



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN
SEASON 2020/21

Media information

Welcome to the inaugural season of the EHF European League. The 28th season of European club competitions under the EHF umbrella will see a new era in 2020/21, as the new partnership with Infront and DAZN comes into effect. From the host broadcasters' point of view, there are some major developments compared to this competition's forerunner – the EHF Cup.

The EHF European League enters the arena and it comes with a new competition identity, which will not only have a visual look but also an acoustic dimension with a new logo and new anthem, which were launched before the start of the season. In its appearance, the new competition identity symbolises the energy, toughness and intensity of our sport.

The EHF European League Men will be played in a new system with only two qualification rounds preceding the group phase. 24 teams in four groups of six will reach the group phase, which will be played in a round-robin league format. The top four teams in each group will qualify for the knock-out rounds and the Last 16 and the following quarter-finals will determine the best four teams of the season, which will secure berths for the EHF European League Finals tournament.

In the women's competition, a group phase of 16 teams follows the qualification stage and the two best teams from each of the four groups will qualify for the quarter-finals. The season will also culminate in the EHF European League Finals tournament.

In addition, from the 2020/21 season, fans will have an 'appointment to view' each week, and with no overlap of men's and women's top competitions, TV partners will have better scheduling options. After the first qualification round, the EHF European League Men games will be played always on Tuesdays at 18:45 and 20:45 CET (CEST).

Meanwhile, the weekends are set-aside for top women's handball as EHF European League Women fixtures team up with the DELO EHF Champions League matches to pamper fans with the best action involving the best teams in women's club handball. The playing times are set for 16:00 and 18:00 CET (CEST) on Saturdays and 14:00 and 16:00 CET (CEST) on Sundays.

In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the upcoming season and the participating teams. Additional information can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

Media portal

All media representatives are invited to register for the EHF media portal on <http://members.ehf.eu>. The European Handball Federation's media portal is a one-stop-shop for media representatives offering all the EHF's media news such as press releases, event flash quotes directly after matches, press conference highlights, draw reactions and downloads of all relevant information including, but not limited to, media guides and event logos. Furthermore photographs that are free for editorial use will be available for download.

For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the EHF Media and Communications Department and we will be happy to help you with any information you may require.



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Important regulations

Scoring of the matches in the qualification rounds

If, after completion of the two matches, both clubs have won the same number of points (no extra time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) higher number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

Rules for execution of penalty throws

- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.
- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team

winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

- If the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- In the second round, a decision is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- Eligible players are players entered in the match report that have not been disqualified or suspended at the time of the final whistle.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing court.
- If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

[Find all the regulations here](#)

EHF European League 2020/21 Men



		Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 2	Group Phase	Last 16	Quarter-finals	Finals
		30 teams	24 teams	24 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams
NATION		29. - 30.08.2020 first leg	22.09.2020 first leg	<i>R1: 20.10.2020; R2: 27.10.2020</i> <i>R3: 17.11.2020; R4: 24.11.2020</i> <i>R5: 01.12.2020; R6: 08.12.2020</i> <i>R7: 09.02.2021; R8: 16.02.2021</i> <i>R9: 23.02.2021; R10: 02.03.2021</i>	23.03.2021 first leg	13.04.2021 first leg	22. - 23.05.2021 Tournament played in semi-finals and finals in one venue
DRAWN:		05. - 06.09.2020 second leg	29.09.2020 second leg		30.03.2021 second leg	20.04.2021 second leg	
DRAWN:		28.07.2020	08.09.2020	01.10.2020	<i>no draw</i>	<i>no draw</i>	22.04.2021
1	GER	15 Winners of Qualification Round 1	12 Winners of Qualification Round 2	SC Magdeburg	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	8 Winners of Last 16	4 Winners of Quarter-finals
2	FRA			USAM Nîmes Gard			
3	ESP			ABANCA Ademar León			
4	HUN			Grundfos Tatabánya KC			
5	POL			Rhein-Neckar Löwen			
6	SUI			Montpellier Handball			
7	SWE			Füchse Berlin			
8	ROU			Fenix Toulouse HB			
9	MKD			Sporting CP			
10	RUS			GOG			
11	TUR			BM Benidorm			
12	SVK			RK Nexe			
13	GER		Balatonfüredi KSE				
14	FRA		KS Azoty-Puławy SA				
15	GER		HC Metalurg				
16	FRA		MT Melsungen				
17	POR		SL Benfica				
18	DEN		TTH Holstebro				
19	ESP		Bidasoa Irun				
20	CRO		RK Dubrava				
21	HUN		RK Trimo Trebnje				
22	POL	PFADI Winterthur					
23	MKD	HK Malmö					
24	GER	AHC Potaissa Turda					
25	POR	SKA Minsk					
26	DEN	HC Butel Skopje					
27	ESP	ØIF Arendal					
28	CRO	HC Victor					
29	SLO	C. F. Os Belenenses					
30	SUI	Bjerringbro Silkeborg					
31	SWE	RK Spačva Vinkovci					
32	ROU	Valur					
33	BLR	Fivers					
34	MKD	Handball Esch					
35	NOR	PAUC Handball					
36	RUS	Skjern Handball					
37	POR	HRK Gorica					
38	DEN	HEDO-B. Gyöngyös					
39	CRO	HC Kriens-Luzern					
40	ISL	IFK Kristianstad					
41	AUT	Dobrogea S. Constanta					
42	LUX	Haslum Håndballklubb					
43	FRA	HC CSA					
44	DEN						
45	CRO						
46	HUN						
47	SUI						
48	SWE						
49	ROU						
50	NOR						
51	RUS						

New-look European League launches

[PREVIEW: The EHF European League Men begins on Friday as 22 teams battle to progress from qualification round 1](#)

European club handball is back, baby! 22 teams will christen the newly-formed EHF European League this weekend with 10 first leg encounters and one double-header.

There is nothing more fitting to launch a new competition than a good old double-header and that is what HEDO-B. Braun Gyöngyös and HC Butel Skopje will treat us to – throwing-off in their first leg on Friday at 19:00 CET. Both matches taking place in Hungary will be streamed on the new-look EHFTV.com.

Scandinavian derby

The opening game on Saturday is a Scandinavian derby as Sweden's HK Malmö make the short trip over to face Skjern Handbold.

Throw-off in Denmark is at 15:00 CET and is live on EHFTV.com.

A new and undoubtedly exciting era at SL Benfica begins on Saturday as Chema Rodríguez takes charge of his first European encounter as the club's head coach.

The visitors to Lisbon are traditional Austrian powerhouse Fivers from Vienna, who return to European competition after a lengthy absence. The match will be streamed live on EHFTV.com at 16:00 CET, sparking a busy Saturday evening of action with seven matches.

Sunday showdown

There is just one match to look forward to on Sunday, but goodness me is it worthy of its standalone spot. Bjerringbro-Silkeborg and MT Melsungen face off for the third time in 2020, having shared victories in last season's EHF Cup group phase.

An added twist in the tale is BSV's summer signing Johan Sjöstrand will face the team he just left and players he knows all too well.

The first leg of this highlight tie takes place at 18:30 CET and will also be available on EHFTV.com.

Live blog

A live blog for the EHF European League was launched at the summer's draw event and will continue throughout the campaign, run by Brian Campion and Chris O'Reilly, full of updates and analysis of the top matches as well as a rounded view of what the handball world is saying about the action.

Follow the blog on eurohandball.com this Friday at 17:30-21:30, Saturday 14:00-19:00 and Sunday 17:30-20:30 CET.

Round 2 schedule

MatchID: 202111020901-

001	ROU	AHC Potaisa Turda	002	CRO	HRK Gorica	
	29.08.2020 18:00	Turda		05.09.2020 17:00	Velka Gorica	
	Ref.: Doychinov, Goretsov BUL Del.: Din ROU			Ref.: Budzak, Zahradnik SVK Del.: Bojic-Cacic CRO		
003	ROU	HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta	004	RUS	HC Victor	
	29.08.2020 18:30	Constanta		06.09.2020 17:00	Rostov-Don	
	Ref.: Tzaferopoulos, Bethmann GRE Del.: Cirligeau ROU			Ref.: Erdogan, Özdeniz TUR Del.: Tarasikov RUS		
005	BLR	SKA Minsk	006	RUS	HC CSKA	
	29.08.2020 17:00	Minsk		06.09.2020 19:00	Moscow	
	Ref.: Nikolic, Stojkovic SRB Del.: Kot BLR			Ref.: Sirbu, Serdiuc MDA Del.: Poladenko RUS		
007	HUN	HEDO-B. Braun Gyöngyös	008	MKD	HC Butel Skopje	
	28.08.2020 19:00	Gyöngyös		29.08.2020 18:00	Gyöngyös	
	Ref.: Frieser, Haramul CZE Del.: Soós HUN			Ref.: Frieser, Haramul CZE Del.: Soós HUN		
009	MKD	HC Metalurg	010	CRO	RK Spacva Vinkovci	
	29.08.2020 19:00	Skopje		05.09.2020 19:30	Vinkovci	
	Ref.: Vitaku, Vitaku KOS Del.: Nikolovski MKD			Ref.: Manea, Iliescu ROU Del.: Sokol CRO		
011	DEN	TTH Holstebro	012	ISL	Valur	20 : 0
	25.08.2020 00:00			25.08.2020 00:00		10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
013	SWE	IFK Kristianstad	014	NOR	ØIF Arendal	20 : 0
	20.08.2020 00:00			20.08.2020 00:00		10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
015	DEN	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	016	GER	MT Melsungen	
	30.08.2020 18:30	Silkeborg		06.09.2020 16:00	Kassel	
	Ref.: Leszczynski, Piechota POL Del.: Jensen DEN			Ref.: Sondors, Licis LAT Del.: Böllhoff GER		
017	DEN	Skjern Handbold	018	SWE	HK Malmö	
	29.08.2020 15:00	Skjern		05.09.2020 15:00	Malmö	
	Ref.: Leszczynski, Piechota POL Del.: Kampman DEN			Ref.: Jerlecki, Labun POL Del.: Berndtsson SWE		
019	POL	KS Azoty-Pulawy SA	020	NOR	Haslum Handballklubb	20 : 0
	20.08.2020 00:00			20.08.2020 00:00		10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
021	POR	SL Benfica	022	AUT	Fivers	
	29.08.2020 15:00	Lisboa		05.09.2020 20:20	Wien	
	Ref.: Carmaux, Mursch FRA Del.: Jorge POR			Ref.: Capoccia, Jucker SUI Del.: Lang AUT		
023	SUI	Pfadi Winterthur	024	LUX	Handball Esch	
	06.09.2020 12:30	Kassel		18.08.2020 00:00		
	Ref.: Baumgart, Wild GER Del.: Böllhoff GER					
025	FRA	PAUC Handball	026	ESP	Bidasoa Irun	
	29.08.2020 18:00	Aix en Provence		06.09.2020 21:00	Irun	
				Ref.: Cacador, Nicolau POR Del.: Breto Leon ESP		
027	POR	Club de Futebol Os Belenenses	028	SLO	RK Trimo Trebnje	
	29.08.2020 18:00	Lisboa		05.09.2020 19:00	Trebnje	
	Ref.: Di Domenico, Fornasier ITA Del.: Marreiros POR			Ref.: Mandak, Rudinsky SVK Del.: Kalin SLO		
029	SUI	HC Kriens-Luzern	030	CRO	RK Dubrava	
	29.08.2020 18:00	Kriens		05.09.2020 19:30	Zagreb	
	Ref.: Bounouara, Sami FRA Del.: Nagel SUI			Ref.: Andorka, Hucker HUN Del.: Rudic CRO		

2019/20 Men's EHF Cup top scorers*

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1.	Hisham Sanad Mohamed (EGY)	USAM Nimes Gard (FRA)	49
2.	Bramming Magnus Grubb (DEN)	TTH Holstebro (DEN)	44
	Djordjic Petar (SRB)	SL Benfica (POR)	44
4.	Hansen Johan a Plogv (DEN)	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg (DEN)	43
5.	Verdinek Matic (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	38
6.	Meklenborg Johan (DEN)	TTH Holstebro (DEN)	36
7.	Mauer Patryk (POL)	KPR Gwardia Opole (POL)	35
8.	Schmid Andre (SUI)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)	34
9.	Rivera Folch Valero (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	33
10.	Kohlbacher Jannik (GER)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen (GER)	32
11.	Damgaard Nielsen Michael (DEN)	SC Magdeburg (GER)	31
12.	Alves Ponciano Thiago (BRA)	Liberbank Cuenca (ESP)	30
	Dutra Ferreira Leonardo (BRA)	Liberbank Cuenca (ESP)	30
	Suárez Diaz Natán Antonio (ESP)	Liberbank Cuenca (ESP)	30
15.	Lindberg Hans (DEN)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	29
	Markussen Nikolaj Rømer Berg (DEN)	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg (DEN)	29
17.	Kavcic Aleks (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	28
	Lazarov Kiril (MKD)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	28
	Marques Pedro (POR)	SL Benfica (POR)	28
	Nøddesbo Jesper (DEN)	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg (DEN)	28
	Prandi Elohim (FRA)	USAM Nimes Gard (FRA)	28
	Tobie Luc (FRA)	USAM Nimes Gard (FRA)	28

* the competition was suspended after Round 4 of the group phase due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Men's EHF Cup past winners



2020 title not awarded due to the Covid-19 pandemic

2019 THW Kiel (GER)



2018 Füchse Berlin (GER)



2017 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)



2016 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)



2015 Füchse Berlin (GER)



2014 Pick Szeged (HUN)



2013 Rhein Neckar Löwen (GER)



Previous Men's EHF Cup winners

2012 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
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 2010 TBV Lemgo (GER)
 2009 VfL Gummersbach (GER)
 2008 HSG Nordhorn (GER)
 2007 SC Magdeburg (GER)
 2006 TBV Lemgo (GER)
 2005 Tusem Essen (GER)
 2004 THW Kiel (GER)
 2003 FC Barcelona (ESP)
 2002 THW Kiel (GER)
 2001 Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
 2000 Metkovic Jumbo (CRO)
 1999 Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)
 1998 THW Kiel (GER)
 1997 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
 1996 BM Granollers (ESP)
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 1994 Aliza Avidesa (ESP)

Previous Men's Cup Winners' Cup winners

2012 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
 2011 VfL Gummersbach (GER)
 2010 VfL Gummersbach (GER)
 2009 Pevafersa Valladolid (ESP)
 2008 MKB Veszprem KC (HUN)
 2007 HSV Hamburg
 2006 Chekhovski Medvedi (RUS)
 2005 C. BM Ademar Leon (ESP)
 2004 Portland San Antonio (ESP)
 2003 A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
 2002 A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
 2001 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
 2000 Portland San Antonio (ESP)
 1999 Prosesa Ademar Leon (ESP)
 1998 Caja Cantabria Santander (ESP)
 1997 Elgorriaga Bidasoa (ESP)
 1996 TBV Lemgo (GER)
 1995 FC Barcelona (ESP)
 1994 FC Barcelona (ESP)



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