



**CHALLENGE
CUP**

Media Information

**Men's Challenge Cup
2017/18**



**EUROPEAN HANDBALL
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Media information

Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to the anniversary 25th season of the Men's Challenge Cup. In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the whole 2017/18 edition. Additional information can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

Media portal

All media representatives are invited to register for the EHF media portal on <http://members.ehf.eu>. The European Handball Federation's media portal is a one-stop-shop for media representatives offering all the EHF's media news such as press releases, event flash quotes directly after matches, press conference highlights, draw reactions and downloads of all relevant information including, but not limited to, media guides and event logos. Furthermore photographs that are free for editorial use will be available for download.

For further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the EHF Media and Communications Department and we will be happy to help you with any information you may require.

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Important regulations

Classification

All matches of the Challenge Cup shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

Home and away matches

Classification shall be made by adding points as follows:

Win = 2 points
draw = 1 point
defeat = 0 points

The ranking of teams shall be based on the total number of points.

If after completion of the two matches both teams have won the same number of points, classification shall be made in the following sequence:

- goal difference
- greater number of plus goals scored in away match
- penalty throws

Rules for Execution of Penalty Throws

- Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each until a decision (a winner) is reached, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.
- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the roster and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as

goalkeepers.

c) The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.

d) If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

e) In the second round, a decision (a winner) is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each. After 5 throws, once again 5 players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).

f) Eligible players and goalkeepers are players entered in the match report who have not been suspended or disqualified.

g) Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.

h) While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.

i) If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

[Find all the regulations here](#)



Action starts in Luxembourg

The Men's Challenge Cup starts Friday night with a game between Handball Kaerjeng and debutants HC Shakhtar

The 2017/18 edition of the Men's Challenge Cup launches in Luxembourg on Friday night. Handball Kaerjeng will be trying to make better than the previous four years and make it past the second round; when they host HC Shakhtar-SHWSM for a double-header.

Unlike Kaerjeng, the Ukrainian visitors – who consist entirely of domestic players – are debutants in Europe this season. The return match is taking place already on Saturday evening.

Another Luxembourgish team, Red Boys Differdange, have slightly prouder traditions in Europe than Kaerjeng have: In fact, the Red Boys were in the VELUX EHF Champions League qualifiers last season; without reaching the group phase, though.

On Saturday, they receive Lithuanian Kauno Azuolas-KTU Kaunas for the first leg in the Centre Sportif de Differdange.

This means that two European debutants will be visiting Luxembourg this weekend; as the Kaunas side are also starting their first European campaign in history with this round.

Cambridge HC are in Europe and in the Challenge Cup for the third time in their history.

In the 2014/15 season as well as last year, the team from famous university city reached Round 3; and in their attempt to make it a third time; their journey is leading them to Serbia.

Here, the British side is facing ORK Samot 65 who are new to European handball. The two teams meet in a double-header in Arandjelovac; the two matches being played Saturday and Sunday evening.

A.C. PAOK's finest international achievement so far has been reaching the group phase of the EHF Champions League back in the 2009/10 season.


This season; the Greek team are celebrating their European comeback after three years of absence by going to Malta.

Here, they are meeting Aloysians Von Taine who will try to make it better than their only previous European campaign. In the 2011/12 season, the Maltese club reached exactly Round 2 of the Challenge Cup. The first leg in Msida, Malta is throwing off Saturday afternoon.



2017/2018 MEN'S CHALLENGE CUP



 CHALLENGE CUP		R 1	R 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
			16 teams	32 teams	Last 16	1/4-finals	1/2-finals	finals
NATION			07/08.10.2017 first leg	18/19.11.2017 first leg	10/11.02.2018 first leg	24/25.03.2018 first leg	21/22.04.2018 first leg	12/13.05.2018 first leg
			14/15.10.2017 second leg	25/26.11.2017 second leg	17/18.02.2018 second leg	31.03./1.04.18 second leg	28/29.04.2018 second leg	19/20.05.2018 second leg
DRAWS:			18.07.2017	18.07.2017	28.11.2017	20.02.2018	20.02.2018	01.05.2018
1	POR	no matches		AM Madeira Andebol SAD	16 Winners of Challenge Cup round 3			
2	ROU			AHC Potaissa Turda				
3	NOR			FyllingenBergen				
4	SRB			HC Sloga Zmartforce				
5	GRE			A.E.K. Athens				
6	LUX			HC Berchem				
7	RUS			SKIF-Krasnodar				
8	ISL			IBV Vestmannaeyjar				
9	BEL			HC Vise BM				
10	ISR			SGS Ramhat Hashron HC				
11	UKR			HC ZNTU-ZAB				
12	TUR			Göztepe Spor Kulübü				
13	SVK			MSK Povazska Bystrica				
14	BUL			HC Dobrudja				
15	MKD			HC Eurofarm Rabotnik				
16	BIH			HMRK Zrnjski Mostar				
17	MNE			RK Lovcen				
18	KOS			KH Trepca				
19	CYP			Parnassos Strovolou				
20	GBR			London GD HC				
21	MDA			PGU-Kartina TV Tiraspol				
22	GEO			B.S.B. Batumi				
23	LTU			Granitas Karys Kaunas				
24	BLR			HC Gomel				
25	SRB		ORK Samot 65	8 Winners of Challenge Cup round 2				
26	GRE		AC Paok					
27	LUX		Red Boys Differdange					
28	RUS		Dynamo-Viktor					
29	ISR		Holon HC					
30	UKR		HC Shakhtar-SHWSM					
31	TUR		Tasovo Yibo SC					
32	BIH		RK Konjuh-Zivinice					
33	MNE		RK Mojkovac 2005					
34	CYP		Proodeftikos Paphos					
35	GBR		Cambridge HC					
36	LTU		VHC Sviesa Vilnius					
37	LUX		HB Kaerjeng					
38	BIH		RK Vogosca Hills					
39	LTU		Kauno Azuolas-KTU					
40	MLT		Aloysians Von Taine					





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2017/18 Men's European Cup Challenge Cup Round 2

MatchID: 201811020602-

001	BIH	HC Vogosca Poljine Hills	002	ISR	Holon Handball club	
		07.-08.10.17			14.-15.10.17	
003	LUX	Red Boys Differdange	004	LTU	Kauno Azuolas-KTU Kaunas	
		07.-08.10.17			14.-15.10.17	
005	TUR	Tasova Yibo SC	006	MNE	RK Mojkovac 2005	
		07.-08.10.17			14.-15.10.17	
007	MLT	Aloysians Von Taine	008	GRE	A.C. PAOK	
		07.-08.10.17			14.-15.10.17	
009	SRB	ORK Samot 65	010	GBR	Cambridge HC	
		07.-08.10.17			14.-15.10.17	
011	LUX	Handball Kaerjeng	012	UKR	HC Shakhtar-SHWSM	
		07.-08.10.17			14.-15.10.17	
013	LTU	VHC Sviesa Vilnius	014	RUS	Dynamo-Victor	
		07.-08.10.17			14.-15.10.17	
015	BIH	RK Konjuh Zivinice	016	CYP	Proodeftikos Paphos	
		07.-08.10.17			14.-15.10.17	





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2017/18 Men's European Cup Challenge Cup Round 3

MatchID: 201811020603-

001		Winner R2 RK Konjuh Zivinice/Proodeftikos Paphos	002	ISR	SGS Ramhat Hashron HC	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
003	MKD	HC Eurofarm Rabotnik	004	LTU	"Granitas-Karys" Kaunas	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
005	GBR	London GD HC	006	GRE	A.E.K. Athens	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
007	POR	AM Madeira Andebol SAD	008	CYP	Parnassos Strovolou	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
009	BLR	HC Gomel	010	ISL	IBV Vestmannaeyjar	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
011	KOS	KH Trepca	012	ROU	AHC Potaissa Turda	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
013	TUR	Göztepe SK	014		Winner R2 Aloysians Von Taine/A.C. PAOK	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
015	BEL	HC Vise BM	016	MDA	PGU-Kartina TV Tiraspol	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
017	GEO	B.S.B. Batumi	018	BIH	HMRK "Zrinjski" Mostar	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
019		Winner R2 VHC Sviesa Vilnius/Dynamo-Victor	020	SRB	HC Sloga Zmartforce	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
021	SVK	MSK Povazska Bystrica	022	MNE	HC Lovcen	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
023		Winner R2 HC Vogosca Poljine Hills/Holon Handball club	024	NOR	FyllingenBergen	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
025	RUS	SKIF Krasnodar	026		Winner R2 Handball Kaerjeng/HC Shakhtar-SHWSM	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
027	LUX	HC Berchem	028		Winner R2 ORK Samot 65/Cambridge HC	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	
029	UKR	HC ZNTU-ZAB Zaporozhye	030		Winner R2 Tasova Yibo SC/RK Mojkovac 2005	
		18.-19.11.17			25.-26.11.17	



Previous season top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Georgica Cintec (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	48
2	Josip Juric Grgic (CRO)	Valur (ISL)	47
	Ronald Suelmann (NED)	JMS Hurry-Up (NED)	47
4	Milan Pavlovic (SRB)	HC Sloga Pozega (SRB)	44
5	Roman Zacaciurin (MDA)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	43
6	Branimir Balchev (BUL)	HC "Lokomotiv" Varna (BUL)	42
	Vignir Stefansson (ISL)	Valur (ISL)	42
8	Janko Bozovic (AUT)	Sporting CP (POR)	41
9	Tommie Falke (NED)	JMS Hurry-Up (NED)	40
	Pedro Portela (POR)	Sporting CP (POR)	40
	Cristian Adomnicai (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	40
12	Anton Runarsson (ISL)	Valur (ISL)	37
	Tommy Wirtz (LUX)	HB Dudelange (LUX)	37
14	Razvan Pavel (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	37
	Josip Ilic (CRO)	HB Dudelange (LUX)	35
16	Pedro Solha (POR)	Sporting CP (POR)	34
17	Mladen Krsmanic (SRB)	HC Sloga Pozega (SRB)	33
18	Sveinn Aron Sveinsson (ISL)	Valur (ISL)	32
	Igor Zabic (SLO)	Sporting CP (POR)	32
20	Efstathios Zampounis (GRE)	A.C. Doukas (GRE)	30
21	Radim Chudoba (CZE)	MSK Povazska Bystrica (SVK)	29
	Frantisek Sulc (SVK)	HKM Sala (SVK)	29
23	Djordjo Perunicic (MNE)	RK Partizan 1949 (MNE)	28
	Tomas Vallo (SVK)	MSK Povazska Bystrica (SVK)	28
	Joao Pinto (POR)	Sporting CP (POR)	28



Men's Challenge Cup Past Winners

(formerly called City Cup for seasons 1-7)

2017	Sporting CP	POR
2016	ABC/UMinho	POR
2015	HC Odorhei	ROU
2014	Sävehof IK	SWE
2013	SKA Minsk	BLR
2012	AC Diomidis Argos	GRE
2011	RK Cimos Koper	SLO
2010	Sporting Club de Portugal	POR
2009	UCM Sport Resita	ROU
2008	UCM Sport Resita	ROU
2007	CS UCM Resita	ROU
2006	Steaua Bucuresti	ROU
2005	Wacker Thun	SUI
2004	IFK Skövde HK	SWE
2003	Skjern Handball	DEN
2002	Skjern Handball	DEN
2001	RK Jugovic Kav	YUG
2000	TV Grosswallstadt	GER
1999	SG Flensburg-Handewitt	GER
1998	TuS Nettelstadt	GER
1997	TuS Nettelstadt	GER
1996	Drammen HK	NOR
1995	TV Niederwürzbach	GER
1994	TUSEM Essen	GER

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