



Biographical Profile Walter Hofbauer

Restaurateur, Sports Executive and Influential Figure in Austrian Kickboxing

Walter Hofbauer is a well-known personality in the Wels hospitality and sporting communities, with a career spanning gastronomy, professional sport, sports administration and voluntary engagement. His professional roots lie in traditional Austrian hospitality. After gaining his early experience at the Volksgartenwirt in Wels, he continued his career in Germany, working in established hospitality businesses in Tegernsee, Schliersee and Munich.

He later became widely known as the owner and host of the legendary **Altstadt Weinstube** in Wels. Under his leadership, the venue became a popular meeting place for wine, live music and social life. His personal passion for music – often performing on guitar himself – made him a distinctive and much-loved figure far beyond Wels.

A Life Dedicated to Sport

Alongside his career in hospitality, Walter Hofbauer developed a lifelong commitment to sport. At the age of 30, he completed his state-certified coaching qualification and studied sports science.

As a kickboxing coach, he achieved international recognition and helped develop numerous successful athletes.

Over the years, he coached **15 world, European and national champions**, while also contributing significantly to the development of kickboxing in Austria.

As a sports official, Hofbauer played an important role in the development of the Upper Austrian Kickboxing Federation, particularly in the areas of coach education and professional development. He also conducted numerous seminars in Austria and abroad and was subsequently appointed **Honorary President** of the association.

His commitment extended beyond elite sport.

As **ASKÖ District Sports Director for Wels**, he supported both grassroots and competitive sport, working with more than 50 clubs and around 60,000 members and contributing to championships, training schedules and sports infrastructure projects.

In recognition of his longstanding commitment to sport and voluntary service, Walter Hofbauer received the **Upper Austrian State Sports Award in Gold in 2025**.



A Shared Commitment to Giving Back

Walter Hofbauer stands for hospitality, determination, sporting excellence and community engagement. These values have shaped his career and continue to define his commitment to projects that bring people together and create positive change.

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