



# Media Information

**Men's EHF Cup 2014/15  
Qualification**



EUROPEAN HANDBALL  
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# Media information

Dear media representative,

Welcome to a new season of the Men's EHF Cup, which has been created after merging the Men's EHF Cup and the Cup Winners' Cup two years ago. A new look and a new playing format resulted in an exciting challenge both for participating teams and handball fans around Europe in the first two seasons with its climax at the EHF Cup Finals in Nantes 2013 and Berlin 2014.

In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the competition, including participating teams and playing schedules. Additional information including player lists and club contacts can be found on the eurohandball.com website.

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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# Round 1 headlined by national derbies and ambitious Swedes

34 teams from all over Europe are taking part in the first qualification round of the Men's EHF Cup, of which the first leg for most of them take place over the weekend 6 and 7 September. 35 more teams will join the race at the later stages including 9 national champions from the VELUX EHF Champions League qualification and six top seeded clubs waiting in the Round 3.

The 2014/15 edition the Men's EHF Cup starts this weekend, as 24 teams meet in the first leg of Qualification Round 1. There are in fact 34 teams involved in the first round, but five of the 17 ties will have both legs played next weekend.

The 17 aggregate winners will proceed to Qualification Round 2, where 23 further teams will join them on the journey towards the group phase.

It is the third year that the EHF Cup is being played in this format and, just like last season, a new champion will have to be found at the EHF Cup Finals in May next year, as the reigning champions Pick Szeged are in the group phase of the VELUX EHF Champions League this season.

The action begins on Friday night with Austrian side Bregenz Handball welcoming HC Dragunas Klaipeda from Lithuania meet for a doubleheader, just down the road from local rivals Hard, who play host to Champions League qualification at the same time.

One of Sweden's most ambitious clubs and the team with the largest attendances, IFK Kristianstad, reached the group phase of the EHF Cup last season and will be keen to build upon that adventure this season.

Kristianstad, who still have 36-year-old former Swedish international and Flensburg keeper Dan Beutler in goal, have signed one of the greatest talents in Norwegian handball in playmaker Christian O'Sullivan, who has joined from Norwegian league club Bækkelaget.

In their first attempt to do better than last year, Kristianstad fly to Greece to meet A. C. Diomidis Argous, a side which exited the competition in Round 2 last season.

Another of last season's Group Phase participants, HC Sporta Hlohovec, will have to wade their way through all three rounds of qualification and their first hurdle will be Bursa Nilüfer BK.

The Turkish side will be visiting the Sportova Hala Na Zabrani in Slovakia on Saturday evening for the first leg.

Many European handball fans may still remember Handball Esch, the side which reached the Challenge Cup final in 2013.

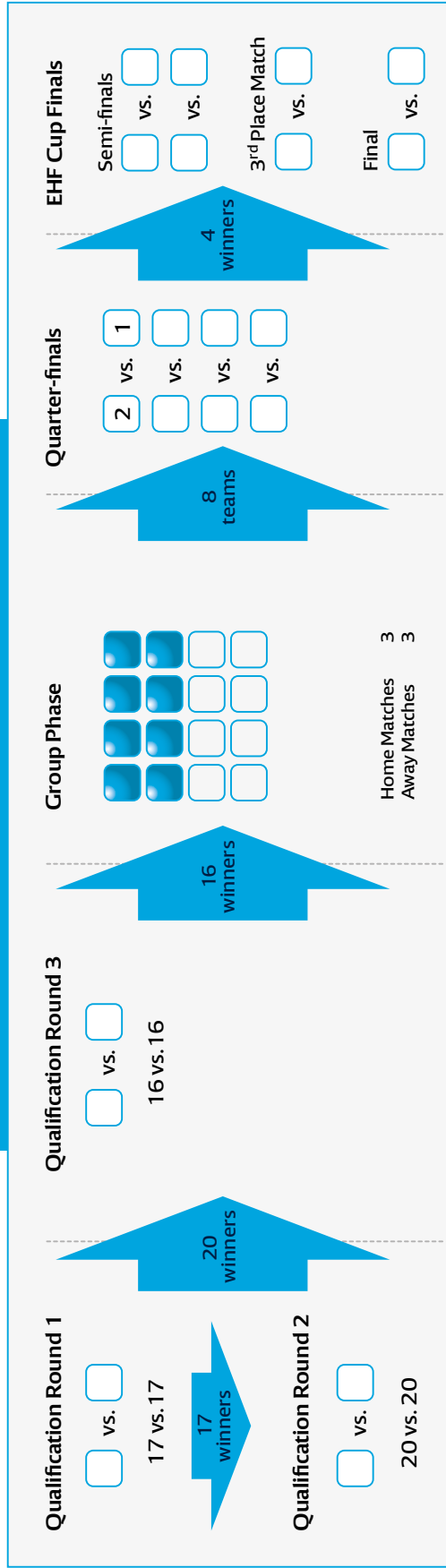
This year, Handball Esch will start their hunt for success in a local derby against another team from Luxembourg. On Saturday night, they will be visiting Handball Kaerjeng for the first leg of a tie, which the teams must be expected to know everything there is to know about one another. The same goes for the other derby in this round, the all-Croatian duel between RK Dubrava and GRK Varazdin.

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**Men's EHF Cup 2014/15 playing system**



**Season 2014/15 playing dates**

<p><b>Qualification Round 1</b> first leg - 06/07.09.2014 second leg - 13/14.09.2014</p> <p><b>Qualification Round 2</b> first leg - 11/12.10.2014 second leg - 18/19.10.2014</p>	<p><b>Qualification Round 3</b> first leg 22/23.11.2014 second leg 29/30.11.2014</p>	<p><b>Group Phase</b> 14/15.02.2015 21/22.02.2015 28.02/1.03.2015 07/08.03.2015 14/15.03.2015 21/22.03.2015</p>	<p><b>Quarter-finals</b> first leg 11/12.04.2015 second leg 18/19.04.2015</p>	<p><b>EHF Cup Finals</b> 16 / 17.05.2015</p>
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**Total number of matches: 166**

# 2014/2015 MEN'S EHF CUP



EHF		Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 2	Qualification Round 3	Group Phase	Quarter finals	Final Tournament
		34 teams	40 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams
NATION		06/07.09.2014 first leg	11/12.10.2014 first leg	22/23.11.2014 first leg	R1: 14/15.02.2015 R2: 21/11.02.2015 R3: 28.02./01.03.15 R4: 07/08.03.2015 R5:14/15.03.2015 R6:21/22.03.2015	11/12.04.15 first leg	16/17.05.2015 Tournament
		13/14.09.2014 second leg	18/19.10.2014 second leg	29/30.11.2014 second leg		18/19.04.15 second leg	
DRAWS:		22.07.2014	22.07.2014	21.10.2014	04.12.2014	24.04.2015	21.04.2015
1	2nd CL QT 1			2nd CL QT 1	16 Winners of Qualification Round 3	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	4 Winners of Quarterfinals
2	2nd CL QT 2						
3	2nd CL QT 3						
4	GER						
5	3rd CL QT 1						
6	3rd CL QT 2						
7	3rd CL QT 3						
8	ESP						
9	SLO						
10	RUS						
11	GER						
12	ESP						
13	4th CL QT 1			4th CL QT 1			
14	4th CL QT 2			4th CL QT 2			
15	4th CL QT 3			4th CL QT 3			
16	DEN			Team Tvis Holstebro			
17	SLO			RK Maribor Branik			
18	HUN			Grundfos Tatabanya			
19	RUS			Permskie medvedi			
20	GER			MT Melsungen			
21	FRA			HBC Nantes			
22	ESP			CBM Ademar Leon			
23	DEN			Skjern Handbold			
24	SWE			Eskilstuna Guif			
25	POR			Sporting Clube Portugal			
26	ROU			Stiinta M.D. Bacau			
27	UKR			Portovik			
28	NOR			Elverum			
29	HUN			Balatonfüredi KSE			
30	CRO			RK Nexe			
31	BLR			SKA Minsk			
32	SUI			Pfadi Winterthur			
33	RUS			HC Kaustik Volgograd			
34	FRA			Fenix Toulouse HB			
35	DEN			SonderjyskE			
36	ROU	HC Potaissa Turda	20 Winners of Qualification Round 2				
37	HUN	Oroshazi FKSE Linamar					
38	CRO	RK Dubrava					
39	BLR	HC Gomel					
40	SUI	HC Kriens-Luzern					
41	MKD	HC Zomimak-M					
42	RUS	Dinamo Astrakhan					
43	SRB	RK Zeleznicar 1949 Nis					
44	GRE	AO Diomidis Argous					
45	SVK	HK Topolcany					
46	AUT	Bregenz Handball					
47	CZE	Talent M.A.T. Plzen					
48	NED	OCI/Lions					
49	TUR	Bursa Nilüfer BSK					
50	ISL	IBV					
51	LUX	HB Kaerjeng					
52	EST	HC Kehra					
53	BEL	QubiQ Achilles Bocholt					
54	MNE	HC Lovcen-Cetinje					
55	POL	Gornik Zabrze					
56	ISR	Maccabi Castro Tel-Aviv					
57	LTU	HC Dragunas Klaipeda					
58	MDA	HC Olimpus-85-USEFS					
59	KOS	KH Besa Famiglia					
60	GBR	London GD HC					
61	LUX	Handball Esch					
62	ISR	Maccabi Rishon LeZion					
63	SWE	IFK Kristianstad					
64	CRO	GRK Varazdin					
65	SUI	BSV Bern Muri					
66	SVK	Sporta Hlohovec					
67	NED	Kras/Volendam					
68	ISL	Haukar					
69	ITA	SSV Bozen					

## Last season's top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Dragan Gajic (SLO)	Montpellier Agglomeration HB (FRA)	72
2	Alexandru Viorel Simicu (ROU)	HCM Constanta (ROU)	66
3	Pedro Andre Caseiro Portela (POR)	Sporting CP (POR)	60
4	Zsolt Balogh (HUN)	Pick Szeged (HUN)	57
5	Iuliu Alexandru Csepregi (ROU)	HCM Constanta (ROU)	52
6	Jonas Erik Larholm (SWE)	Pick Szeged (HUN)	49
7	Pedro Alberto Silva Osorio Solha (POR)	Sporting CP (POR)	48
	Laurentiu Mihai Toma (ROU)	HCM Constanta (ROU)	48
9	Jure Dolenc (SLO)	Montpellier Agglomeration HB (FRA)	45
10	Jorge Maqueda Pena (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	43
11	Valero Rivera Folch (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	42
12	Diego Simonet (ESP)	Montpellier Agglomeration HB (FRA)	41
	Frantisek Zatko (SVK)	HC Sporta Hlohovec (SVK)	41
14	Nicolas Claire (FRA)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	39
	Mathieu Grebille (FRA)	Montpellier Agglomeration HB (FRA)	39
	Fredrik Raahauge Petersen (SWE)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	39
17	Fabio Ramos Magalhaes (POR)	Sporting CP (POR)	38
18	Mattias Zachrisson (SWE)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	37
19	Marzo Frankis Carol (CUB)	Sporting CP (POR)	36
20	Oliver Rabek (SVK)	TATRAN Presov (SVK)	34

## Past winners



2014  
Pick Szeged (HUN)

2013  
Rhein Neckar Löwen (GER)

### Previous Men's EHF Cup winners

2012 Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)  
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2010 TBV Lemgo (GER)  
2009 VfL Gummersbach (GER)  
2008 HSG Nordhorn (GER)  
2007 SC Magdeburg (GER)  
2006 TBV Lemgo (GER)  
2005 Tusem Essen (GER)  
2004 THW Kiel (GER)  
2003 FC Barcelona (ESP)  
2002 THW Kiel (GER)  
2001 Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)  
2000 Metkovic Jumbo (CRO)  
1999 Sportclub Magdeburg (GER)  
1998 THW Kiel (GER)  
1997 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)  
1996 BM Granollers (ESP)  
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1994 Aliza Avides (ESP)

### Previous Men's Cup Winners' Cup winners

2012 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)  
2011 VfL Gummersbach (GER)  
2010 VfL Gummersbach (GER)  
2009 Pevafera Valladolid (ESP)  
2008 MKB Veszprem KC (HUN)  
2007 HSV Hamburg  
2006 Chekhovski Medvedi (RUS)  
2005 C. BM Ademar Leon (ESP)  
2004 Portland San Antonio (ESP)  
2003 A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)  
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2001 SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)  
2000 Portland San Antonio (ESP)  
1999 Prosesa Ademar Leon (ESP)  
1998 Caja Cantabria Santander (ESP)  
1997 Elgorriaga Bidasoa (ESP)  
1996 TBV Lemgo (GER)  
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