



# CHALLENGE CUP

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

# **Media Information**



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# Media information

Dear Media Representative,

Welcome to the anniversary 25<sup>th</sup> season of the Women'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](http://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.


- 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](#)



# 2017/2018 WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP



 CHALLENGE CUP		R 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
			4 teams	32 teams	Last 16	1/4-finals	1/2-finals	finals
NATION		14/15.10.2017 first leg	11/12.11.2017 first leg	03/04.02.2018 first leg	03/04.03.2018 first leg	07/08.04.2018 first leg	05/06.05.2018 first leg	
		21/22.10.2017 second leg	18/19.11.2017 second leg	10/11.02.2018 second leg	10/11.03.2018 second leg	14/15.04.2018 second leg	12/13.05.2018 second leg	
DRAWS:		18.07.2017	18.07.2017	21.11.2017	13.02.2018	13.02.2018	17.04.2018	
1	<b>Def. Champ</b>	<b>no matches</b>		RK Lokomotiva Zagreb/CRO	<b>16 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 3</b>	<b>8 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 4</b>	<b>4 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 5</b>	<b>2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 6</b>
2	<b>ESP</b>			Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE				
3	<b>POL</b>			MKS Selgros Lublin				
4	<b>TUR</b>			Ardesen GSK				
5	<b>NED</b>			Virto/Quintus				
6	<b>SWE</b>			Kristianstad HK				
7	<b>SUI</b>			Spono Eagles				
8	<b>MKD</b>			WHC Metalurg				
9	<b>SRB</b>			ZORK Jagodina				
10	<b>POR</b>			Alavarium Love Tiles				
11	<b>AZE</b>			Azeryol Baku				
12	<b>KOS</b>			KHF Shqiponja				
13	<b>ISR</b>			Maccabi arazim ramat gan				
14	<b>GBR</b>			London GD HC				
15	<b>FIN</b>			HIFK				
16	<b>GRE</b>			AC Paok				
17	<b>BIH</b>			OZRK Jedinstvo Tuzla				
18	<b>AUT</b>			ATV Trofaiach				
19	<b>BEL</b>			Femina Vise				
20	<b>LUX</b>			HB Dudelange				
21	<b>LTU</b>			ACME-Zalgiris Kaunas				
22	<b>ESP</b>			Rincon Fertilidad Malaga				
23	<b>TUR</b>			Zagnosspor				
24	<b>NED</b>			Maedilon/VZV				
25	<b>SWE</b>			Boden Handboll IF				
26	<b>SUI</b>			Rotweiss Thun				
27	<b>MKD</b>			WHC Kumanovo				
28	<b>SRB</b>			ZRK Naisa				
29	<b>POR</b>			ADA CJ Barros				
30	<b>KOS</b>			KHF Istogu				
31	<b>BIH</b>			ZRK Krivaja Zavidovici	<b>2 Winners of Challenge Cup Round 2</b>			
32	<b>AUT</b>			HC Müllner Bau Stockerau				
33	<b>SRB</b>			ZRK Bor RTB				
34	<b>MDA</b>			Olimpus-85 SSSH2				





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Round 2**

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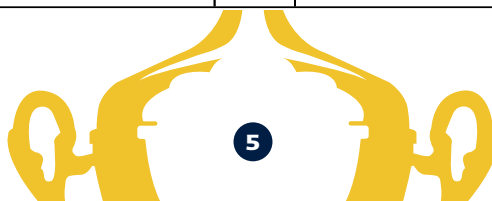
001	BIH	WHC Krivaja Zavidovici	002	SRB	ZJRK Bor RTB	
		14.-15.10.17			21.-22.10.17	
003	MDA	HC Olimpus-85 SSSH-2	004	AUT	UHC Müllner Bau Stockerau	
		14.-15.10.17			21.-22.10.17	



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Round 3**

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001	GRE	A.C. PAOK	002	BIH	OZRK Jedinstvo Tuzla
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
003	ESP	Rincon Fertilidad Malaga	004	MKD	WHC Metalurg
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
005	AUT	ATV Trofaiach	006	SRB	ZORK Jagodina
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
007	BEL	Femina Vise	008	SWE	Kristianstad Handball Klubb
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
009	CRO	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	010		Winner R2 HC Olimpus-85 SSSH-2/UHC Müllner Bau Stockerau
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
011	POL	MKS Selgros Lublin	012	MKD	ZRK Kumanovo
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
013	POR	ADA CJ Barros	014	KOS	KHF Shqiponja
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
015	ISR	Maccabi Arazim Ramat gan	016	SRB	ZRK Naisa Nis
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
017	SWE	Boden Handboll IF	018	FIN	HIFK
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
019	KOS	K.H.F. Istogu	020	NED	Virto / Quintus
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
021	POR	Alavarium / Love Tiles	022		Winner R2 WHC Krivaja Zavidovici/ZJRK Bor RTB
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
023	TUR	Ardesen GSK	024	SUI	DHB Rotweiss Thun SPL 1
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
025	NED	Maedilon/VZV	026	ESP	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
027	LTU	ACME-Zalgiris Kaunas	028	GBR	London GD Handball Club
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
029	SUI	SPONO Eagles	030	TUR	Zagnosspor
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17
031	LUX	HB Dudelange	032	AZE	AZERYOL Handball Club
		11.-12.11.17			18.-19.11.17



## Previous season top scorers

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Stela Posavec (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	61
2	Larissa Kalas (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	55
3	Daisy Hage (NED)	Virto / Quintus (NED)	51
4	Sibylle Scherer (SUI)	LK Zug Handball (SUI)	48
5	Cassandra Tollbring (SWE)	H 65 Höörs HK (SWE)	46
6	Almudena Rodriguez Rodriguez (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE (ESP)	38
7	Cynthia Grift (NED)	Virto / Quintus (NED)	36
8	Africa Sempere Herrera (ESP)	Mecalia Atletico Guardes (ESP)	34
9	Tessa Van Zijl (NED)	Virto / Quintus (NED)	33
	Dora Kalas (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	33
11	Maria Revajova (SVK)	DHC Sokol Poruba (CZE)	32
	Sara Patricia Rodrigues (POR)	CS Madeira (POR)	32
	Soka Smitran (SUI)	LK Zug Handball (SUI)	32
14	Maria Lujan Suarez (ESP)	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE (ESP)	30
	Ramune Pekarskyte (ISL)	Haukar (ISL)	30
16	Anouk Zwinkels (NED)	Virto / Quintus (NED)	29
17	Belma Beba (MKD)	KHF Shqipona (KOS)	28
	Sarka Marcikova (CZE)	DHC Sokol Poruba (CZE)	28
19	Ria Estermann (SUI)	LK Zug Handball (SUI)	27
	Marina Glavan (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	27
	Jelena Kajfes (CRO)	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb (CRO)	27



# Women's Challenge Cup past winners

(formerly called City Cup in the first seven seasons)

2017	HC Lokomotiva Zagreb	CRO
2016	Rocasa Gran Canaria ACE	ESP
2015	Union Mios Biganos-Begle	FRA
2014	H65 Höör	SWE
2013	DHK Banik Most	CZE
2012	HAC Havre	FRA
2011	Mios Biganos	FRA
2010	Buxtehuder SV	GER
2009	Handball Cercle Nimes	FRA
2008	VfL Oldenburg	GER
2007	HC Naisa Nis	SRB
2006	C.S. Rulmentul Brasov	ROU
2005	TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen	GER
2004	1.FC Nürnberg	GER
2003	Borussia Dortmund	GER
2002	Non Profit S.A. Uni	ROU
2001	Handball Cercle Nimes	FRA
2000	Rapid Bucuresti	ROU
1999	Napredak Krusevac	YUG
1998	Ikast F.S.	DEN
1997	Frankfurter Handball Club	GER
1996	AS Silcotub Zalau	ROU
1995	Rotor Volgograd	RUS
1994	Buxtehuder SV	GER

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