



2015 European Wheelchair Handball Nations' Tournament

12 – 13 December 2015 in St. Pölten, Austria



Hosting City – St. Pölten, Austria

St. Pölten is the capital city of Lower Austria. As the newest Austrian Provincial capital it is also Austria's oldest city receiving its status in 1159. It is part of the beautiful Mostviertel and rich of culture relating to its history in fact starting as Roman times city.

Today St. Pölten is also a very sport-loving city hosting for example the IRONMAN 70.3 and the WingsforLife Run. *Source: <http://www.st-poelten.gv.at>*

Be it just for a day or a whole week, a stay in St. Pölten is always rewarding. Not many cities are so rich in contrast. Whether you are exploring the beautiful old town and its Baroque and Jugendstil buildings or the hypermodern Government Quarter and Culture District: you'll have the feeling of taking part in a treasure hunt!

Find more info here: http://www.st-poelten.gv.at/Content.Node/tourismus/stadterlebnis/stadterlebnis_startseite1.php

SPORT.ZENTRUM.Niederösterreich

The "SPORT.ZENTRUM.Niederösterreich", formerly Lower Austrian school sports for more than 20 years, is symbolic of the state to promote the youth, train and support. The "SPORT.ZENTRUM.Niederösterreich" has set itself the goal to position the attractive St. Pölten beyond borders, to modernize the existing facilities and to simultaneously work on extensions. By offering for the tips, performance and recreational sports facilities in the workloads are very high. The possibility of year-round ice-skating rinks and other indoor halls enjoying absolute popularity.

With the largest, most flexible and most multifunctional sports complex in Austria, the "SPORT.ZENTRUM.Niederösterreich" ensures permanent movement. Seminar rooms with modern technical equipment are available for courses, conventions, workshops and press conferences. The combination of seminars with sports activities during breaks hits absolutely the spirit of the time.

Source: <http://www.sportzentrum-noe.at/welcome.html>

Pictures right: <http://www.sportzentrum-noe.at/welcome.html> & <http://www.st-poelten.gv.at/Content.Node/tourismus/index.php>





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Accommodation

Teams will be accommodated in SPORT.ZENTRUM.Niederösterreich in 3-bed and 2-bed rooms. The delegation leader / National Federation shall decide on the room distribution according to needs.

Schedule

11 December 2015 – Arrival

12 / 13 December 2015: Playing days

13 December (evening) / 14 December 2015: Departure

Airport

Vienna International Airport (appr. 70min. / appr 95km to the venue)

Playing rules: See enclosure



EHF Methods Commission

Development, Education, Further Education and Training are part of the core activities of the EHF Methods Commission (MC). Numerous courses and seminars for young coaches, top coaches, young referees, delegates, referees and club managers were organised by the EHF since its foundation, as of 2008 under the umbrella of EHF CAN (Competence Academy & Network).

In 2006 the EHF decided to include Wheelchair Handball to its working fields introducing this new sport to its Member Federations on the occasion of the 2006 EHF Youth Conference hosted in Vienna / AUT. In 2008 the first Championship was hosted in Vienna / AUT with 2 teams representing AUT and SWE participating. A seminar was hosted at the same time with International Wheelchair Handball coaches attending and exchanging their experience!

The latest developments have brought-up a growing interest in Wheelchair Handball not only in Europe but world-wide! Therefore the EHF decided to host another European Wheelchair Handball Nations' Tournament!

The 2015 European Wheelchair Handball Nations' Tournament will be played according to a proposal by the EHF attached to this invitation letter!

The EHF MC is looking forward for an interesting European Wheelchair Handball Nations' Tournament and exciting games! See you in St. Pölten!

Jerzy Elias / Chairman MC

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EHF / EHF Competence Academy & Network (EHF CAN)

The European Handball Federation (EHF) is the governing body of Handball in Europe! Its 50 Member Federations represent and stand for 50 different kinds of national and international handball know-how. Those individual national handball schools/philosophies shall be made use of by involving experts in order to contribute to the variety of handball education in Europe!

Handball know-how exchange and transfer in Europe shall be fostered as an EHF service for the EHF Member Federations by making use of national and international handball experts as well as external lecturers from sport science, medicine, other sports, economy (marketing, equipment suppliers) and media (press, TV, Internet).

The EHF Competence Academy & Network (EHF CAN) shall be established as an educational service centre for EHF Member Federations with the possibility of granting scholarships in order to minimize or delete financial burdens for them. The same holds good for internal EHF Office management training on the job.

The EHF “CAN” shall be established to develop and deliver sport specific educational and training programmes in order to ensure that coaches, officials, athletes and administrators from all over Europe (and the world) have access to the highest quality education relating to “handball know-how” and competence in e-learning, blended learning, interdisciplinary educational courses of various duration, summer schools or mainstream 2-4 semester courses within the European Education Credit Transfer System (ECTS framework).

The EHF “CAN” shall set-up Business Executive Education programmes for further educating and training sporting administrators, resort managers and event executives in the Handball Event Management Business, e.g. also in event-related courses.

The EHF “CAN” shall contain a documentation centre including production of modern teaching aids and media as well as cooperation agreements with research&developing partners, suppliers, universities and testifying institutions.



Participating teams

All EHF Member Federations have the right to participate in the 2015 European Wheelchair Handball Nations' Tournament. However the Tournament is limited to max. 4 teams (following the first come – first served principle).

All teams shall be mixed (male and minimum 3 female players) with always one female player on court. No classification system regarding functional mobility required.

A team delegation shall consist of max. 15 persons (including team officials / max. 12 players) and will be accommodated in 3-bed and 2-bed rooms in SPORT.ZENTRUM, Niederösterreich. The detailed delegation list (including information on food allergy, etc.) shall be provided in October 2015.

Playing rules

The 2015 European Wheelchair Handball Nations' Tournament will be played according to the EHF proposal "How to play Wheelchair Handball" – see enclosure.

Playing kits

Each team shall provide 2 sets of playing kits (light colour / dark colour) to be presented on the occasion of the technical meeting (11 December 2015). Each team will play appr. 4 matches in 2 days (depending on number of participation teams).

Teams shall register via the enclosed registration sheet (to be submitted by the National Federation) by 31 July 2015.

Wheelchairs

If available Sport Wheelchairs shall be used.

The wheelchairs shall be equipment in a safe and fair way without any risk for the player him/herself, his/her team colleagues or the opponent team. A wheelchair can be banned from the game if there is any doubt in its safety or fairness (referee decision).

Insurance & Finance

Insurance

The participating Member Federations are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover, including accident and health insurance for their delegation members, including players, technical staff and officials, at their own expense for the whole duration of the 2015 European Wheelchair Handball Nations' Tournament

Claims for damages against the EHF are expressly excluded. Anyone involved must hold EHF harmless from any and all claims for liability arising in relation to the execution of single matches or any other events in connection with the 2015 European Wheelchair Handball Nations' Tournament.

Finances

The EHF will bear the following costs:

- Local transport from / to Vienna International Airport to SPORT.ZENTRUM.Niederösterreich
- Accommodation and lodging (2 drinks per meal and person, additional drinks have to be paid directly to the restaurant) for max. 15 persons staying in SPORT.ZENTRUM.Niederösterreich
- Hall rental
- Officials (referees, delegates, office staff)
- Balls

The National Federations participating have to bear the following costs:

- Travel to / from Vienna International Airport
- All costs for administration/organisation of the team, etc.





Overall time table

May 2015	Calling for participants
31 July 2015	Deadline for team registrations
August 2015	Info 1 to teams
September 2015	Providing travel schedule to EHF
November 2015	Info 2 to teams
11 December 2015	Afternoon: Arrival day teams 19:00hrs. Welcome Dinner at "Kulinarium Kufstein"
12/13 December 2015	Playing dates (12 Dec: start appr. 14.00hrs / 13. Dec: end appr. 17.00hrs.)
14 December 2015	Departure date

Registration

National Federation of

Size of delegation (*max. 15 person / including max. 12 players*)

Contact person

Name

e-mail

Mobile

Signature Date

Stamp

Please transmit to the EHF Office by **31 July 2015** (rabenseifner@eurohandball.com)

