



Women's EHF EURO 2018

30 November to 16 December 2018 in France

Procedure for the draw of the Qualification Groups Phase 1

Date: 21 March 2017
Time: 11:00 hrs.
Venue: EHF Office, Vienna, Austria

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

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

Apart from the organiser France, 32 national teams have registered to take part in the qualification for the EHF Women's EURO 2018 in France.

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. The draw for the Qualification Phase 2 will take place in occasion of the 10th EHF Secretaries General Conference in Paris, France on Friday, 21 April 2017 at 12:30 hrs. The draw procedure will be send at a later date. 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 France directly. The best ranked third team from the seven groups will qualify for the final tournament in France 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 EHF Women's EURO 2017.

Qualification Phase 1:

The 6 teams are seeded based on the EHF National Team Ranking valid for the EHF Women's EURO 2018 Qualification: **FIN, ISR, FAR, KOS, GRE** and **GEO** will play in the qualification Phase 1 for the EHF Women's EURO 2018 in France. Phase 1 will be played in 2 groups of 3 teams. The winner of each group will qualify for Phase 2 of the EHF Women's EURO 2018 Qualification.

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

Procedure:

Organiser	Group 1	Group 2	
Row 1			<u>Step 3:</u> 2 teams of pot 1 to row 1
Row 2			<u>Step 2:</u> 2 teams of pot 2 to row 2
Row 3			<u>Step 1:</u> 2 teams of pot 3 to row 3

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

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

Phase 1

Tournaments	Friday – Sunday	09. – 11.06.2017
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Playing Schedule:

3 – 1

2 – 3

1 - 2

***Final schedule to be agreed upon by the EHF and the Organiser (depending of their performance row)**

Phase 2

Round	Day	Dates
Round 1	Wednesday – Thursday	27. – 28.09.2017
Round 2	Saturday – Sunday	30.09. – 01.10.2017
Round 3	Wednesday – Thursday	21. – 22.3.2018
Round 4	Saturday – Sunday	24. – 25.3.2018
Round 5	Wednesday – Thursday	30. – 31.5.2018
Round 6	Saturday – Sunday	02. – 03.6.2018

Here are the participating teams in alphabetical order:

Austria (AUT), Belarus (BLR), Croatia (CRO), Czech Republic (CZE), Denmark (DEN), Spain (ESP), Faroe Islands (FAR), Finland (FIN), France (FRA), Georgia (GEO), Germany (GER), Greece (GRE), 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), Sweden (SWE), Turkey (TUR), Ukraine (UKR).

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