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Multi-sport club in São Paulo, Brazil

This article is about the São Paulo club.

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(PR)Football club

The Esporte Clube Pinheiros, founded on 7 September 1899, by German immigrants, under the name Sport Club Germania (Sport Club Germany), is a multi-sports and social club located in the Brazilian metropolis São Paulo.

The full name of the club is Esporte Clube Pinheiros São Paulo

(E.C.P.S.P.).

The club's name is commonly abbreviated as E.C.Pinheiros, or E.C.P.

It has around 35,000 members, and its terrain comprises 170,000 m

178; in the well regarded quarter of Jardim Europa.

The club's assets are valued to be in excess of R\$ 350 million.

Historically, Germania is the fourth oldest football club of Brazi

l and was part of the first inter club match of the country.

Until 1915 the club had won twice the State Championship of São Paulo.

Already early tennis grew popular among the club members and the club s

ould become one of the co-founders of the Tennis association of São Pa

ulo.

Football was basically abandoned with the advent of the professionaliza

tion of the sport in the 1930s.

During the course of World War II the club abandoned references to

its German origin and in 1941 was renamed to Pinheiros.

In later years water polo was very popular.

In the 1970s João Carlos de Oliveira from Pinheiros held the world

record in the triple jump.

In more recent times the club has joined the national elite in basketba

ll and volleyball, in the former even winning international titles.

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Cesar Cielo won Olympic gold in swimming.

History [edit]

Logo of SC Germania ca.1909.

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lub match, and in 1902, in the first championship match of the country.

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Germania was twice the winner of the state championship of São

227;o Paulo, the Campeonato Paulista.

The eminent player of the early days of the club was Hermann Friese

considered the first football player personality of Brazil