October 2025

CLUB DEVELOPMENT AND PERSONNEL NEWS

We also made significant internal progress in 2025. Our website was completely redesigned and now more clearly reflects the club's values, structures, and offerings.

There were important developments in the coaching and refereeing area as well. Sholto West took over as head coach of the second team, and Mert Özer started supporting the Veterans team as assistant coach. Corentin Cleuziat successfully completed the coaching C-license and began formation for the B-license. In addition, we were able to recruit two new referees for the club: Abolfazl Abbaszadeh and Oscar Schnabel.



Picture 4: Oscar Schnabel's first match on 9th November 2025

OUTLOOK FOR 2026

Looking ahead to 2026, we are pursuing clear development goals. Plans include establishing the first English-speaking, international women's team in Hamburg as well as an open football program for refugees to enable low-threshold participation.

Starting next year, we will become an official hub club of the “Integration through Sport” program. This will be accompanied by the creation of a mini-job position for an integration officer who will coordinate and support targeted integration measures. Further club development will also be professionally supported by a club advisory service from the Hamburg Football Association.

At the internal strategy meeting for 2026, we also agreed on a shared focus on strengthening the club’s structure, expanding volunteer capacities, further membership growth, and increasing club-wide social and sporting offerings. Another priority is improving infrastructure—particularly reliable access to artificial turf pitches and the prospect of a long-term sporting home. On the sporting side, a shared footballing identity and uniform training and development standards should form the basis for sustainable progress.



Picture 5: Internal strategy meeting on 11th January 2026