



**CHALLENGE
CUP**

Media Information

**Men's Challenge Cup
2018/19**



**EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION**

Media information

Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to the 26th season of the Men's Challenge Cup. In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the whole 2018/19 edition. Additional information can be found on the eurohandball.com website and on the new homepage europeancup.eurohandball.com

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.

Challenge Cup Media Contacts

EHF Media and Communications
Vladislav Brindzak
brindzak@eurohandball.com
+43 1 80 151 161
Twitter: [@EHF](https://twitter.com/EHF)

Online

www.eurohandball.com
europeancup.eurohandball.com
[EC Regulations](#)

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.

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

The Men's Challenge Cup starts Friday night

As the last of the Men's European Cup competition, the Challenge Cup gets started this coming weekend. After the VELUX EHF Champions League and the Men's EHF Cup have already been playing for a while, it is the Men's Challenge Cup's turn to start this weekend, and the action starts already Friday, in fact:

In the Sport Complex Olympiets in Mogilev, Belarus, HC Masheka receive Pas Aeropos Edessas from Greece for the first leg of a double-header, of which the return match is taking place in the same venue 24 hours later. The overall winner of the tie can start preparing for a meeting with Bulgarian HC Dobrudja in the third round.

The first leg of another double-header is tipping off in Austrian Bregenz later Friday evening. In the Handballarena Rieden-Vorkloster, Bregenz Handball are receiving European debutants Colos SS4 Ciobrucia from Moldova.

Also in this tie, the second leg is being played Saturday. Bregenz manager Björn Tyrner admits to limited knowledge about his team's opponents.

"Yet, it is our obvious goal to reach the next round, and I hope for two handball parties with our sensational fans," he told his club's website.

AEK Athens HC will be awaiting the winner in the next round.

While Finland are represented in the VELUX EHF Champions League group phase for the first time ever, with Riihimäen Cocks playing in Group D; Cocks' arch rivals Dicken are chasing glory in the Challenge Cup.

Saturday and Sunday, the Helsinki based team are taking on Moldovan SSSCJRO-1 from Tiraspol in Pirkkola arena in the Finnish capital.

The two teams will be fighting for the right to meet RK Partizan from the Serbian capital Belgrade in Round 3.

In the last two double-headers this weekend, MRK Jedinstvo from Montenegro are meeting Lithuanian Kauno Azuolas KTU from Kaunas in Lithuania Saturday and Sunday; the same days as Moldovan HC Olimpus-85-USEFS visit Dutch Techniek Hurry-Up.

It is not all double-headers, though. Turkish Göztepe SK will be ready for the winner of the tie between another Selkiskisehir Hentbol SK and Norwegian OIF Arendal.


Eskisehir, who are debutants in Europe this season, have the home advantage in the first leg Saturday evening.

Last year, Arendal reached the third qualification round for the EHF Cup group phase, but this season, the club from Southern Norway are seeking their success in the Challenge Cup.



2018/2019 MEN'S CHALLENGE CUP



 CHALLENGE CUP		R 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
			32 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	2 teams
NATION			06/07.10.2018 first leg	17/18.11.2018 first leg	09/10.02.2019 first leg	23/24.03.2019 first leg	20/21.04.2019 first leg	11/12.05.2019 first leg
			13/14.10.2018 second leg	24/25.11.2018 second leg	16/17.02.2019 second leg	30/31.03.2019 second leg	27/28.04.2019 second leg	18/19.05.2019 second leg
DRAWS:			17.07.2018	17.07.2018	27.11.2018	19.02.2019	19.02.2019	30.04.2019
1	POR	no matches		AM Madeira Andebol SAD	16 Winners of Challenge Cup round 3	8 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 4	4 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 5	2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 6
2	ROU							
3	GRE							
4	NOR							
5	LUX							
6	NED							
7	RUS							
8	BEL							
9	SRB							
10	TUR							
11	SVK							
12	CZE							
13	BIH							
14	ISR							
15	UKR							
16	BUL							
17	MNE							
18	KOS							
19	CYP							
20	MDA							
21	GBR							
22	EST							
23	ITA							
24	LTU							
25	GEO							
26	BLR							
27	FIN							
28	AUT							
29	AZE							
30	LAT							
31	GRE							
32	NOR							
33	LUX							
34	NED							
35	RUS							
36	BEL							
37	TUR							
38	BIH							
39	ISR							
40	UKR							
41	KOS							
42	MDA							
43	GBR							
44	LTU							
45	GRE							
46	MDA							
47	GBR							
48	LTU							
				CSM Bucuresti A.E.K. Athens HC Bodo HK HC Berchem HV Kras/Volendam HC Neva SPb HC Vise BM RK Partizan Göztepe S.K. MSK Povazska Bystrica HC Dukla Praha HC Vogosca Poljine Hills AS SGS Ramhat Hashron Donbas HC Dobrudja				
				MRK Jedinstvo KH Prishtina Parnassos Strovolou Olimpus-85 USEFS Livingston HC HC Tallinn Pallamano Pressano VHC Sviesa Vilnius IMEDI Telavi HC Masheka Mogilev Dicken Bregenz Handball HC Baki Celtnieks Riga AC Diomidis Argous OIF Arendal HB Dudelange JD Techniek Hurry-up Dynamo-Victor Estudiantes Selka Eskisehir HSK RK Borac m:tel Holon Yuvalim HC ZNTU-ZAS Zaporozhye KH Kastrioti Colos SS4 Ciobruciu London GD HC Granitas-Karys Pas Aeropos Edessas SSSCJRO-1 Tiraspol Olympia HC HC Kauno Azuolas-KTU				





EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION

2018/19 Men's European Cup Challenge Cup - Round 2

MatchID: 201911020602-

001	GBR	London GD HC	002	GBR	Livingston Handball Club
	13.10.2018 17:30	Gillingham		14.10.2018 15:00	Gillingham
	Ref.: Korja, Metsämäki FIN Del.: Mamo MLT			Ref.: Korja, Metsämäki FIN Del.: Mamo MLT	
Both matches in GBR					
003	AZE	HC Baki	004	BIH	RK Borac m:tel
	13.10.2018 19:00	Banja Luka		14.10.2018 19:00	Banja Luka
	Ref.: Novikov, Rozhkov UKR Del.: Andreev BUL			Ref.: Novikov, Rozhkov UKR Del.: Andreev BUL	
Both matches in BIH					
005	GRE	Pas Aeropos Edessas	006	BLR	HC Masheka
	05.10.2018 17:30	Mogilev		06.10.2018 17:00	Mogilev
	Ref.: Sniurevicius, Grigaliois LTU Del.: Mkhitarian ARM			Ref.: Sniurevicius, Grigaliois LTU Del.: Mkhitarian ARM	
Both matches in BLR					
007	MNE	MRK Jedinstvo	008	LTU	Kauno Azuolas-KTU Kaunas
	06.10.2018 17:00	Garliava		07.10.2018 16:00	Garliava
	Ref.: Chaskis, Tsakonas GRE Del.: Järv EST			Ref.: Chaskis, Tsakonas GRE Del.: Järv EST	
Both matches in LTU					
009	LAT	Celtnieks Riga	010	ISR	Holon Yuvalim HC
	13.10.2018 20:00	Salaspils		14.10.2018 18:00	Salaspils
	Ref.: Di Domenico, Fornasier ITA Del.: Gelashvili GEO			Ref.: Di Domenico, Fornasier ITA Del.: Gelashvili GEO	
Both matches in LAT					
011	BEL	Estudiantes	012	CYP	Parnassos Strovolou
	06.10.2018 16:00	Tournai		07.10.2018 12:00	Tournai
	Ref.: Xhema, Jahja KOS Del.: Novak CZE			Ref.: Xhema, Jahja KOS Del.: Novak CZE	
Both matches in BEL					
013	TUR	Selka Eskisehir Hentbol SK	014	NOR	OIF Arendal
	06.10.2018 19:00	Odunpazari, Eskisehir		12.10.2018 19:00	Arendal
	Ref.: Aghakishi, Aghakishi AZE Del.: Kyriakoulis GRE			Ref.: Capoccia, Jucker SUI Del.: Nielsen DEN	
015	LUX	HB Dudelange	016	GEO	Imedi Telavi
	12.10.2018 20:30	Dudelange		13.10.2018 20:00	Dudelange
	Ref.: Carmaux, Mursch FRA Del.: Conceicao POR			Ref.: Carmaux, Mursch FRA Del.: Conceicao POR	
Both matches in LUX					
017	FIN	Dicken	018	MDA	SSSCJRO-1 Tiraspol
	06.10.2018 15:30	Helsinki		07.10.2018 15:30	Helsinki
	Ref.: Bozhinovski, Nachevski MKD Del.: Kazinieks LAT			Ref.: Bozhinovski, Nachevski MKD Del.: Kazinieks LAT	
Both matches in FIN					
019	LTU	Granitas-Karys	020	LTU	VHC Sviesa Vilnius
	13.10.2018 19:00	Kaunas		14.10.2018 17:00	Vilnius
	Ref.: Sekulic, Jovandic SRB Del.: Asgarov AZE			Ref.: Sekulic, Jovandic SRB Del.: Asgarov AZE	
021	MDA	Colos SS4 Ciobruciu	022	AUT	Bregenz Handball
	05.10.2018 19:00	Bregenz		06.10.2018 18:00	Bregenz
	Ref.: Cernavskis, Bogdanovs LAT Del.: Nagel SUI			Ref.: Cernavskis, Bogdanovs LAT Del.: Nagel SUI	
Both matches in AUT					
023	GRE	A.C. Diomidis Argous	024	RUS	Dynamo-Victor
	13.10.2018 18:00	Budennovsk, Stavropol		14.10.2018 17:00	Budennovsk, Stavropol
	Ref.: Ivanovic, Vujisic MNE Del.: Kot BLR			Ref.: Ivanovic, Vujisic MNE Del.: Kot BLR	
Both matches in RUS					
025	MDA	HC Olimpus-85-USEFS	026	NED	JD Techniek Hurry-Up
	06.10.2018 16:00	EH Emmen		07.10.2018 17:00	EH Emmen
	Ref.: Bytyqi, Kasapi KOS Del.: Wills GBR			Ref.: Bytyqi, Kasapi KOS Del.: Wills GBR	
Both matches in NED					





EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION

2018/19 Men's European Cup Challenge Cup - Round 2

027	GBR	Olympia HC	028	ITA	Pallamano Pressano	
		13.10.2018 19:00 Lavis			14.10.2018 18:00 Lavis	
		Ref.: Beulakker, Gilis BEL Del.: Kaplanis CYP			Ref.: Beulakker, Gilis BEL Del.: Kaplanis CYP	
Both matches in ITA						
029	UKR	ZNTU-ZAB Zaporozhye	030	KOS	KH Prishtina	
		13.10.2018 17:30 Prishtina			14.10.2018 14:00 Prishtina	
		Ref.: Weijmans, Wolbertus NED Del.: Rakocevic MNE			Ref.: Weijmans, Wolbertus NED Del.: Rakocevic MNE	
Both matches in KOS						
031	EST	HC Tallinn	032	KOS	KH Kastrioti	
		13.10.2018 19:00 Ferizaj			14.10.2018 19:00 Ferizaj	
		Ref.: Jovchev, Yonchev BUL Del.: Maric BIH			Ref.: Jovchev, Yonchev BUL Del.: Maric BIH	
Both matches in KOS						





EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION

2018/19 Men's European Cup Challenge Cup - Round 3

MatchID: 201911020603-

001	SRB	RK Partizan	002		winner of Dicken/SSSCJRO-1 Tiraspol
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
003	BIH	HC Vogosca Poljine Hills	004		winner of HC Baki/RK Borac m:tel
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
005	NED	HV KRAS/Volendam	006		winner of A.C. Diomidis Argous/Dynamo-Victor
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
007	RUS	HC Neva SPb	008		winner of HB Dudelange/Imedi Telavi
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
009	GRE	A.E.K. Athens HC	010		winner of Colos SS4 Ciobruciu/Bregenz Handball
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
011		winner of Olympia HC/Pallamano Pressano	012	SVK	MSK Povazska Bystrica
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
013		winner of Celtnieks Riga/Holon Yuvalim HC	014	LUX	HC Berchem
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
015		winner of Pas Aeropos Edessas/HC Masheka	016	BUL	HC Dobrudja
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
017	CZE	HC Dukla Praha	018		winner of MRK Jedinstvo/Kauno Azuolas-KTU Kaunas
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
019	UKR	Donbas	020		winner of London GD HC/Livingston Handball Club
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
021	BEL	HC Vise BM	022		winner of HC Tallinn/KH Kastrioti
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
023		winner of ZNTU-ZAB Zaporozhye/KH Prishtina	024	ISR	AS SGS Ramhat Hashron
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
025		winner of Granitas-Karys/VHC Sviesa Vilnius	026	NOR	Bodö HK
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	
027		winner of HC Olimpus-85-USEFS/JD Techniek Hurry-Up	028	POR	AM Madeira Andebol SAD
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018	





EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION

**2018/19 Men's European Cup
Challenge Cup - Round 3**

029	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	030		winner of Estudiantes/Parnassos Strovolou	
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018		
031		winner of Selka Eskisehir Hentbol SK/OIF Arendal	032	TUR	Göztepe SK	
	17.-18.11.2018			24.-25.11.2018		



Previous season top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Anton Otrezov (RUS)	Dynamo-Victor (RUS)	71
2	Sigurbergur Sveinsson (ISL)	IBV Vestmannaeyjar (ISL)	49
3	Georgica Cintec (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	47
4	Senjin Kratovic (BIH)	Red Boys Differdange (LUX)	46
5	Joao Pinto (POR)	AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)	45
6	Cristian Radu (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	43
7	Malik Hoggas (FRA)	A.E.K. Athens (GRE)	42
8	Theodor Sigurbjörnsson (ISL)	IBV Vestmannaeyjar (ISL)	36
	Roland Thalmaier (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	36
10	Christodoulos Mylonas (GRE)	A.E.K. Athens (GRE)	35
11	Mihai Asoltanei (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	34
	Radim Chudoba (CZE)	MSK Povazska Bystrica (SVK)	34
	Agnar Smari Jonsson (ISL)	IBV Vestmannaeyjar (ISL)	34
14	Elledy Semedo (POR)	AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)	33
15	Daniel Scheid (LUX)	Red Boys Differdange (LUX)	31
	Anton Volkov (RUS)	Dynamo-Victor (RUS)	31
17	Kari Kristjan Kristjansson (ISL)	IBV Vestmannaeyjar (ISL)	29
	Dmitry Svistunov (RUS)	SKIF Krasnodar (RUS)	29
	Eldin Vrazalica (SRB)	A.E.K. Athens (GRE)	29
20	Fredrik Mossestad (NOR)	FyllingenBergen (NOR)	28
	Christo Tsatso (GRE)	HC Berchem (LUX)	28



Past Winners

(formerly called City Cup for seasons 1-7)

2018	AHC Potaissa Turda	ROU
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

Men's Challenge Cup 2018/19

Media Information

by

EHF Media & Communications, 04/10/2018

Contributors: Peter Bruun





**EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION**

For further information please contact:

Vladislav Brindzak

EHF Media & Communications

+43 1 80 151 161

brindzak@eurohandball.com

European Handball Federation

Hoffingergasse 18

1120 Vienna

Austria

Tel: +43 1 80151 0

www.eurohandball.com

www.ehfTV.com