



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2022/23

FINAL: VOJVODINA VS NÆRBØ IL

MEDIA INFORMATION



Welcome to the final of the EHF European Cup Men 2022/23! It has been an exciting season across the continent and the final looks just as promising as a team from Northern Europe is set to duel for the trophy's defence with an opponent from Southeast Europe. After having clinched the 2022 trophy in their maiden European season, Norwegian side Nærbø IL are set to take on Vojvodina from Serbia in the two-leg final on 28 May and 3 June 2023, respectively.

A total of 77 teams were on the starting grid when the competition started in September 2022 with the first of six knockout rounds. Eight months later, only two teams are left with a chance to lift that coveted trophy. Will Vojvodina become the successors of last year's champions Nærbø, or will the Norwegian club extend their rule for one more year?

The following media information provides you with essential facts about the two teams striving to become the EHF European Cup Men 2022/23 champions. Additional information can be found on the ehfec.eurohandball.com website.

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[EC 2022/23 Regulations \(PDF\)](#)

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game. Variations on a technical level are possible.

All matches of the European Cup Men shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won. 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) penalty shots

Rules for execution of penalty shots

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty shots.
- Prior to the penalty shots, each team shall name five players by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one shot each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their shots.

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take shots and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which shots are taken. The team taking the first penalty shot 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 shots, 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 (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one shot each.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty shots shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- While the shots being taken, only the player taking the shot, 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 shot in the same round.

[Overview of all regulations](#)

VOJVODINA (SRB) vs NÆRBØ IL (NOR)



1st leg: Novi Sad (SRB), Sunday 28 May 2023, 20:00 CEST

Referees: Boris Mandák, Mário Rudinský (SVK)
EHF Delegate: Shlomo Cohen (ISR)

2nd leg: Stavanger (NOR), Sunday 3 June 2023, 13:15 CEST

Referees: Marion Kull, Alvar Tint (EST)
EHF Delegate: Marek Goralczyk (POL)
EHF Representative: Paco Blazquez (ESP)



Playing hall

Sportska hala Slana Bara
Sentandrejski put 106
21000 Novi Sad
Serbia
Capacity: 1,950

Past achievements

EHF European Cup:
Participations (1): 2022/23
EHF Champions League:
Group phase (1): 2015/16
EHF Cup:
Group phase (1): 2014/25

Serbian league (10): 2013-19, 2021-23)
Serbian cup (5): 2011, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2021)

Domestic league

Arkus Liga

Last 3 games:

24/05 Final #2: @ Partizan W20:28
21/05 Final #1: vs Partizan W32:28aet
16/05 SF #2: @ Pancevo W23:26

Final standings (regular season):

1. Vojvodina	26	882:624	48
2. Partizan	26	829:721	42
3. Metaloplastika	26	828:708	40
4. Pancevo	26	831:725	40
5. Dubocica	26	747:686	32
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14. Rudar Kostolac	26	671:837	4

FINAL PREVIEW

- Only two teams, Serbia's Vojvodina and defending champions Nærbø IL from Norway, still have a chance to win the EHF European Cup Men this season.
- Vojvodina reached their maiden European final following a 56:49 aggregate win against Sweden's Alingsås HK in the semi-final
- Nærbø, who beat CS Minaur Baia Mare in the final of the EHF European Cup Men last year, are defending their title
- the Norwegian side advanced to the second final in their second European season, beating fellow Norwegian side Runar Sandefjord Elite in a shootout in the previous round
- top scorers of both teams, Vojvodina's centre back Barys Pukhouski and Nærbø's right wing Theodor Svensgård, have an equal tally of 54 goals in the competition just on Wednesday, Vojvodina defeated Partizan in the second final match of the Serbian league, 28:20 and clinched their 10th league title. In turn, Nærbø were eliminated by Elverum in the semi-final of the Norwegian league
- Ten years ago, Barys Pukhouski won the third-tier European competition – which was then called the EHF Challenge Cup – with his home club SKA Minsk. And now the 36-year-old wants to repeat the feat with Vojvodina.
- Pukhouski joined the Serbian club last summer and quickly settled in, becoming one of the team's key players. In each of the semi-final matches against Alingsås, the Belarusian netted six times, and now Vojvodina's fans hope that his skill and experience will help the team to claim the title.



Playing hall

DNB Arena
Ishockeyveien 1
4021 Stavanger
Norway
Capacity: 5,077

Past achievements

EHF European Cup:
Participations (2): Winners 2021/22

Norwegian league: –

Norwegian cup: –

Domestic league

REMA 1000-ligaen

Last 3 games (best-of-5 semi-final):

14/05 SF #3: @ Elverum L30:26
10/05 SF #2: vs Elverum L22:23
06/05 SF #1: @ Elverum L31:25

Final standings (regular season):

1. Kolstad	22	741:558	42
2. Elverum	22	690:615	34
3. Runar	22	701:623	29
4. Drammen	22	695:616	27
5. Nærbø	22	650:614	24
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12. Haslum HK	22	597:720	2

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

Vojvodina (SRB) vs Nærbø IL (NOR)

No previous encounters

LEADING SCORERS IN EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2022/23

Vojvodina (SRB)

54 goals – Barys Pukhouski (BLR)
39 goals – Milan Milic (SRB)
36 goals – Milos Grozdanic (SRB)
29 goals – Luka Rogan (SRB)
26 goals – Gregor Ocvirk (SLO)

Nærbø IL (NOR)

54 goals – Theodor Svensgård (NOR)
50 goals – Tord Haugseng (NOR)
45 goals – John Thue (NOR)
34 goals – Lars Sigve Hamre (NOR)
28 goals – Ole Naerland (NOR)

LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CLUB COMPETITIONS



Vojvodina: current run – won one

22.04.2023	Novi Sad SRB	vs Alingsås HK SWE	W32:24
16.04.2023	Alingsås SWE	@ Alingsås HK SWE	L25:24
25.03.2023	Velenje SLO	@ RK Gorenje Velenje	W26:30
18.03.2023	Novi Sad SRB	vs RK Gorenje Velenje	W31:30
18.02.2023	Arendal NOR	@ ØIF Arendal NOR	L37:33
11.02.2023	Novi Sad SRB	vs ØIF Arendal NOR	W42:29
-		vs Förthof UHK Krems - not played, points allocated	W10:0
03.12.2022	Krems AUT	@ Förthof UHK Krems	W27:29
05.11.2022	Novi Sad SRB	vs SSV Brixen ITA	W27:44
29.10.2022	Brixen ITA	@ SSV Brixen ITA	W23:31



Nærbø IL: current run – unbeaten in two

23.04.2023	Nærbø NOR	vs Runar Sandefjord Elite NOR	D36:36*
16.04.2023	Sandefjord NOR	@ Runar Sandefjord Elite NOR	W27:29
26.03.2023	Nærbø NOR	vs MRK Sesvete CRO	L29:30
19.03.2023	Sesvete CRO	@ MRK Sesvete CRO	W20:26
19.02.2023	Nærbø NOR	vs MSK Povazska Bystrica SVK	W35:24
11.02.2022	MSK Povazska Bystrica SVK	@ MSK Povazska Bystrica SVK	W34:35
10.12.2022	Nærbø NOR	vs BK-46 FIN	W35:27
03.12.2022	Karis FIN	@ BK-46 FIN	L28:26
05.11.2022	Slovenj Gradec SLO	@ RK Slovenj Gradec SLO	W27:29
28.10.2022	Nærbø NOR	vs RK Slovenj Gradec SLO	W29:28

* after penalty shoot-out

VOJVODINA (SRB)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First Name	Last Name	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of birth	Height	Matches	Shots	Goals
1	Fran	Lucin	CRO	Goalkeeper	16/11/2000	Rijeka, CRO	190	8	2	2
3	Marko	Vasic	HUN	Right Wing	19/07/1989	Novi Sad, SRB	182	3	9	8
5	Srdjan	Milic	SRB	Centre Back	25/07/1999	Novi Sad, SRB	185	1	3	2
6	Milan	Milic	SRB	Right Back	14/05/1998	Aleksandrovac, SRB	198	8	61	38
9	Gregor	Ocvirk	SLO	Left Back	05/12/1998	Celje, SLO	188	8	39	21
10	Miljan	Vukovljak	SRB	Left Back	18/04/1990	Beograd, SRB	196	6	0	0
13	Aidi Mohamed	Aziz	TUN	Left Back	13/06/1998	Tunisia, TUN	197	4	24	16
16	Marko	Drasko	SRB	Goalkeeper	21/03/2004	Novi Sad, SRB	187	1	0	0
17	Darko	Milenkovic	SRB	Right Wing	04/12/1993	Vranje, SRB	190	6	28	17
19	Miljan	Pušica	SRB	Left Back	30/06/1991	Prijepolje, SCG	202	7	7	5
21	Luka	Arsenic	SRB	Goalkeeper	27/11/1993	Zrenjanin, SRB	185	5	0	0
24	Bojan	Radjenovic	SRB	Left Wing	04/09/1994	Novi Sad, SRB	193	5	9	7
25	Zivan	Pesic	SRB	Line Player	07/07/1993	Novi Sad, SRB	197	8	29	19
29	Branko	Tomic	SRB	Centre Back	09/06/1999	Zrenjanin, SRB	180	5	11	8
31	Aleksandar	Kurtes	SRB	Line Player	23/08/1994	Vrbas, SRB	188	7	2	0
33	Luka	Rogan	SRB	Line Player	04/07/2003	Novi Sad, SRB	194	8	32	24
47	Marin	Buneta	CRO	Right Back	09/07/1995	Rijeka, CRO	189	2	5	1
69	Milos	Grozdanic	SRB	Left Wing	18/02/1995	Vrbas, SRB	187	8	53	38
87	Barys	Pukhouski	BLR	Left Back	03/01/1987	Malarita, BLR	187	8	69	47

Coach: Boris Rojevic (SRB)



Players' kit

Light:
- player shirt: red-white
- player short: red
- goalkeeper shirt: black

Dark:
- player shirt: blue
- player short: blue
- goalkeeper shirt: green

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NÆRBØ IF (NOR)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First Name	Last Name	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Place of birth	Height	Matches	Shots	Goals
1	Halvor Elias	Nærland	NOR	Goalkeeper	14/02/1998	Nærbo	181	10	1	0
2	Ole	Nærland	NOR	Line Player	04/06/1998	Nærbo	192	10	40	29
6	Jonas	Mælen	NOR	Left Back	22/04/2002		197	4	7	5
7	Gustav	Halvorsen	NOR	Left Wing	11/07/1999	Bodø	184	1	0	0
8	Andreas Horst	Haugsgeng	NOR	Centre Back	18/08/1998	Stavanger, NOR	193	8	39	20
9	Rassin	Haugsgeng	NOR	Back	21/02/1998	Nærbo	191	10	17	12
10	Tord	Haugsgeng	NOR	Back	30/09/1999	Nærbo	191	9	83	47
11	Theodor	Svensgård	NOR	Right Wing	01/11/1998		179	10	79	54
12	Joachim Søholm	Christensen	DEN	Goalkeeper	06/07/1986		198	10	0	0
14	Lars Eirik	Larsen	NOR	Line Player	17/03/2004	Nærbo	188	6	13	11
22	Kasper	Lothe	NOR	Centre Back	22/12/1998		184	10	40	23
30	John	Thue	NOR	Left Wing	24/03/1998	Nærbo	192	10	67	46
34	Gustav Karl Håkan	Bergendahl	SWE	Line Player	24/02/1998		197	10	16	14
35	Marius	Olseth	NOR	Left Wing	29/06/2004	Nærbo	190	3	3	2
36	Jesper	Edland	NOR	Back	07/09/2004	Nærbo	187	1	1	0
37	Lars Thomas	Line	NOR	Right Wing	06/07/2004	Nærbo	179	6	5	3
67	Lars Sigve	Hamre	NOR	Right Back	22/04/1997	Sandnes	190	10	60	32
88	Torger	Edland	NOR	Back	17/02/2004	Nærbo	190	7	17	10

Coach: Rune Haugsgeng (NOR)



Players' kit

Light:

- player shirt: light green
- player short: light green
- goalkeeper shirt: black, white, red

Dark:

- player shirt: true blue
- player short: true blue
- goalkeeper shirt: black, white, red

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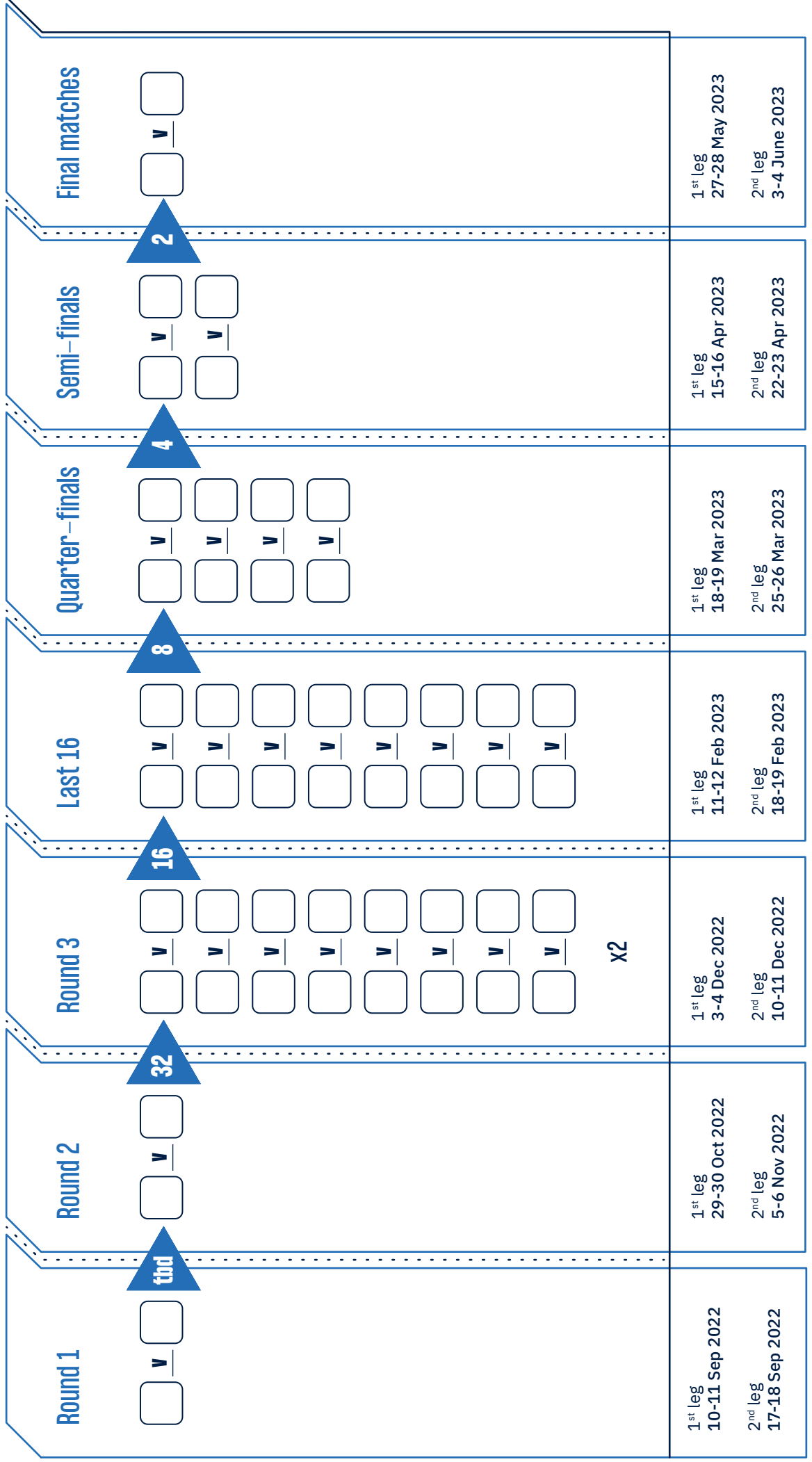
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EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN

2022/23 SEASON

Playing system and dates



EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2022/23



		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Last 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final matches
		26 teams	64 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	2 teams
NATION		10.- 11.09.2022 first leg	29.- 30.10.2022 first leg	03.- 04.12.2022 first leg	11.- 12.02.2023 first leg	18.- 19.03.2023 first leg	15.- 16.04.2023 first leg	27.- 28.05.2023 first leg
		17.- 18.09.2022 second leg	05.- 06.11.2022 second leg	10.- 11.12.2022 second leg	18.- 19.02.2023 second leg	25.- 26.03.2023 second leg	22.- 23.04.2023 second leg	03.- 04.06.2023 second leg
DRAWS:		19.07.2022	20.09.2022	08.11.2022	13.12.2022	21.02.2023	21.02.2023	25.04.2023
1	Def. Champ.		Nærbo IL / NOR	32 Winners of Qualification Round 2	16 Winners of Qualification Round 3	8 Winners of Last 16	4 Winners of Quarter-finals	2 Winners of Semi-finals
2	CRO		MRK Sesvete					
3	GRE		Olympiacos S.F.P					
4	SWE		Alingsås HK					
5	NOR		OIF Arendal					
6	CZE		HC B Karvina					
7	SLO		RK Gorenje Velenje					
8	ISL		KA					
9	CYP		Sabbianco A. Famagusta					
10	LUX		Handball Esch					
11	SUI		Pfadi Winterthur					
12	TUR		Besiktas Yurtbay Seramik					
13	EST		Põlva Serviti					
14	SVK		MSK Povazska Bystrica					
15	ISR		Hapoel Ashdod HC					
16	AUT		Förthof UHK Krems					
17	UKR		Donbas Donetsk region					
18	BIH		RK Borac m:tel					
19	LAT		ZRHK TENAX Dobeles					
20	LTU		Vilnius VHC Sviesa					
21	KOS		KH Besa Famgas					
22	SRB		HC Vojvodina					
23	FIN		BK-46					
24	ITA		Accademia Conversano 2014					
25	NED		KRAS/Volendam					
26	FAR		H71					
27	BUL		Lokomotiv Gorna Oryahovitsa					
28	AZE		HC Baki					
29	BEL		HC Vise BM					
30	MNE		RK Lovcen-Cetinje					
31	CRO		HRK Gorica					
32	GRE		AEK Athens HC					
33	NOR		Runar Sandefjord Elite					
34	CZE		Talent tým Plzenskeho kraje					
35	SLO		RD Riko Ribnica					
36	ISL		Haukar					
37	CYP		Parnassos Strovolou					
38	LUX		HB Red Boys Differdingen					
39	SUI		Wacker Thun					
40	TUR		Beykoz BLD SK					
41	EST		Viljandi HC					
42	ISR		AS SGS Ramhat Hashron					
43	AUT		Bregenz Handball					
44	BIH		RK Sloboda					
45	LTU		HC Granitas-Karys Kaunas					
46	KOS		KH Rahoveci					
47	SRB		RK Partizan					
48	FIN		IFK Handball Helsinki					
49	ITA		Junior Fasano					
50	NED		KEMBIT-Lions					
51	GRE		A.C. PAOK					
52	CZE	HC Robe Zubri	13 Winners of Qualification Round 1					
53	ISL	IBV Vestmannaeyjar						
54	CYP	Apoel HC						
55	LUX	HC Berchem						
56	TUR	Spor Toto SK						
57	EST	HC Tallinn						
58	ISR	Maccabi Rishon-Le-Zion						
59	AUT	HC Fivers						
60	BIH	RK Izvidac						
61	LTU	HC Dragunas Klaipeda						
62	KOS	KH Kastrioti						
63	SRB	SPD Radnicki Kragujevac						
64	ITA	Raimond Sassari						
65	NED	Drenth Groep Hurry-up						
66	GRE	A.E.S.H Pylea						
67	CZE	TJ Sokol Nove Veseli						
68	LUX	HB Dudelange						
69	TUR	Izmir BSB SK						
70	ISR	Holon HC						
71	SRB	HC Dinamo Pancevo						
72	GRE	A.C. Diomidis Argous						
73	CZE	HC Dukla Praha						
74	SLO	RK Slovenj Gradec						
75	AUT	HC Linz AG						
76	BIH	RK Gracanica						
77	ITA	SSV Brixen						

TOP SCORERS EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2022/23



68 goals

Christoffer Rambo

Runar Sandefjord Elite

	Player	Club	Matches	Shots	Goals
1	Christoffer Rambo (NOR)	Runar Sandefjord Elite (NOR)	10	113	68
2	Mathias Pedersen (DEN)	Alingsås HK (SWE)	10	83	59
3	Theodor Svensgård (NOR)	Nærbø IL (NOR)	10	79	54
4	Robin Gerhardesen Wulvik (NOR)	Runar Sandefjord Elite (NOR)	10	74	52
	Rasmus Torbjörnsson (SWE)	Alingsås HK (SWE)	10	67	52
6	David Sustek (CZE)	HC Dukla Praha (CZE)	9	76	49
7	Tord Haugseng (NOR)	Nærbø IL (NOR)	9	83	47
	Tilen Sokolic (SLO)	RK Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	8	62	47
	Barys Pukhouski (BLR)	Vojvodina (SRB)	8	69	47
10	John Thue (NOR)	Nærbø IL (NOR)	10	67	46
11	Ivan Dumencic (CRO)	MRK Sesvete (CRO)	8	66	43
	Albin Järtstam (SWE)	Sidea Group Junior Fasano (ITA)	5	62	43
	Marko Perovic (SRB)	HC Dinamo Pancevo (SRB)	8	50	43
14	Max Dannmeyer (GER)	Wacker Thun (SUI)	6	61	42
15	Nico Rönnerberg (FIN)	BK-46 (FIN)	4	63	41
	Jesper Filén (SWE)	Alingsås HK (SWE)	9	53	41
17	Patrik Hršak (CRO)	MRK Sesvete (CRO)	8	64	40
18	Danilo Radovic (SRB)	HC Dinamo Pancevo (SRB)	8	79	39
19	Runar Karason (ISL)	IBV Vestmannaeyjar (ISL)	6	49	38
	Ivan Mosaic (SRB)	AS SGS Ramhat Hashron (ISR)	5	53	38
	Dragos Hantaru (ROU)	ØIF Arendal (NOR)	6	47	38
	Milan Milic (SRB)	Vojvodina (SRB)	8	61	38
	Milos Grozdanic (SRB)	Vojvodina (SRB)	8	53	38
	Martin Briatka (SVK)	MSK Povazska Bystrica (SVK)	6	52	38

PAST CHAMPIONS EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN

formerly known as City Cup (1994–2000) and Challenge Cup (2001–20)

2022 Nærbø IL - NOR
2021 AEK Athens HC – GRE
2020 no title (season suspended due to Covid-19)
2019 CSM Bucuresti – ROU
2018 AHC Potaissa Turda – ROU
2017 Sporting CP – POR
2016 ABC/UMinho – POR
2015 HC Odorheiu Secuiesc – ROU
2014 Sävehof IK – SWE
2013 SKA Minsk – BLR
2012 AC Diomidis Argous – GRE
2011 RK Cimos Koper – SLO
2010 Sporting Clube de Portugal – POR
2009 UCM Sport Resita – ROU
2008 UCM Sport Resita – ROU
2007 CS UCM Resita – ROU
2006 Steaua Bucuresti – ROU
2005 Wacker Thun – SUI
2004 IFK Skövde HK – SWE
2003 Skjern Handball – DEN
2002 Skjern Handball – DEN
2001 RK Jugovic Kav – YUG
2000 TV Grosswallstadt – GER
1999 SG Flensburg-Handewitt – GER
1998 TuS Nettelstadt – GER
1997 TuS Nettelstadt – GER
1996 Drammen HK – NOR
1995 TV Niederwürzbach – GER
1994 TUSEM Essen – GER



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