



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

André Henning is the head coach of the German men's hockey team, with whom he won the World Championship in January 2023. André Henning has not only secured the long-awaited triumph, but has also created a new hockey euphoria. André Henning is the first German coach to be named World Coach of the Year in 2023.

Henning took over the German national team, ranked fifth in the world, just eleven months before the World Cup and led his team to their first World Cup victory in more than a decade. Within a year, Henning's German team had become arguably the mentally strongest in the world.

André Henning (*1983) himself played in the 1st Bundesliga and for the German U18 national team before a knee injury forced him to end his career prematurely. While studying law at the Ruhr University in Bochum, he began his successful career as a hockey coach. After coaching the youth teams at Uhlenhorst Mülheim, he became the youngest head coach of a Bundesliga team in 2007 at the age of 23. With Henning at the helm, record champions Mülheim returned to the top of the Bundesliga and reached the German championship final for the first time in 2011. After two runners-up finishes, Mülheim were crowned 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, providing deep insights into his work and an impressive demonstration of how to build, lead and motivate a team. André Henning's motto is "Every team is smarter than its leader". He shows how he consistently breaks down traditional hierarchies and mindsets in sport and modernises leadership in teams and people. He explains why his team sometimes has to buy their own mineral water for the game and why this is so important.