



MEDIA INFORMATION

**EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEN
SEASON 2021/22**

Media information

Welcome to the second season of the EHF European League. The 29th season of European club competitions under the EHF umbrella has witnessed a successful start of a new era in 2020/21, as the new partnership with Infront and DAZN came into effect.

The EHF European League Men will again be played 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 - EHF Finals Men.

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 - EHF Finals Women.

Fans will continue to 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.



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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 Men 2021/22 Seeding

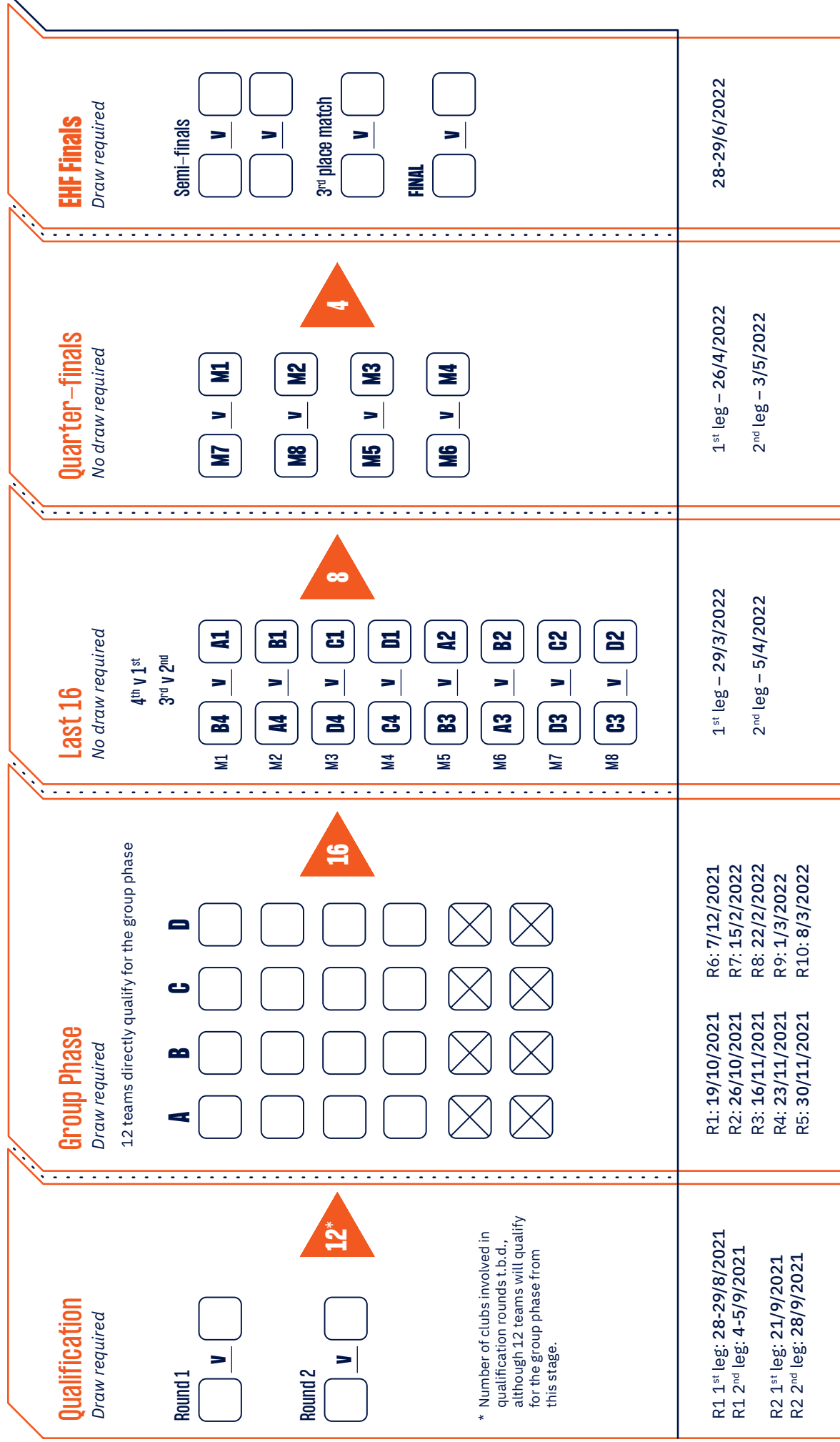


		Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 2	Group Phase	Last 16	Quarter-finals	Finals
		32 teams	24 teams	24 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams
NATION		28. - 29.08.2021 first leg	21.09.2021 first leg	R1: 19.10.2021; R2: 26.10.2021 R3: 16.11.2021; R4: 23.11.2021 R5: 30.11.2021; R6: 07.12.2021 R7: 15.02.2022; R8: 22.02.2022 R9: 01.03.2022; R10: 08.03.2022	29.03.2022 first leg	26.04.2022 first leg	28. - 29.05.2022 Tournament played in semi-finals and finals in one venue
DRAWNS:		04. - 05.09.2021 second leg	28.09.2021 second leg	30.09.2021	05.04.2022 second leg	03.05.2022 second leg	06.05.2022
1	GER			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						
3	ESP						
4	HUN						
5	SWE						
6	MKD						
7	SUI						
8	RUS						
9	SLO						
10	GRE						
11	SVK						
12	FIN						
13	GER		Füchse Berlin	12 Winners of Qualification Round 2	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	8 Winners of Last 16	4 Winners of Quarter-finals
14	FRA						
15	GER						
16	POR						
17	FRA						
18	DEN						
19	POL						
20	ESP						
21	HUN						
22	CRO						
23	MKD						
24	GER						
25	POR						
26	DEN						
27	POL						
28	ESP						
29	CRO						
30	SWE						
31	SUI						
32	ROU						
33	RUS						
34	SLO						
35	AUT						
36	NOR						
37	ISR						
38	SRB						
39	ISL						
40	TUR						
41	POR						
42	DEN						
43	POL						
44	CRO						
45	FRA						
46	DEN						
47	POL						
48	ESP						
49	HUN						
50	SWE						
51	SUI						
52	SLO						

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Playing system and dates



32 teams embark on European League journey

[PREVIEW: The EHF European League Men begins on Friday as 32 teams battle to progress from qualification round 1](#)

The 2021/22 European handball season gets off to a ferocious start this weekend with 15 matches in the EHF European League Men.

In qualification round 1, 32 teams are aiming to move a step closer to the group phase, with 11 of the 16 ties played on a home-and-away basis over the next two weekends, alongside five double-headers.

The action begins on Friday at 18:00 CEST with a matchup between two teams with eyes on a big season in the European League. Trimo Trebnje impressed many with their run to the group phase in 2020/21 but they will need to produce something special to emulate that achievement this season, as they face EHF Cup Finals 2019 participants TTH Holstebro.

The double-header between RK Porec and Valur Iceland has been rescheduled for Friday 3 September and Saturday 4 September after the Icelandic team had to stay in a self-isolation this weekend due to three Covid-19 positive cases.

Clash of the talent factories

Slovenia's Celje and Denmark's GOG have long been recognised as two of the most exciting hubs for talent development. Every year is an adventure with these teams as we watch for which player will be next to make the breakthrough, but the European adventure will come to an early end for one team.

Celje have dropped out of the EHF Champions League for the first time since 2011 and lost the Slovenian league for the first time since 2013, leaving them in search of some self-confidence in Europe.

Men's 19 EHF EURO 2021 MVP and top scorer Mitja Janc may have a chance to prove himself at the senior level against a GOG side full of self-confidence after an exciting run to the quarter-finals last season.

The Danish side have Tokyo 2020 MVP Mathias Gidsel in the squad and were bolstered by summer signings Jerry Tollbring and Torbjørn Bergerud, who add the experience which will make GOG slight favourites in this headline clash of round 1.

Double the fun

Rhein-Neckar Löwen's home EHF Finals in May ended in disappointment with a loss in the semi-finals. Their road to redemption will be a long one as they begin in round 1 with a double-header against Spor Toto SK, who make the trip from Turkey.

HC CSKA impressed many with their free-flowing attacking style in their debut European campaign last season and will be hoping for more of the same as they welcome Israel's Maccabi Rishon Lezion to Moscow.

Among the other double-headers, RK Porec and Valur Iceland face off on Friday and Saturday, Grupa Azoty Unia Tarnów and RK Nexse meet on 31 August and 1 September and HC Prolet 62 take on Fraikin BM. Granollers on 3 and 4 September.

Round 1 schedule

MatchID: 202211020901-

001	DEN	Bjerringbro-Silkeborg	002	SWE	Ystads IF
	28.08.2021 15:00	Silkeborg		04.09.2021 14:00	Ystad
	Ref.: Cernavskis, Bogdanovs LAT Del.: Abrahamson NOR			Ref.: Eliasson, Palsson ISL Del.: Halldorsson ISL	
003	SUI	HC Kriens-Luzern	004	POR	SL Benfica
	28.08.2021 18:00	Kriens		04.09.2021 15:30	Lisboa
	Ref.: Mazeika, Gatelis LTU Del.: Wille AUT			Ref.: Bounouara, Sami FRA Del.: Breto Leon ESP	
005	SLO	RK Celje Pivovarna Laško	006	DEN	GOG
	28.08.2021 18:00	Celje		04.09.2021 16:00	Gudme
	Ref.: Horváth, Marton HUN Del.: Rudic CRO			Ref.: Brkic, Jusufhodzic AUT Del.: Sigurdsson ISL	
007	POL	Grupa Azoty Unia Tarnów	008	CRO	RK Nexe
	31.08.2021 19:00	Nasice		01.09.2021 19:00	Nasice
	Ref.: Cipov, Klus SVK Del.: Jovic BIH			Ref.: Cipov, Klus SVK Del.: Jovic BIH	
Both matches in CRO					
009	SRB	Vojvodina	010	SUI	Kadetten Schaffhausen
	29.08.2021 17:30	Novi Sad		04.09.2021 19:30	Schaffhausen
	Ref.: Mitrevski, Todorovski MKD Del.: Vattay HUN			Ref.: Cacador, Nicolau POR Del.: Reisinger AUT	
011	HUN	Csurgói KK	012	ROU	HC Dobrogea Sud Constanta
	28.08.2021 15:00	Csurgo		05.09.2021 18:00	Constanta
	Ref.: Jorum, Kleven NOR Del.: Rudinsky SVK			Ref.: Pandzic, Mosorinski SRB Del.: Bashev BUL	
013	POL	Górnik Zabrze	014	NOR	ØIF Arendal
	29.08.2021 17:00	Zabrze		05.09.2021 17:00	Arendal
	Ref.: Andorka, Hucker HUN Del.: Rancik SVK			Ref.: Stark, Stefan ROU Del.: Böllhoff GER	
015	POR	Aguas Santas Milaneza	016	ESP	BM Logroño La Rioja
	28.08.2021 18:00	Águas Santas		04.09.2021 19:00	Logrono
	Ref.: Jerlecki, Labun POL Del.: Mamo MLT			Ref.: Carmaux, Mursch FRA Del.: Castillo GBR	
017	HUN	Balatonfüredi KSE	018	SWE	HK Malmö
	29.08.2021 16:30	Balatonfüred		05.09.2021 16:30	Malmö
	Ref.: Mandak, Rudinsky SVK Del.: Kaschütz AUT			Ref.: Leszczynski, Piechota POL Del.: Halldorsson ISL	
019	POL	KS Azoty-Pulawy SA	020	CRO	MRK Sesvete
	28.08.2021 17:00	Pulawy		04.09.2021 19:00	Sesvete
	Ref.: Sniurevicius, Grigalionis LTU Del.: Gecevicius LTU			Ref.: Jovic, Arnautovic BIH Del.: Novak CZE	
021	MKD	HC Prolet 62	022	ESP	Fraikin BM. Granollers
	03.09.2021 19:00	Granollers		04.09.2021 17:30	Granollers
	Ref.: Pirvu, Potirniche ROU Del.: Jorge POR			Ref.: Pirvu, Potirniche ROU Del.: Jorge POR	
Both matches in ESP					
023	ISR	Maccabi Rishon Lezion	024	RUS	HC CSKA
	28.08.2021 13:00	Moscow		29.08.2021 13:00	Moscow
	Ref.: Vesovic, Mitrovic MNE Del.: Vukašinovic SRB			Ref.: Vesovic, Mitrovic MNE Del.: Vukašinovic SRB	
Both matches in RUS					
025	GER	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	026	TUR	Spor Toto SK
	28.08.2021 18:00	Östringen		29.08.2021 15:00	Östringen
	Ref.: Di Domenico, Fornasier ITA Del.: Nagel SUI			Ref.: Di Domenico, Fornasier ITA Del.: Nagel SUI	
Both matches in GER					
027	SLO	RK Trimo Trebnje	028	DEN	TTH Holstebro
	27.08.2021 18:00	Trebnje		05.09.2021 18:00	Holstebro
	Ref.: Cindric, Gonzurek CRO Del.: Tosi Brandi ITA			Ref.: Baumgart, Wild GER Del.: Mäkinen SWE	
029	CRO	RK Porec	030	ISL	Valur Iceland
	03.09.2021 19:00	Porec		04.09.2021 18:00	Porec
	Ref.: Badura, Ondogrecula SVK Del.: Pozeznik SLO			Ref.: Badura, Ondogrecula SVK Del.: Pozeznik SLO	
Both matches in CRO					
031	AUT	ALPLA HC Hard	032	FRA	Fenix Toulouse Handball
	28.08.2021 19:00	Hard		04.09.2021 18:00	Toulouse
	Ref.: Merz, Kuttler GER Del.: Rätz SUI			Ref.: Alvarez Mata, Bustamante Lopez ESP Del.: Convents BEL	

2020/21 top scorers



96 goals

Emil Jakobsen
GOG

	Player	Club	Goals
1	Emil Jakobsen (DEN)	GOG	96
2	Ómar Ingi Magnussen (ISL)	SC Magdeburg	94
3	Jerry Tollbring (SWE)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	74
4	Alexander Kotov (RUS)	Chekhovskie medvedi	72
5	Halil Jaganjac (CRO)	RK Nexe	69
6	Gonzalo Perez (ESP)	Abanca Ademar Leon	68
	Hans Lindberg (DEN)	Füchse Berlin	68
	Zoltan Szita (HUN)	Orlen Wisla Plock	68
9	Sergei Mark Kosorotov (RUS)	Chekhovskie medvedi	65
	Michal Daszek (POL)	Orlen Wisla Plock	65
11	Adam Nyfjäll (SWE)	IFK Kristianstad	63
12	Hugo Descat (FRA)	Montpellier HB	62
	Patrick Groetzki (GER)	Rhein-Neckar Löwen	62
	Stipe Mandalinic (CRO)	HC Eurofarm Pelister	62
15	Mathias Gidsel (DEN)	GOG	60
	Simon Pytlick (DEN)	GOG	60
17	Lovro Mihic (CRO)	Orlen Wisla Plock	59
	Lasse Andersson (DEN)	Füchse Berlin	59
19	Lukas Mertens (GER)	SC Magdeburg	58

Second-tier past winners



2021 SC Magdeburg (GER)



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)
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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)
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