



Women's EHF EURO 2016

4 to 18 December 2016 in Sweden



Vienna, 11 March 2015

Procedure for the draw of the Qualification Groups Phase 1

Date: 23/24 March 2015
Venue: EHF Office, Vienna, Austria

We would like to provide you with the most important facts as follows:

Total entries: 33 teams (incl. organiser SWE)
Teams at final tournament in SWE: 16 teams
Places available at final tournament: 15 teams
Qualified for final tournament: SWE (organiser)

Apart from the organiser Sweden, 32 national teams have registered to take part in the qualification for the Women's EHF EURO 2016 in SWE.

Qualification Phase 2 will be played in 3 periods of two matches each with a home and an away match against each of the other teams in their group. At the qualification draw, a total of 28 teams will be drawn into 7 groups of 4 teams. The first two placed teams in the seven qualification groups will qualify for the final tournament in Sweden directly. The best ranked third team from the seven groups will qualify for the final tournament in Sweden directly as follows:

After the conclusion of the group matches of the seven groups, a ranking of those teams ranked third in each group (a total of seven teams) will be established. This ranking will include only the results of those four matches of the third ranked team against the two teams ranked no. 1 and no. 2 in the group. The results of the two matches against the teams ranked fourth in the group will not be considered. The best team from this ranking of the third ranked teams will qualify for the final tournament of the Women's EHF EURO 2016.

Qualification Phase 1:

The 6 teams are seeded based on the EHF National Team Ranking valid for the 2016 EHF EURO Qualification: **AZE, BUL, FAR, FIN, ISR and KOS** will play in the qualification Phase 1 for the 2016 EHF EURO in Sweden. Phase 1 will be played in 2 groups of 3 teams. The winner of each group will qualify for Phase 2 of the 2016 EHF EURO Qualification.

2 Teams in <u>pot 1:</u>	FIN, AZE
2 Teams in <u>pot 2:</u>	ISR, BUL
2 Teams in <u>pot 3:</u>	FAR, KOS

Procedure:

Organiser	Group 1	Group 2
Row 1		
Row 2		
Row 3		

Step 3: 2 teams of pot 1 to row 1

Step 2: 2 teams of pot 2 to row 2

Step 1: 2 teams of pot 3 to row 3

Draw of the teams having the right to organise the qualification tournament



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Here are the dates for the matches of this Qualification Phase 1 and Phase 2:

Phase 1

Tournaments	Friday – Sunday	12. – 14.06.2015
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Phase 2

Round	Day	Dates
Round 1	Wednesday – Thursday	7. – 8.10.2015
Round 2	Saturday – Sunday	10. – 11.10.2015
Round 3	Wednesday – Thursday	9. – 10.3.2016
Round 4	Saturday – Sunday	12. – 13.3.2016
Round 5	Wednesday – Thursday	1. – 2.6.2016
Round 6	Saturday – Sunday	4. – 5.6.2016

Here are the participating teams in alphabetical order:

Austria (AUT), Azerbaijan (AZE), Belarus (BLR), Bulgaria (BUL), Croatia (CRO), Czech Republic (CZE), Denmark (DEN), Spain (ESP), Faroe Islands (FAR), Finland (FIN), France (FRA), Germany (GER), Hungary (HUN), Iceland (ISL), Israel (ISR), Italy (ITA), Kosovo (KOS), Lithuania (LTU), FYR Macedonia (MKD), Montenegro (MNE), Netherlands (NED), Norway (NOR), Poland (POL), Portugal (POR), Romania (ROU), Russia (RUS), Slovenia (SLO), Serbia (SRB), Switzerland (SUI), Slovakia (SVK), Turkey (TUR), Ukraine (UKR).

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