



Media Information

Men's EHF Cup 2015/16

Qualification



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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 three 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 three seasons with its climax at the EHF Cup Finals in Nantes 2013 and Berlin 2014 and 2015.

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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60 candidates for one trophy

24 teams from all over Europe are taking part in the first qualification round of the Men's EHF Cup 2015/16, of which the first leg for most of them take place over the weekend 5 and 6 September. 36 more teams will join the race at the later stages including three national champions from the VELUX EHF Champions League qualification and 14 top seeded clubs waiting in the Qualification Round 3.

With the start of the EHF Cup Qualification Round 1 happening on the 5 September, we have a surprise name popping up on one of the team sheets: Kim Andersson. You would normally expect to see Andersson in the VELUX EHF Champions League, but the 33-year-old right back is taking on the EHF Cup with Ystad IF, and it will actually not be the first time he appears in the tournament. When he started his previous career in KIF Kolding Kobenhavn in the 2012/13, it was actually in the EHF Cup. The past two years, he has been representing the Danish champions in the Champions League again, but before this season started, he returned to his childhood club Ystad.

Without offending any of the other players who will appear in the first qualification round of the EHF Cup, it is probably fair to say that the former Swedish international and Champions League winner is the most prominent name in the first leg this weekend. Saturday afternoon, Andersson and his teammates are taking on Handball Kaerjeng from Luxembourg in Österporhallen in Ystad. Ongoing shoulder problems have been decisive in Andersson's decision to continue his career at a lower level than before.

"There have been ups and downs with the shoulder during the pre-season, but I feel okay now," he told the Swedish Handball Federation.

Dinamo Bucuresti have lots of European experience, with making it to the semi-final of the EHF Cup in the 2003/04 season being their best achievement so far. After seven years of absence from the European scene, they are back and ready for an all-Romanian tie against Energia Targu Jiu – a team with a considerably shorter European history than Dinamo. Energia's finest result in Europe so far is reaching the Last 16 of the Cup Winners' Cup in the 2011/12 season. The two teams meet for the first leg in the Romanian capital on 5 September.

In the past two seasons, Riihimäki Cocks have reached the quarter-final of the Challenge Cup – without making their ambition to test themselves at a higher level a secret. Now the Finnish team gets that chance. They enter the EHF Cup in Sporthalle Kreuzbleiche in St. Gallen, Switzerland, where they will TSV St. Otmar St. Gallen for the first leg of their tie against the Swiss team.

Last year, Hubo Initia Hasselt made it to Qualification Round 2 for the EHF Cup after missing the cut for VELUX EHF Champions League Group Phase. Now, the Belgian team, who have been in Europe without interruption for the past five years, are ready to have another go at the EHF Cup. Their opponent in the first round will be Turkish Merzifon Belediyesi Hentbol SK who are European debutants. Hasselt are playing at home in the Sporthal Alverberg in both matches.

Croatian RK Porec are receiving Maccabi Rishon LeZion from Israel in the SRC "Veli Joze" Saturday and Sunday night. Four further ties will be played as double headers next weekend.

[Find Qualification Round 1 fixtures here](#)

[Find Qualification Round 2 fixtures here](#)

[Find Qualification Round 3 fixtures here](#)

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EHF		Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 2	Qualification Round 3	Group Phase	Quarter finals	Final Tournament
		24 teams	32 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams
NATION		05/06.09.2015 first leg	10/11.10.2015 first leg	21/22.11.2015 first leg	R1: 13/14.02.2016 R2: 20/21.02.2016 R3: 27/28.02.2016	23/24.04.16 first leg	14/15.05.2016 Tournament
		12/13.09.2015 second leg	17/18.10.2015 second leg	28/29.11.2015 second leg	R4: 05/06.03.2016 R5: 19/20.03.2016 R6: 26/27.03.2016	30.4/01.5.16 second leg	
DRAWS:		21.07.2015	21.07.2015	20.10.2015	03.12.2015	29.03.2016	03.05.2016
1	Def. Champ.			Füchse Berlin	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			2nd CL QT			
3	3rd CL QT			3rd CL QT			
4	ESP			Fraikin BM. Granollers			
5	SLO			RK Gorenje Velenje			
6	GER			SC Magdeburg			
7	DEN			Bjerringbro-Silkeborg			
8	ESP			Helvetia Anaitasuna			
9	FRA			HBC Nantes			
10	SLO			RK Maribor Branik			
11	HUN			Grundfos Tatabanya KC			
12	POL			KS Azoty-Pulawy			
13	GER			Frisch Auf Göppingen			
14	DEN			Aalborg Handbold			
15	ESP			Frigoríficos Morrazo			
16	FRA			St. Raphael var Handball			
17	4th CL QT			4th CL QT	16 Winners of Qualification Round 2	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	4 Winners of Quarterfinals
18	SWE			Alingsas HK			
19	POR			Sporting CP			
20	HUN			Csurgoi KK			
21	ROU			CSM Bucuresti			
22	NOR			OIF Arendal			
23	CRO			RK Nexe			
24	RUS			Permskie medvedi			
25	SUI			Pfadi Winterthur			
26	BLR			SKA Minsk			
27	UKR			HC ZTR			
28	MKD			Zomimak M			
29	SVK			HC Sporta Hlohovec			
30	SRB			RK Spartak Vojput			
31	GRE			AC Diomidis Argous			
32	CZE			SSK M.A.T. Plzen			
33	AUT			Bregenz Handball			
34	POL			Pogon Szczecin			
35	DEN			Team Tvis Holstebro			
36	FRA			Chambery Savoie HB			
37	POL		12 Winners of Qualification Round 1	Gornik Zabrze	16 Winners of Qualification Round 2	1st and 2nd placed teams of each group of the Group Phase	4 Winners of Quarterfinals
38	SWE			Ystad IF HF			
39	ROU			Energia Targu Jiu			
40	CRO			GRK Varazdin 1930			
41	SUI			TSV St. Otmar St. Gallen			
42	ISL			Haukar			
43	ISR			Maccabi Rishon Le Zion			
44	NED			HV Kras/Volendam			
45	LUX			HB Dudelange			
46	TUR			Rainbow Kayseri SK			
47	KOS			KH Besa Famiglia			
48	LTU			Klaipeda Dragnas			
49	EST		Põlva Serviti				
50	BEL		Hubo Initia Hasselt				
51	ITA		SSV Bozen Loacker				
52	MDA		PGU-Kartina TV Tiraspol				
53	MNE		HC Lovcen				
54	BUL		HC Fregata-Burgas				
55	FIN		Riihimäki Cocks				
56	LUX		HB Käerjeng				
57	ROU		Dinamo Bucuresti				
58	NOR		Haslum HK				
59	CRO		RK Porec				
60	ITA		A.S.D. Romagna Handball				

2014/15 top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Stas Skube (SLO)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	81
2	Mahe Kentin (FRA)	HSV Hamburg (GER)	69
3	Sostaric Mario (SLO)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	58
4	Pfahl Adrian (GER)	HSV Hamburg (GER)	55
5	Östlund Viktor (SWE)	Eskilstuna Guif (SWE)	54
6	Nielsen Michael Damgaard (DEN)	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	51
7	Larsen Patrick Wiesmach (DEN)	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	49
	Pettersson Daniel (SWE)	Eskilstuna Guif (SWE)	49
	Tholin Mathias (SWE)	Eskilstuna Guif (SWE)	49
10	Christensen Morten Balling (DEN)	Skjern Handbold (DEN)	48
11	Dryapochko Taras (RUS)	St. Petersburg HC (RUS)	47
	Humet Gaminde Javier (ESP)	HCM Constanta (ROU)	47
	Krieg Julian (GER)	Pfadi Winterthur (SUI)	47
	Møllgard Jensen Henrik (DEN)	Skjern Handbold (DEN)	47
15	Bramming Magnus Grubb (DEN)	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	46
	Szyba Michal (POL)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	46
	Petersen Fredrik Raahauge (SWE)	Füchse Berlin (GER)	46
18	Brännberger Christoffer (SWE)	Haslum Handballklubb (NOR)	45
19	Cutura Dalibor (SRB)	HCM Constanta (ROU)	44
20	Dujmovic Marko (SLO)	Rk Gorenje Velenje (SLO)	43
16	Elezovic Uros (SRB)	HC Vojvodina (SRB)	43

Past winners



2015 Füchse Berlin (GER)



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)
 1995 BM Granollers (ESP)
 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)
 1995 FC Barcelona (ESP)
 1994 FC Barcelona (ESP)



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