



EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION

EUROPEAN CUP

INFORMATION PACKAGE: RANKING and SEEDING

Basics:

All European Cup women's and men's competitions are treated completely separately from each other! Both are subject to the same mathematical algorithms but are evaluated strictly separately and independently from each other. Therefore, all rankings and seedings are carried out separately for men's and women's competitions.

2 important terms:

RANKING SYSTEM:

The ranking system defines the number of teams for each Federation in the different EHF club competition. However, it has no influence on the seeding of a team within the competition. It defines only the number of teams that a Federation is entitled to enter in a competition (European Cup place distribution).

Ranking lists are normally drawn up about 12 months before the beginning of the season concerned, which means that each Federation normally informed at the beginning of its national championship about how many places will be available in the different EHF club competitions.

SEEDING SYSTEM:

The seeding system defines the position of a team in the respective competitions. Each competition has its own individual seeding valid only for this particular competition. Therefore, the same Federation may be seeded differently in each of the three men's competitions (Champions League, EHF Cup and Challenge Cup) and the four women's competitions (Champions League, EHF Cup, Challenge Cup and Cup Winners' Cup).

The seeding lists are drawn up in June/July of each year and therefore the results of the season which just ended are considered.

RANKING SYSTEM:

The women's and men's competitions are treated completely entirely separate from each other and have no influence on each other in any way!

Calculations for the ranking system take into account a total of three seasons. The ranking for the 2012/13 season is based on the seasons 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11. For the subsequent season 13/14, the results of 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/2012 will be taken into consideration. Due to time constraints, the most recent season cannot be taken into account in establishing the rankings for the subsequent season.

For each competition and each season, only the team of a Federation having gained the most points is used as a basis for calculations. The key number is not the total of points won by a Federation's clubs but the average which is obtained by dividing the total number of points won by the number of competitions in which the Federation was eligible to enter. This rule is necessary since, as mentioned above, not every Federation is eligible to play in each competitions (e.g. Champions League, Challenge Cup).

How do the teams acquire their points in each competition?

- Each team is awarded 1 point for participation in a European Cup competition.
- Each team is awarded the number of points which it is entitled to based on the match result:

Win	-	2 points
Draw	-	1 point
Loss	-	0 points

- Each team qualifying to the next round or winning the finals receives bonus points.

The number of points awarded depends on the round concerned (winning a final counts more than surviving a qualification round) as well as on the type of Cup event (winning a round in the Champions League is worth more than winning a round in the Challenge Cup).

Table of bonus points:

Below you find the table of bonus points which was approved by the EHF Competitions Commission and the EHF Executive Committee from the 2002/03 season when this system became effective. Point for men and women competitions/rounds are the same.

	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7
Champions League	10	16	22	28	34	40	46
Cup Winners' Cup	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
EHF Cup	5	9	13	17	21	25	29
Challenge Cup	1	3	5	7	9	11	13

Due to different changes of the playing system in different competitions, the bonus points given in the different rounds were adapted as follows:

(actual points which have influence to the Ranking for the 2014/15 European Cup season)

Men's Champions League

Qualification Tournaments:		10 points (see Round 1)
Group Phase:	place 1 to 4:	38 points (see Round 2+3)
	place 5 and 6:	0 points
Last 16:		28 points (see Round 4)
Quarter finals:		34 points (see Round 5)
FINAL4:	place 1:	86 points (see Round 6+7)
	place 2:	40 points (see Round 6)
	place 3 and 4:	0 points

Men's EHF Cup (valid since the merging of the EHF and Cup Winners' Cup)

Qualification Round 1:		5 points (see Round 1)
Qualification Round 2:		9 points (see Round 2)
Qualification Round 3:		13 points (see Round 3)
Group Phase:	place 1 and 2:	17 points (see Round 4)
	place 3 and 4:	0 points
Quarter finals:		21 points (see Round 5)
EHF Cup FINALS:	place 1:	54 points (see Round 6+7)
	place 2:	25 points (see Round 6)
	place 3 and 4:	0 points

Women's Champions League

Qualification Tournaments Round 1:		10 points (see Round 1)
Qualification Tournaments Round 2:		16 points (see Round 2)
Group Matches:	place 1 and 2:	50 points (see Round 3+4)
	place 3:	22 points (see Round 3) *
	place 4:	0 points
Main Round:	place 1 and 2:	34 points (see Round 5)
	place 3 and 4:	0 points
Semi-finals:		40 points
Finals:		46 points

*) 3rd ranked teams of the Women's Champions League Group Matches continue in the Cup Winners' Cup.

- Seeded teams, which enter at a later stage/round of the competition, are awarded the maximum number of points they could have gained had they started in the first round, in which a match had "actually" been played (match and bonus points).

- If a competition starts at a later round because of a small number of entrants, all entrants are awarded points (match points, bonus points), as of the round that the first “actual” match in the whole competition took place.
For example: If no matches take place in the first round, all teams receive 1 participation point, as well as match and bonus points as of the second round according to the bonus point table above.
- For each competition and each season, only the best-placed team of each Federation is considered for the calculation of the ranking.
- Losers of the Men’s Champions League Qualification who continue in the Men’s EHF Cup are given the maximum number of points they could have gained in the Men’s EHF Cup before entering the respective EHF Cup Round.
Losers of the Women’s Champions League Qualification Round 1 and 2 who change over to the Women’s Cup Winners’ Cup are given the maximum number of points they could have gained in the Women’s Cup Winners’ Cup before entering the respective Cup Winners’ Cup Round.

Example (women’s competition)

In the 2010/11 season, Federation A is eligible to play in all 4 competitions: Champions League, EHF Cup, Cup Winners’ Cup, Challenge Cup. However, Federation A has registered teams only in three competitions (Champions League, EHF Cup, Challenge Cup). The clubs of Federation A won the following points in these three competitions: Champions League (41), EHF Cup (10), Challenge Cup (17); which is a total of 68 points. The other two seasons are calculated in the same way.

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Total
ChL	41	39	99	179
EHF Cup	10	25	25	60
CW Cup	0	73	0	73
Chall. Cup	17	0	0	17
Total	68	137	124	329
TB	4	4	4	12
TG	3	3	2	8

TB...eligible to participate
TG...participated

Over the period of the three seasons, Federation A won a total of 329 points and had the right to participate in a total of 12 competitions. The calculation is therefore:

329 points divided by 12 competitions = 27.42

For the purpose of the ranking for the 2014/15 season, Federation A is ranked with 27.42 points and is ranked accordingly.

Example (men's competition)

Since season 2012/13 the Men's EHF Cup and Men's Cup Winners' Cup were merged together, but as you will see this merging has no influence on the calculation process.

In the 2010/11 season, Federations A is eligible to play in all four competitions: Champions League, EHF Cup, Cup Winners' Cup, Challenge Cup. However, Nation A registered teams only in three competitions (Champions League, EHF Cup, Challenge Cup). The clubs of Federation A won the following points: Champions League (41), EHF Cup (10), Challenge Cup (17); a total of 68 points. The other two seasons are calculated in the same way.

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TB	4	4	3	11
TG	3	3	2	8

TB...eligible to participate

TG...participated

Over the period of the three seasons, Federation A won a total of 329 points and had the right to participate in a total of 11 competitions. The calculation is therefore:

329 points divided by 11 competitions = 29.91

For the purposes of ranking for the 2014/15 season, Nation A has won 29.91 points and is ranked accordingly.

SEEDING SYSTEM:

A separate seeding list is drawn up for each competition and has its own individual seeding valid only for this particular competition. Therefore, the same Federation may be seeded differently in each of the three men's competitions (Champions League, EHF Cup and Challenge Cup) and the four women's competitions (Champions League, EHF Cup, Challenge Cup and Cup Winners' Cup).

As a result, a Federation may be ranked differently in each of the three resp. four EC competitions.

Different to the ranking, the seeding is calculated on the basis of the 3 most recent seasons. The results of the seasons 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 will therefore determine the seeding of the teams in the 2013/14 season.

The points gained per Federation, competition and season are computed analogously to the ranking procedure. Each competition is, however, regarded as being a separate entity.

Example: Seeding for the Champions League

For the Champions League, only those points are relevant that were gained in the Champions League in the three seasons taken into account.

As in the ranking procedure, the total of points gained in the three seasons is again divided by the number of competitions in which the Federation concerned was eligible to participate.

Table: Seeding of the clubs of Federation A for the 13/14 season:

Season	Points	TB	TG
2010/11	95	1	1
2011/12	0	1	0
2012/13	65	1	1
TOTAL	160	3	2

TB...eligible to participate

TG...participated

Over the period of the three seasons, Federation A has a total of 160 points and had the right to participate in a total of 3 competitions. The calculation is therefore:

=> **160 points divided by 3 competitions = 53.33**

For the purposes of the seeding for the 2013/14 season, Federation A has 53.33 points and is ranked accordingly.

Special case: Merging of Men’s EHF Cup and Men’s Cup Winners’ Cup from 12/13:

The EHF decided to calculate the points of the EHF Cup and Cup Winners’ Cup of a Federation and divide it by 2. (In season 2010/11 Nation X gained 10 points in the “old” EHF Cup and 37 points in the Cup Winners’ Cup: $10+37 = 47 / 2 = 23.5$. Consequently, the system counts 23.5 points for this season.) The other two seasons are calculated in the same way.

Table: Seeding of Nation A for the 13/14 season:

Season	Points EHF Cup	Points Cup Winners’ Cup	Sum EHF+CWC	divided by 2	TB	TG
2010/11	10	37	47	23.5	1	1
2011/12	39	0	39	19.5	1	1
2012/13	41	not played anymore	41	41	1	1
TOTAL				84	3	3

TB...eligible to participate

TG...participated

Over the period of the three seasons, Federation A won a total of 84 points and had the right to participate in a total of three competitions. The calculation is therefore:

=> 84 points divided by 3 competitions = 28

For the purposes of the seeding for the 2013/14 season, Federation A has won 28 points and is ranked accordingly.

Important:

Only points of teams that actually started in the respective competition will be taken into account.

(Teams that started in the Champions League and then continued in the EHF Cup or Cup Winners’ Cup cannot win any points for EHF Cup resp. Cup Winner’s Cup seeding!)