



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN LEAGUE WOMEN 2020/21

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Welcome to the inaugural season of the EHF European League. The 28th season of European club competitions under the EHF umbrella sees 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.

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.

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 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. 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.

Meanwhile, the EHF European League Men games will be played always on Tuesdays at 18:45 and 20:45 CET (CEST).

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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2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



<div>Qualification</div> <div>Draw required</div>	<div>Round 2</div> <div><div><div></div><div>V</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div></div></div> <div>Round 3</div> <div><div><div></div><div>V</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div></div></div> <div>12*</div>	<div>Group Phase</div> <div>Draw required</div> <div>4 teams directly qualify for the Group Phase</div> <div><div><div>A</div><div>B</div><div>C</div><div>D</div></div><div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div><div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div></div></div><div>8</div></div>	<div>Quarter-finals</div> <div>No draw required</div> <div>2nd V 1st</div> <div><div><div><div>B2</div><div>V</div><div>A1</div></div><div><div>A2</div><div>V</div><div>B1</div></div><div><div>D2</div><div>V</div><div>C1</div></div><div><div>C2</div><div>V</div><div>D1</div></div></div><div>4</div></div>	<div>EHF FINALS</div> <div>Draw required</div> <div>Semi-finals</div> <div><div><div></div><div>V</div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div>V</div><div></div></div></div> <div>3rd place match</div> <div><div><div></div><div>V</div><div></div></div></div> <div>FINAL</div> <div><div><div></div><div>V</div><div></div></div></div> <div>08.- 09.05.2021</div>
<div>* Round 1 was not required in 2020/21</div> <div>R2 1st leg – 10.- 11.10.2020</div> <div>R2 2nd leg – 17.- 18.10.2020</div> <div>R3 1st leg – 14.- 15.11.2020</div> <div>R3 2nd leg – 21.- 22.11.2020</div>	<div>R1 – 09.- 10.01.2021</div> <div>R2 – 16.- 17.01.2021</div> <div>R3 – 23.- 24.01.2021</div> <div>R4 – 06.- 07.02.2021</div> <div>R5 – 13.- 14.02.2021</div> <div>R6 – 20.- 21.02.2021</div>	<div>1st leg – 27.- 28.03.2021</div> <div>2nd leg – 03.- 04.04.2021</div>		



		QR 1	Qualification Round 2	Qualification Round 3	Group Phase	Quarter-finals	Finals	
			12 teams	24 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	
			10. - 11.10.2020 first leg	14. - 15.11.2020 first leg	Round 1: 09. - 10.01.2021 Round 2: 16. - 17.01.2021 Round 3: 23. - 24.01.2021 Round 4: 06. - 07.02.2021 Round 5: 13. - 14.02.2021 Round 6: 20. - 21.02.2021	27. - 28.03.2021 first leg	08. - 09.05.2021 Tournament played in semi-finals and finals in one venue	
	NATION		17. - 18.10.2020 second leg	21. - 22.11.2020 second leg		03. - 04.04.2021 second leg		
DRAWS:			28.07.2020	20.10.2020	26.11.2020	no draw	06.04.2021	
1	DEN	no matches		Vaci NKSE Astrakhanochka Viborg HK DVSC Schaeffler SCM Gloria Buzau HC Zvezda Storhamar Håndball Elite TUSSIES Metzingen Fleury Loiret Handball Nykøbing Falster HB Byåsen Håndball Elite HSG Blomberg-Lippe Nantes Atlantique HB DHK Banik Most Super Amara Bera Bera H 65 Höörs HK MKS Perla Lublin Kastamonu Bel. GSK	Herning-Ikast Håndbold Siofok KC CS Minaur Baia Mare Handball Club Lada	12 Winners of Qualification Round 3	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	4 Winners of Quarter-finals
2	HUN							
3	ROU							
4	RUS							
5	HUN							
6	RUS							
7	DEN							
8	HUN							
9	ROU							
10	RUS							
11	NOR							
12	GER							
13	FRA							
14	DEN							
15	NOR							
16	GER							
17	FRA							
18	CZE							
19	ESP							
20	SWE							
21	POL							
22	TUR							
23	AUT	6 Winners of Qualification Round 2	Hypo Niederösterreich Tertnes Bergen LUGI Handboll LC Brühl Handball WAT Atzgersdorf IUVENTA Michalovce Alba Fehérvár KC HC Dunarea Braila Kuban Molde HK Elite Thüringer HC Paris 92					
24	NOR							
25	SWE							
26	SUI							
27	AUT							
28	SVK							
29	HUN							
30	ROU							
31	RUS							
32	NOR							
33	GER							
34	FRA							

BIG-NAME CLUBS TO THROW OFF NEW EUROPEAN LEAGUE

The inaugural season of the European League Women is about to start. The new second-tier continental club competition throws off with four matches in qualification round 2 this weekend, with three of them streamed live on EHFTV.

The playing schedule includes clubs with extensive EHF Champions League experience, like Thüringer HC and four-time champions Hypo Niederösterreich.

Two first-leg games take place in Austria and Norway, and a double-header between H.C. Dunareia Braila and Tertnes Bergen will be contested in Romania.

- **on Saturday, THC visit WAT Atzgersdorf in Austria and Hypo travel to Molde HK Elite in Norway, with both second legs to be played next weekend**
- **another double-header is also scheduled for next weekend, between Paris 92 and IUVENTA Michalovce**
- **the four round 2 winners join 20 other teams in qualification round 3, to be played on 14/15 and 21/22 November**
- **the 12 round 3 winners will qualify for the group phase, which already includes directly seeded teams Herning-Ikast Handbold, Handball Club Lada, CS Minaur Baia Mare, and Siófok KC**

THC face Austrian neighbours

A regular in the EHF Champions League in recent years, THC played in the EHF Cup last season.

Also in 2020/21, the German side will feature in Europe's second-tier competition, starting their adventure against 2019 Austrian champions Atzgersdorf on Saturday.

The match, streamed live on EHFTV from 18:00 CEST, promises to be a special occasion for THC head coach Herbert Müller, who also leads the Austrian national women's team.

Another Austrian team also throws off its European campaign on Saturday, as Hypo play the first leg of their tie against Molde in Norway.

Meanwhile, Molde's domestic rivals Bergen have agreed to play both legs against Braila in Romania this weekend. Both matches on Saturday (throw-off at 14:00 CEST) and Sunday (12:00 CEST) will be streamed live on EHFTV.

Information on other round 2 ties

Initially six ties were drawn for qualification round 2, but two of them can't be carried out following the withdrawal of teams due to the Covid-19 situation.

Therefore, Russia's Kuban and Hungary's Alba Fehérvár are proceeding to round 3.

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

- 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 throws.
- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw 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 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 (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- 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](#)

Round 2 schedule

FEDERATION

MatchID: 202112020902-

001	ROU	H.C. Dunarea Braila	002	NOR	Tertnes Bergen	
	10.10.2020 15:00	Braila		11.10.2020 13:00	Braila	
	Ref.: Antic, Jakovljevic SRB	Del.: Vizitiu MDA		Ref.: Antic, Jakovljevic SRB	Del.: Vizitiu MDA	
Both matches in ROU						
003	NOR	Molde HK Elite	004	AUT	Hypo Niederösterreich	
	10.10.2020 16:00	Molde		17.10.2020 18:05	Maria Enzersdorf	
	Del.: Hogsnes NOR			Del.: Kaschütz AUT		
005	FRA	Paris 92	006	SVK	IUVENTA Michalovce	
	17.10.2020 20:00	Issy-Les-Moulineaux		18.10.2020 19:00	Issy-Les-Moulineaux	
	Ref.: Rosendo, Rodriguez Estevez ESP	Del.: Dubedout FRA		Ref.: Rosendo, Rodriguez Estevez ESP	Del.: Dubedout FRA	
Both matches in FRA						
007	AUT	WAT Atzgersdorf	008	GER	Thüringer HC	
	10.10.2020 18:00	Wien		18.10.2020 14:00	Nordhausen	
	Ref.: Charitsos, Naskos GRE	Del.: Rudinsky SVK		Ref.: Martens, Schols BEL	Del.: Nesser LUX	
009	SWE	Lugi Handboll	010	RUS	Kuban	0 : 20
	28.09.2020 00:00			28.09.2020 00:00		0:10 (0:0)
						0:10 (0:0)
011	SUI	LC Brühl Handball	012	HUN	Alba Fehérvár KC	
	17.10.2020 16:00	Szekesfehervar		18.10.2020 14:00	Szekesfehervar	
	Ref.: Fukala, Mohyla CZE	Del.: Tordai HUN		Ref.: Fukala, Mohyla CZE	Del.: Tordai HUN	
Both matches in HUN						

2019/20 WOMEN'S EHF CUP TOP SCORERS*

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1.	Mikhaylichenko Elena (RUS)	Handball Club Lada (RUS)	75
2.	Fauske Helene Gigstad (NOR)	Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)	71
3.	Iskit Asli (TUR)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	68
4.	Kobetic Andrea (CRO)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	53
5.	Hovden Emilie Margrethe (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)	51
6.	Scheffknecht Beate (AUT)	Thüringer HC (GER)	49
7.	Jezic Katarina (CRO)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	46
	Milosavljevic Dejana (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	46
9.	Bakkerud Ingvild Kristiansen (NOR)	Odense Håndbold (DEN)	45
	Tsakalou Lamprini (GRE)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	45
11.	Bidstrup Mia Rej (DEN)	Kobenhavn Handball (DEN)	43
	Bölk Emily (GER)	Thüringer HC (GER)	43
	Kovács Anna (HUN)	DVSC Schaeffler (HUN)	43
14.	Do Nascimento Alexandra (BRA)	ÉRD (HUN)	42
15.	Aoustin Camille (FRA)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	41
	Fomina Olga (RUS)	Handball Club Lada (RUS)	41
	Stanko Tjaša (SLO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	41
18.	Shamanouskaya Viktoryia (BLR)	Handball Club Lada (RUS)	40
	Skogrand Stine Ruscetta (NOR)	Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)	40
20.	Jerabkova Marketa (CZE)	ÉRD (HUN)	39
	Moldovan Ada Emilia (ROU)	Magura Cisnădie (ROU)	39
	Özel Yeliz (TUR)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	39

* the competition was suspended after quarter-finals due to the Covid-19 pandemic

WOMEN'S EHF CUP PAST WINNERS

2020 no title awarded due to Covid-19
2019 Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)
2018 SCM Craiova (ROU)
2017 Rostov-Don (RUS)

Previous Women's EHF Cup winners

2016 Dunaujvárosi KKA HUN
2015 Team Tvis Holstebro DEN
2014 HC Lada Togliatti RUS
2013 Team Tvis Holstebro DEN
2012 HC Lada Togliatti RUS
2011 FC Midtjylland Handball DEN
2010 Randers HK A/S DEN
2009 Itxako Navarra ESP
2008 Dinamo Volgograd RUS
2007 Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS
2006 FTC Budapest HUN
2005 Cornexi Alcoa HUN
2004 Viborg HK DEN
2003 Slagelse FH DEN
2002 Ikast Bording EH DEN
2001 MKS Montex Lublin POL
2000 El Ferrobús Mislata ESP
1999 Viborg HK DEN
1998 Dunaferre SE HUN
1997 Robit Olimpija Ljubljana SLO
1996 Debreceni VSC HUN
1995 Debreceni VSC HUN
1994 Viborg HK DEN

Previous Women's Cup Winners' Cup winners

2016 Team Tvis Holstebro DEN
2015 FC Midtjylland DEN
2014 Viborg HK DEN
2013 HYPO Niederösterreich AUT
2012 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungária HUN
2011 FTC-Rail Cargo Hungária HUN
2010 Budućnost T-Mobile MNE
2009 FCK Handbold A/S DEN
2008 Larvik HK NOR
2007 CS Oltchim Vâlcea ROU
2006 ZRK Budućnost MONET SCG
2005 Larvik HK NOR
2004 Ikast Bording EH DEN
2003 ESBF Besançon FRA
2002 HC Lada Togliatti RUS
2001 Motor Zaporozhye UKR
2000 L'Elia Valencia ESP
1999 Baekkelaget Oslo NOR
1998 Baekkelaget Oslo NOR
1997 IstochNIK Rostov RUS
1996 Giessen Lützellinden GER
1995 Dunaferre SE HUN
1994 Tus Walle Bremen GER




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