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Season 2016/17

Qualification Draw

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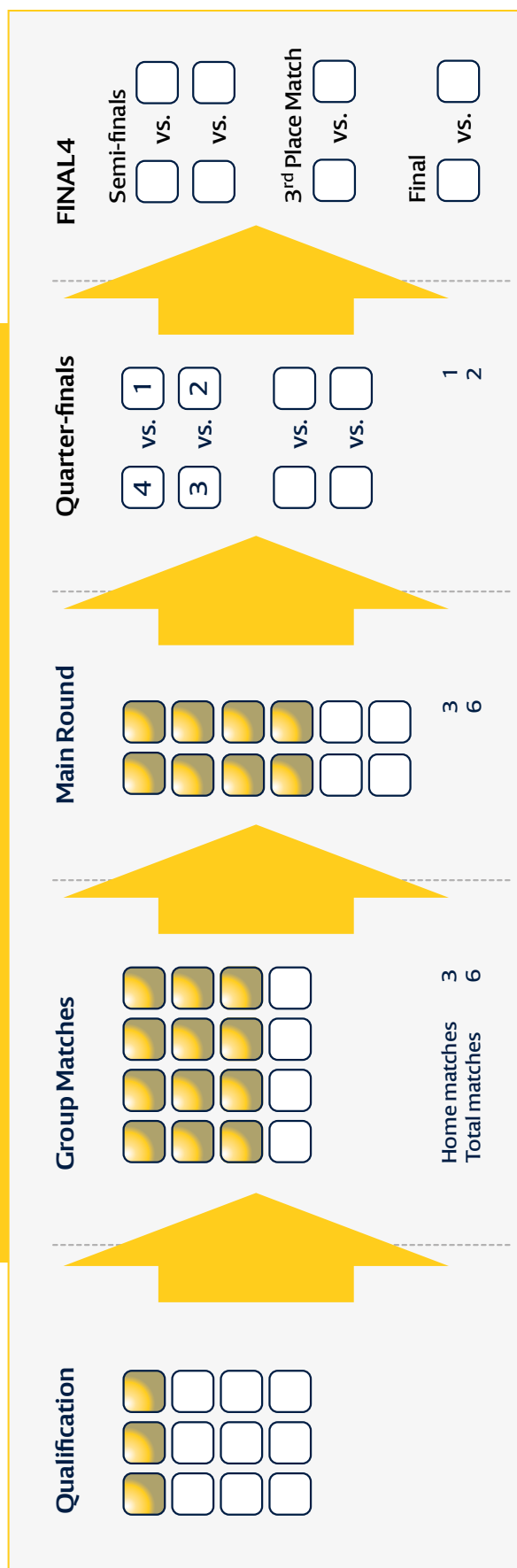


 NATION		Qualification Tournaments	Group Matches	Main Round	Quarterfinals	FINAL4	
		Tournaments	4 groups with 4 teams	2 groups with 6 teams	8 teams	4 teams	
		10./11.09.2016 tournaments played in semi finals and finals in one venue	14.-16.10.2016 (1) 21.-23.10.2016 (2) 28.-30.10.2016 (3) 04.-06.11.2016 (4) 11.-13.11.2016 (5) 18.-20.11.2016 (6)	27.-29.01.2017 (1) 03.-05.02.2017 (2) 10.-12.02.2017 (3) 24.-26.02.2017 (4) 03.-05.03.2017 (5) 10.-12.03.2017 (6)	07.-09.04.2017 first leg 14.-16.04.2017 second leg	13./14.05.2017 tournament	
DRAWS:		29 June 2016 in Vienna/AUT	01 July 2016 in Glostrup/DEN	no draw	no draw	18.04.2017	
1	MNE 1		Buducnost	1st, 2nd and 3rd placed team from each group	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed team of the WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Main Round	4 Winners of WOMEN'S EHF Champions League Quarterfinals	
2	HUN 1		Györi AUDI ETO KC				
3	MKD 1		HC Vardar				
4	NOR 1		Larvik HK				
5	ROU 1		CSM Bucuresti				
6	DEN 1		Team Esbjerg				
7	RUS 1		Astrakhanochka				
8	GER 1		Thüringer HC				
9	SWE 1		IK Sävehof				
10	FRA 1		Metz HB				
11	HUN 2		FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria				
12	DEN 2		FC Midtjylland				
13	RUS 2		Rostov Don				
14	NOR 2	Winners of the 3 Qualification tournaments					
15	GER 2						Glassverket IF
16	SLO 1						HC Leipzig
17	AUT 1						RK Krim Mercator
18	CRO 1						Hypo NÖ
19	POL 1						HC Podravka Vegeta
20	ITA 1						MKS Selgros Lublin
21	ESP 1						Indeco Conversano
22	NED 1						Balonmano Bera Bera
23	BLR 1						Sercodak Dalfsen
24	TUR 1						HC Gomel
25	SVK 1						Yenimahalle BSK
		Iuventa Michalovce					

3 groups with 4 teams

4th placed teams of CL Qualification Tournaments go to EHF Cup Rd 2, 2nd and 3rd placed teams of CL Qualification Tournaments go to EHF Cup Rd 3

Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 playing system



Season 2016/17 playing dates

Qualification 10/11.09.2016	Group Matches 14.-16.10.2016 21.-23.10.2016 28.-30.10.2016 04.-06.11.2016 11.-13.11.2016 18.-20.11.2016	Main Round 27.-29.01.2017 03.-05.02.2017 10.-12.02.2017 24.-26.02.2017 03.-05.03.2017 10.-12.03.2017	Quarter-finals first leg 07.-09.04.2017 second leg 14.-16.04.2017	FINAL4 13. / 14.05.2017
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Pots for the qualification and group matches

Following the confirmation of the teams for the next season of the Women's EHF Champions League the European Handball Federation has released the seeding both for the qualification and the group matches draw.

Three tickets from the qualification

Qualification will be played on 10 and 11 September in three tournaments, winners of which will be awarded with places in the group matches. The matches from each tournament will be played in one venue with two semi-finals, where teams from Pot 4 will meet teams from Pot 1 and teams from Pot 3 will face teams from Pot 2, followed by finals. The semi-final pairings will be drawn on Wednesday 29 June at 13:00 hrs at the EHF Office in Vienna and the event will be streamed on Facebook Live. The right to organise tournaments will be awarded according to the seeding, which means that first right goes to the teams in Pot 1.

Pot 1: Glassverket IF (NOR), HC Leipzig (GER), RK Krim Mercator (SLO)

Pot 2: Hypo NÖ (AUT), HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO), MKS Selgros Lublin (POL)

Pot 3: Indeco Conversano (ITA), Balonmano Bera Bera (ESP), Sercodak Dalfsen (NED)

Pot 4: HC Gomel (BLR), Yenimahalle BSK (TUR), Iuventa Michalovce (SVK)

Defending champions in Pot 2

The group matches draw will follow on Friday 1 July at 13:00 hrs local time in Glostrup, Denmark at the headquarters of SELECT SPORT, the EHF's new ball partner. The draw will be streamed live on ehfTV.com. 13 directly seeded teams plus three qualification groups' winners will be divided in four pots of four teams. Teams will not be able to face opponents from the same country in the group. CSM Bucuresti, the defending champions, are seeded in the second pot, while winners of five previous seasons Buducnost (2012 and 2015), Györ (2013 and 2014) and Larvik (2011) are in the top pot together with Vardar.

2016/17 Group Matches Seeding			
POT 1		POT 2	
Buducnost		CSM Bucuresti	
Györi AUDI ETO KC		Team Esbjerg	
HC Vardar		Astrakhanochka	
Larvik HK		Thüringer HC	
POT 3		POT 4	
IK Sävehof		Rostov Don	
Metz HB		Qualifier 1	
FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria		Qualifier 2	
FC Midtjylland		Qualifier 3	

POT 1

Glassverket IF (NOR)



Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Norwegian runners-up upgraded by the EHF EXEC

The hosts of the last year's qualification tournament made it to the final of the Norwegian league again, but were not able to offer much resistance in the two-legged final against Larvik, though.

Glassverket had the home advantage in Drammenshallen for the first leg, but Larvik had no trouble winning by no less than 12 goals, 33:21.

This virtually reduced the return match in the Arena Larvik into a formality, but this did not make the Larvik ladies take things easily. 11 goals was the distance after these 60 minutes, which Larvik won 33:22.



Playing hall
Drammenshallen
Knoffsgt. 18
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Capacity: 4,000

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 2

Qualification (1): 2015/16

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2015/16
Norwegian league: 2 titles (1974, 1981)

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Kit colours

LIGHT
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Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

DARK
Player shirt: purple
Player short: white
Goalkeeper shirt: black

POT 1

HC Leipzig (GER)



Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Germany third ranked team upgraded by the EHF EXEC

It was the closest race for the trophy in more than a decade and with three rounds before the end four teams - Thüringer HC, Leipzig, Metzingen and Bietigheim - could become champions.

Finally a final of two clubs level on points decided the championship with eventual cup winners Leipzig clearly defeated 31:20 by THC.

The biggest surprise was EHF Cup finalists Metzingen (including season MVP Anna Loerper), playing the by far best season of their history, but lost two crucial matches right before the end, finishing second thanks to their better goal difference compared to Leipzig. As Metzingen decided not to pursue the Champions League ticket via an upgrade request, the right for an additional place passed to HCL, who are coming back to the European top flight after a one-year break.

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Kit colours**LIGHT**

Player shirt: yellow
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Goalkeeper shirt: red or blue

DARK

Player shirt: blue
Player short: yellow
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Past achievements**Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2015/16 season): 12
Main Round (3): 2009/10, 2010/11, 2014/15
Group Matches/Champions League (4): 1998/99, 1999/2000, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2013/14
Qualification (3): 2000/01, 2008/09, 2012/13

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Final 1996/97, Semi-finals 2011/12
EHF Cup: Runners-up 2008/09, Semi-finals 2004/05

German league: 21 titles (1953, 1957, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1984, 1988, 1991, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2006, 2009, 2010)
German cup: 9 titles

POT 1

RK Krim Mercator (SLO)



There was a surprise in the Slovenian league this season as Zagorje overthrew the powerful Krim after two decades to reign supreme.

The 21-time Slovenian champions Krim, were dethroned after more than two decades, as RK Zagorje defeated RK Brezice to put an end to Krim's hegemony and claim their first domestic title. The young Zagorje team were the more consistent of the two bitter rivals in a heated title race.

Zagorje also came undefeated in both of their matches against Krim this season, which put an unequivocal claim to the title as early as mid-way through the competition. Since Zagorje decided not to use their right to participate in the EHF Champions League in what would be their maiden season, Krim have filled the spot and registered for yet another season.

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Slovenian runners-up upgraded by the EHF EXEC



Playing hall

Arena Stožice

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Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 22
Winners (2): 2000/01, 2002/03
Runners-up (3): 1998/99, 2003/04, 2005/06
Semi-final (1): 2012/13
Quarter-final (4): 1996/97, 1997/98, 2004/05, 2006/07
Last 16 (1): 1995/96
Main Round (6): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2013/14, 2014/15
Group Matches (4): 1999/00, 2001/02, 2007/08, 2015/16

Other

Champions Trophy: Winners 2002/03, 2003/04
Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-final 2015/16

Slovenian league: 21 titles (1995 – 2015)
Slovenian cup: 23 titles

POT 2



Hypo Niederösterreich (AUT)

Hypo Niederösterreich made Austrian and European sport history thanks to two clear wins in the final against Union Korneuburg (29:23, 41:16).

The team of coach Martin Matuschkowitz took their 40th straight league title in Austria. Since 1976 no other team managed to leave Hypo behind.

This season marked an unwanted piece of history for the champions as the 24:26 defeat in the regular season at eventual final opponent Korneuburg was the first defeat in a league since 22 March 1993, but that counted for nothing when the sides came face to face again in the final.

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Austrian champions



Playing hall

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Goalkeeper shirt: orange

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 24

Winners (4): 1993/94, 1994/95, 1997/98, 1999/2000

Runners-up (2): 1995/96, 2007/08

Semi-final (5): 1996/97, 1998/99, 2004/05, 2006/07, 2008/09

Quarter-final (1): 2005/06

Group Matches (11): 2000/01, 2001/02, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

Other

Champions Trophy: Winners 1999/2000

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2012/13, Runners-up 2003/04

Austrian league: 40 titles (1977-2016)

Austrian cup: 29 titles

POT 2

HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)



After bringing the trophy back to Koprivnica last term, Podravka Vegeta have defended the Croatian champions title. Goran Mrdjen's investment in youth paid dividends, as Podravka defended the title, despite losing their biggest names to transfers and injuries.

The team took a valiant effort, playing virtually without any backcourt rotation, after Selena Milosevic, Dora Krsnik and Ivana Dezić all succumbed to fatigue-induced injuries at the decisive time in the championship.

However, Mrdjen's team stuck to the home-grown philosophy, as the youngsters brought continuation of success to Koprivnica. Podravka have been able to keep most of the players at the club, which was the driving force behind their 22nd Croatian champions title.

Podravka maintained their reputation of being a hatchery of youth talent, and as their players become stars and leave, the younger generations ensure that success remains in Koprivnica.

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Croatian champions

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Goalkeeper shirt: orange/white

Dark

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Player short: blue/black
Goalkeeper shirt: black

Past achievements**Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 23

Winners (1): 1995/96

Runners-up (1): 1994/95

Semi-finals (1): 1997/98

Quarter-finals (1): 1996/97

Main Round (3): 2000/01, 2001/02, 2008/09

Group Matches/Champions League (13): 1993/94, 1998/99, 1999/00, 2002/03, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

Qualification (2): 2003/04, 2005/06

Other

Champions Trophy: Winners 1995/96

Cup Winners' Cup: Runners-up 2004/05, Semi-finals 2007/08

EHF Cup: Runners-up 2000/01, 2005/06

Croatian league: 22 titles

Croatian cup: 21 titles

POT 2



MKS Selgros Lublin (POL)

MKS Selgros Lublin won their 19th gold medal, fourth in succession, in 23 Polish Superleague seasons.

The team from Lublin coached by Sabina Wlodek and Monika Marzec finished the regular season in second place behind Pogon Baltica Szczecin but in the best of five matches play-off final, they turned the tables and won 3:1.

In the fourth final game in Lublin MKS Selgros trailed 16:21 just 14 minutes before the end but eventually won 27:25. 3,500 spectators in Globus Sportshall celebrated the improbable victory.

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Polish champions



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Goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: green
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 19

Quarter-final (2): 1999/2000, 2001/02

Last 16 (1): 1995/96

Group Matches (9): 1996/97, 1997/98, 1998/99, 2000/2001, 2002/03, 2003/04, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

Qualification (6): 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11

Other

EHF Cup: Winners 2000/01, quarter-finals 2007/08, 2009/10

Cup Winners' Cup: quarter-final 2014/15

Polish league: 19 titles (1995-2003, 2005-2010, 2013-16)

Polish cup: 10 titles

POT 3

Indeco Conversano (ITA)



Second consecutive time the Italian title went to Indeco Conversano, who in two games put the word “end” to the final series against Cassano Magnago, in the remake of the final 2014/15.

The Italian pivot Elena Barani earned the seventh “Scudetto” in career. Conversano won 24:20 away and 27:16 at the Pala San Giacomo, with the support of 2,000 fans.

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Italian champions

**Playing hall**

Pala San Giacomo
Via San Giacomo
70014 Conversano-Bari
Italy
Capacity: 3,978

Past achievements**Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 1

Other

EHF Cup: Round 3 2015/16

Italian league: 2 titles (2015, 2016)
Italian cup: 2 titles

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Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: grey/black

POT 3

Balonmano Bera Bera (ESP)



Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Spanish champions

The Basque team claimed their fourth league title in a row after winning their last 18 matches.

The league saw the most thrilling finale of the last 13 years as only the goal difference decided in favour of the defending champions after the reigning Women's Challenge Cup team Rocasa Gran Canaria gained as many points as Bera Bera.

Coach Montse Puche steered her team to the second title as she could rely on more leaders in the squad. The Spanish national team stalwart Eli Pinedo, who became the topscorer of the team with 129 goals, finished only the 13th in the league ranking.



Playing hall

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Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 3

Group Matches (1): 2013/14

Qualification (1): 2012/13

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-finals 2007/08,
Quarter-finals 1996/97, 2012/13

Spanish league: 4 titles (2013-16)
Spanish cup: 5 titles

Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: blue
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dark

Player shirt: anthracite
Player short: anthracite
Goalkeeper shirt: orange

POT 3



SERCODAK Dalfsen (NED)

Although it was their sixth straight title in the Dutch league, it was something like a sensation that SERCODAK Dalfsen were on top again after the final series against VOC Amsterdam. The face of the team had changed completely, nearly all experienced players had left the club, thus coach Peter Portegem (also assistant coach of the Oranje national team) had to build up a completely new squad.

"We never could expect this, I am so proud on this team," Portegem said after the 24:22 win in the crucial third final.

After a clear 24:31 away defeat, Dalfsen turned the tide first on home ground (21:19) and then again at Amsterdam. It all happened just one month after the club had announced that due to financial reason it will stop with the current season. At the end a cooperation with the Zwolle Football Club saved the future of Dalfsen later.

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Dutch champions

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Kit colours**Light**

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Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: black

Dark

Player shirt: black
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: blue

Past achievements**Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 6
Qualification (5): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

Other

Challenge Cup: Quarter-final 2009/10, Last 16 2010/11
Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2014/15, 2015/16

Dutch league: 6 titles (2011-16)
Dutch cup winners: 4 titles

POT 4

HC Gomel (BLR)



After Belarus gained independence in 1991, BNTU-BelAZ had been a dominant force in the national women's handball. They won the league 22 times and previously lost the title only once, to Gorodnichanka in 2008. But now, the country has a new champion named HC Gomel. Coached by the Belarus national coach Tomaz Cater since December, this club made a small revolution in the national league.

After the regular season, Gomel had two points less than BNTU-BelAZ, and they lost the first match of the final series. Yet Cater's team did not give up and beat BNTU in the next three games, which was enough to be crowned champions.

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Belarusian champions



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Sportshall Victoria
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Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: black
Goalkeeper shirt: green

Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 1

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Round 3 2012/13
EHF Cup: Round 3 2014/15

Belarusian league: 1 title (2016)
Belarusian cup: 2 titles

POT 4

Yenimahalle BSK (TUR)



It was one of the toughest seasons in history of the Turkish league as none of the top five teams avoided defeats in the regular season. The Challenge Cup finalists Kastamonu BGSK lost in the quarter-final of the play-off.

Yenimahalle BSK, who were defending the title from last year finished the regular season in fourth place, but in very intense semi-final matches they prevailed 3:2 against Ardesen GSK, who claimed the national cup for the first time in history at Yenimahalle's expense in return.

Serdar Eler's charges had much lighter work in the final against Muratpasa BSK from Antalya and closed the final series already in three matches (3:0). Yeliz Özel, most valuable player of Turkish handball according to many experts, lifted the trophy with joy and thanked her teammates and her opponents for being part of such a challenging competition.

Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Turkish champions

**Playing hall**

THF Spor Complex
Yildizevler Hilal Mah., Holanda
06550 Cankaya/Ankara
Turkey
Capacity: 2,090

Past achievements**Women's EHF Champions League**

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 2

Qualification (1): 2015/16

Other

Cup Winners' Cup Last 16 2015/16
EHF Cup: Round 3 2014/15

Turkish league: 2 titles (2015, 2016)

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Kit colours**Light**

Player shirt: blue
Player short: light blue
Goalkeeper shirt: yellow

Dark

Player shirt: dark blue and yellow
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: black

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Qualification for the Women's EHF Champions League 2016/17 season: Slovakian champions upgraded by the EHF EXEC

IUVENTA Michalovce (SVK)

It is the same story in past six years in Slovakian women's handball. Iuventa Michalovce won their ninth title, the sixth in a row. They also won the Slovakian Cup as well as the Czech-Slovakian Interliga.

Michalovce played their arch rivals Slovan Duslo Sala in the final. Sala were the record title holders with nine titles but have been waiting for their tenth for eleven years.

Despite surprising defeat in the second of a possible five matches in the final (23:26) played in Michalovce, the eastern Slovakian team won both away games by nine goals (31:22, 32:23) to be crowned champions for the ninth time. Out of those nine titles, Michalovce celebrated eight of them away from home.

For Michalovce it is their ninth title in thirteen years. They completed golden hat-trick by winning Czech-Slovakian Interliga for the third time in a row, showing their dominance in the region.



Playing hall

Chemkostav Arena
Karola Kuzmanyho 24
07101 Michalovce
Slovakia
Capacity: 1,800

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Past achievements

Women's EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2016/17 season): 6
Qualification (5): 2003/04, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2011/12, 2012/13

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2008/09
EHF Cup: Last 16 2006/07, 2007/08, 2013/14, 2015/16

WHIL interleague: 7 titles (2005-07, 2009, 2014-16)
Slovakian league: 9 titles (2003, 2006, 2007, 2011-16)
Slovakian cup: 7 titles

Kit colours

Light

Player shirt: yellow
Player short: blue
Goalkeeper shirt: red

Dark

Player shirt: blue
Player short: yellow
Goalkeeper shirt: green

2015/16 Top Scorers

Rank	Player	Club	Goals
1	Isabelle Gulldén (SWE)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	108
2	Ekaterina Ilina (RUS)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	97
3	Cristina Neagu (ROU)	Buducnost (MNE)	94
4	Nora Mørk (NOR)	Larvik (NOR)	93
5	Allison Pineau (FRA)	HCM Baia Mare (ROU)	89
6	Katarina Bulatovic (MNE)	Buducnost (MNE)	87
7	Andrea Penezic (CRO)	HC Vardar (MKD)	79
8	Iuliia Managarova (UKR)	Rostov-Don (RUS)	72
9	Andrea Lekic (SRB)	HC Vardar (MKD)	70
10	Heidi Loke (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	69
11	Alexandrina Cabral Barbosa (ESP)	Fleury Loiret Handball (FRA)	68
12	Julia Eriksson (SWE)	IK Sävehof (SWE)	67
13	Gnonsiane Niombla (FRA)	Fleury Loiret Handball (FRA)	66
14	Ana Paula Rodrigues Belo (BRA)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	64
15	Nerea Pena Abaurrea (ESP)	FTC-Rail Cargo Hungaria (HUN)	63
16	Lois Abbingh (NED)	HCM Baia Mare (ROU)	60
	Eduarda Amorim Taleska (BRA)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	60
18	Eliza Buceschi (ROU)	Thüringer HC (GER)	58
19	Johanna Ahlm (SWE)	FC Midtjylland (DEN)	57
20	Linn Jorum Sulland (NOR)	Györi Audi ETO KC (HUN)	56

Past Winners

1994	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1995	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1996	Podravka Koprivnica	CRO
1997	Mar El Osito L'Eliana Valencia	ESP
1998	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
1999	Dunafer SE	HUN
2000	Hypo Niederösterreich	AUT
2001	RK Krim Neutro Roberts	SLO
2002	Kometal D.P. Skopje	MKD
2003	Krim ETA Kotex Ljubljana	SLO
2004	Slagelse FH	DEN
2005	Slagelse FH	DEN
2006	Viborg A/S	DEN
2007	Slagelse FH	DEN
2008	Zvezda Zvenigorod	RUS
2009	Viborg A/S	DEN
2010	Viborg A/S	DEN
2011	Larvik HK	NOR
2012	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2013	Győri Audi ETO KC	HUN
2014	Győri Audi ETO KC	HUN
2015	Buducnost Podgorica	MNE
2016	CSM Bucuresti	ROU

All-time club standings 1993 - 2016

#	TR	Name of the club	MP	W	D	L	GF:GA	GD	P	NP	%	G
1	1	Hypo NÖ AUT	198	124	5	69	5285:5002	+283	252*:144	(23)Q	63,64%	Q
2	2	Buducnost MNE	202	114	21	67	5393:5082	+311	249:155	(20)*	61,63%	
3	3	Györi AUDI ETO KC HUN	156	109	11	36	4348:3831	+517	229:83	(12)*	73,40%	
4	4	Larvik HK NOR	176	107	8	61	4749:4327	+422	222:130	(17)*	63,07%	
5	5	RK Krim Mercator SLO	202	102	10	90	5484:5362	+122	214:190	(20)Q	52,97%	
6	6	Viborg HK DEN	164	87	12	65	4565:4323	+242	186:142	(17)	56,71%	
7	7	Oltchim Rm. Valcea ROU	118	62	8	48	3148:3005	+143	132:104	(12)	55,93%	
8	8	FTC Rail Cargo Hungaria HUN	118	60	9	49	3207:3116	+91	129:107	(14)*	54,66%	
9	9	CBM Astroc Sagunto ESP	100	52	3	45	2658:2582	+76	107:93	(12)	53,50%	
10	10	HC Podravka Vegeta CRO	124	50	7	67	3124:3262	-138	107:141	(18)Q	43,15%	Q
11	11	Kometal Gjorce Petrov MKD	98	47	6	45	2460:2410	+50	100:96	(12)	51,02%	
12	12	Dinamo-Sinara RUS	94	38	9	47	2473:2520	-47	85:103	(11)	45,21%	
13	13	FC Midtjylland DEN	82	38	6	38	2125:2132	-7	82:82	(8)*	50,00%	
14	14	Slagelse DT DEN	56	38	2	16	1514:1400	+114	78:34	(5)	69,64%	
15	15	HC Lada RUS	62	33	2	27	1729:1737	-8	68:56	(7)	54,84%	
16	16	HC Vardar MKD	46	29	5	12	1284:1135	+149	63:29	(3)*	68,48%	
17	17	Dunafer NK HUN	52	29	4	19	1395:1285	+110	62:42	(6)	59,62%	
18	18	Zvezda Zvenigorod RUS	46	21	3	22	1294:1297	-3	45:47	(5)	48,91%	
19	19	Metz HB FRA	66	18	6	42	1603:1746	-143	42:90	(9)*	31,82%	
20	20	MKS Selgros Lublin POL	64	18	5	41	1617:1782	-165	41:87	(10)Q	32,03%	Q
21	21	HC Leipzig GER	66	19	3	44	1653:1829	-176	41:91	(8)Q	31,06%	Q
22	22	Grupo Asfi Itxako Navarra ESP	34	17	5	12	879:839	+40	39:29	(3)	57,35%	
23	23	Thüringer HC GER	50	17	4	29	1268:1338	-70	38:62	(5)*	38,00%	
24	24	Byasen NOR	40	15	3	22	942:1006	-64	33:47	(6)	41,25%	
25	25	HCM Baia Mare ROU	34	16	0	18	886:895	-9	32:36	(3)	47,06%	
26	26	IK Sävehof SWE	54	9	7	38	1392:1610	-218	25:83	(6)*	23,15%	
27	27	Rostov Don RUS	14	11	1	2	405:348	-57	23:5	(1)*	82,14%	
28	29	CSM Bucuresti ROU	16	10	1	5	416:387	+29	21:11	(1)*	65,63%	
29	54	Balonmano Bera Bera ESP	6	1	0	5	123:157	-34	2:10	(1)Q	16,67%	Q
	NR	Team Esbjerg DEN	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)*	0,00%	Q
	NR	Astrakhanochka RUS	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)*	0,00%	
	NR	HC Gomel BLR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)Q	0,00%	Q
	NR	Indeco Conversano ITA	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)Q	0,00%	Q
	NR	Sercodak Dalfsen NED	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)Q	0,00%	Q
	NR	Glassverket IF NOR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)Q	0,00%	Q
	NR	Iuventa Michalovce SVK	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)Q	0,00%	Q
	NR	Yenimahalle BSK TUR	0	0	0	0	0:0	0	0:0	(0)Q	0,00%	Q

* Point for Hypo NÖ deducted by official decision

^ = Excluding Qualifying matches

The club name is the last used name in EHF CL

TR – total ranking

MP – matches played

W – wins

D – draws

L – losses

GF:GA – goals for:goals against

P – points

NP – number of participations

% = winning percentage

G – group

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