



DRAW PROCEDURE

Date: Thursday 12 April 2018 at 19:00 hrs. Venue: Erkebispegarden in Trondheim/NOR

<u>Participating teams in EURO Qualifiers:</u>	32 teams
<u>Teams at Final Tournament:</u>	24 teams
<u>Places available at Final Tournament:</u>	20
<u>Qualified for Final Tournament:</u>	SWE, AUT, NOR (EHF EURO 2020 Organisers) ESP (Champion of EHF EURO 2018)
<u>Qualified for the Men's EHF EURO 2020 Qualifiers (32):</u>	BEL, BIH, BLR, CRO, CZE, DEN, EST, FAR, FIN, FRA, GER, GRE, HUN, ISL, ISR, ITA, KOS, LAT, LTU, MKD, MNE, NED, POL, POR, ROU, RUS, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, TUR, UKR

At the qualifiers draw a total of 32 teams will be drawn into eight groups of four. The first and the second ranked teams as well as the as the 4 best 3rd ranked teams will qualify for the Men's EHF EURO 2020 in Sweden, Austria and Norway.

BASIC MATCH SCHEDULE (EHF EURO 2020 QUALIFIERS):

Round	Day	Dates
Round 1 (1 – 3 and 2 – 4)	Wednesday – Thursday	24/25 October 2018
Round 2 (4 – 1 and 3 – 2)	Saturday – Sunday	27/28 October 2018
Round 3 (2 – 1 and 4 – 3)	Wednesday – Thursday	10/11 April 2019
Round 4 (1 – 2 and 3 – 4)	Saturday – Sunday	13/14 April 2019
Round 5 (3 – 1 and 4 – 2)	Wednesday – Thursday	12/13 June 2019
Round 6 (1 – 4 and 2 – 3)	Saturday – Sunday	15/16 June 2019

After the conclusion of the group matches of the eight groups, an overall ranking of those teams ranked 3rd in each group (a total of eight teams) will be established. This ranking will include only the results of the four matches of the 3rd ranked team against the two teams ranked 1st and 2nd in their group. The results of the two matches against the team ranked 4th in the group will not be considered. The best four teams from this ranking of the 3rd ranked teams will qualify for the final tournament of the Men's EHF EURO 2020.

At the same time up to four of the lowest ranked 4th ranked teams will be relegated to the Men's EHF EURO 2024 qualification phase 1.

The teams are divided into four pots according to the EHF Men's National Team Ranking:

- Pot 1:** FRA, CRO, GER, DEN, SLO, BLR, HUN, MKD
- Pot 2:** RUS, CZE, POL, ISL, SRB, MNE as well as BIH, NED, POR (equally ranked teams)
- Pot 3:** LAT, LTU, SUI, SVK, UKR, ISR, TUR
- Pot 4:** FIN, BEL, EST, GRE, ROU, ITA, KOS, FAR

Step 1: 2 teams of BIH, NED, POR are drawn to the pot 2 and 1 team is drawn to pot 3

Step 2: 8 teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 4

Step 3: 8 teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 3

Step 4: 8 teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2

Step 5: 8 teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Row 1								
Row 2								
Row 3								
Row 4								