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# Benedikt Duda

AGE

31

EU RANKING

5

NATION

GERMAN

PLAYING STYLE

OFFENSIVE

PLAYING HAND

LEFT

CLUB

TTC SCHWALBE BERGNEUSTADT

DATE OF BIRTH	4 APRIL 1994
HEIGHT	188 CM
PLACE OF BIRTH	GUMMERSBACH, GERMANY
GRIP STYLE	SHAKEHAND
COACH	JULIAN PETERS / JÖRG ROSSKOPF
WORLD RANKING	12
CLUBS AS THE ACTIVE PLAYER(S)	TTC SCHWALBE BERGNEUSTADT

## MEDALS AND TITLES

### World Championships

- 2022 Chengdu Team, Silver medal – second place

### European Championships

- 2019 Nantes Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2021 Cluj-Napoca Team, Gold medal – first place
- 2023 Malmö Team, Silver medal – second place
- 2024 Linz Singles, Silver medal – second place

### World Junior Championships

- 2011 Bahrain Singles, Quarterfinalist – top-eight finish (no medal)

### European Youth Championships

- 2012 Schwechat Team, Bronze medal – third place

## PLAYING STYLE AND PERSONALITY

Benedikt Duda is a left-handed, shakehand attacker known for his reach, powerful topspin play, and sharp transitions into third-ball attacks. Standing tall at the table, he thrives in fast-paced rallies and uses his physical presence to control tempo and space. On court, he is mentally resilient and methodical – traits he has openly credited to ongoing mental training and a more focused tournament mindset. Off the table, Duda is respected for his professionalism and team presence, while remaining accessible to fans through social media and behind-the-scenes content.

## BREAKTHROUGH MOMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2025

### WTT Star Contender Final

- Reached the final of a WTT Star Contender event for the first time in his career, finishing runner-up after a high-quality seven-game battle against Hugo Calderano.

## Europe Smash Semifinal - Malmö

- Advanced to the semifinals at the prestigious Europe Smash in Sweden, delivering a strong performance that confirmed his place among Europe's elite.

## WTT Champions Campaigns

- Made a deep run at WTT Champions Macao, reaching the quarterfinals after consistent performances against top-tier opposition.

## World Ranking Breakthrough

- Climbed into the ITTF world top 10 for the first time in 2025, a career milestone that reflected his progress and consistency across major events.

2024

## European Championships Quarterfinal Thriller

- Overcame a 1-3 deficit to defeat Félix Lebrun 4-3 in the quarterfinals at the European Championships in Linz – a standout match that demonstrated his tactical adaptability and mental toughness. Went on to claim the silver medal.

2019

## European Games Team Gold

- Played a key role in Germany's team victory at the European Games, reinforcing his strength in team formats.

2012

## European Youth Championships Team Bronze

- Helped Germany secure bronze in the team event, an early sign of his competitiveness in high-pressure settings.

2011

## World Junior Championships Quarterfinal

- Reached the singles quarterfinals at the World Juniors, confirming his potential among the next generation of international talents.

## CAREER

Born into a table tennis family, with his father Heinz Duda serving as the sports manager of TTC Schwalbe Bergneustadt, Benedikt began playing table tennis in 2003. He has been a consistent figure in the Bundesliga, representing TTC Schwalbe Bergneustadt since his early years. Duda's career is decorated with multiple national and international titles, including two European Team Championships and nine German national titles—seven in doubles and two in singles. By 2024-2025, Duda established himself among the world's elite, reaching the final of a WTT Star Contender event and delivering strong performances at Champions and Europe Smash tournaments. He also remained a key singles player for Germany in major team events. The 2025 season marked a high point in his career, earning him a place inside the ITTF world top 10.

## LEGACY AND FUTURE GOALS

Benedikt Duda's international breakthrough came later than some of his peers, but by 2025 he had firmly established himself as one of Germany's top singles players. His deep runs at major WTT events and elevated world ranking reinforced his legacy as a key contributor to Germany's modern table tennis success.

Looking ahead, Duda aims to maintain the momentum from his standout 2025 season – targeting further podium finishes at WTT Star and Champions events, staying within the top tier of the world rankings, and playing a leading role for Germany in future European and World team competitions.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- Instagram: [@benediktduda](https://www.instagram.com/benediktduda)