



Men's EHF Cup 2014/15
Group Phase Draw
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Before the Group Phase draw of the Men's EHF Cup

16 teams from 13 different countries have made it to the group phase of the Men's EHF Cup after some highly thrilling qualification matches last weekend.

On Thursday (11:00 hrs. local time) for the third time in the history of this competition, merged from EHF Cup and Cup Winners' Cup in 2012, a group phase will be drawn. eurohandball.com has composed the most important facts and figures of those 16 participants.

0 teams have gone all the way from the first qualification round to the group phase.

0 winners of the "new EHF Cup" (since the 2012/13 season) are in this season's competition: Rhein Neckar Löwen (winner in 2013) and Pick Szeged (2014) are part of the VELUX EHF Champions League Group Phase.

0 teams from France are part of the group phase – in contrast to three teams in the previous season.

0 teams have been part of all group phases, since the playing system has changed.

1 group phase participant has won the "old version" of the EHF Cup. Granollers won this trophy twice in the 1994/95 and the 1995/96 seasons. HSV Hamburg won the Cup Winners' Cup in the 2006/07 season.

1 EHF European Cup competitions debutant has made it to the group phase: MT Melsungen from Germany.

1 former winner of the VELUX EHF Champions League is among the 16 teams: HSV Hamburg (Germany, winner in 2013). Thus in every season of the merged EHF Cup one former EHF Champions League winner was part of the group phase: SC Magdeburg (2012/13, CL winner in 2002), Montpellier Agglomeration HB (2013/14, CL winner in 2003).

2 of the 16 teams had been part of the first group phase of the EHF Cup in the 2012/13 season: Holstebro and Guif.

3 teams from Germany are among the 16 group phase participants.

3 teams from last season's group phase have again made it that far: Füchse Berlin (GER), Skjern Handbold (DEN) and HCM Constanta (ROU).

3 teams are among those 16 which had been part of EHF Cup finals: Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN, 2013), Füchse Berlin (GER) and HCM Constanta (ROU, both in 2014). All three did not make it to the final.

3 teams were lucky to qualify for the group phase thanks to the away goal rule in the qualification: Berlin, Hamburg and Granollers. Their aggregate results were ties, but thanks to scoring the higher number of goals in their away matches, they are part of the group phase now.

3 countries, which had been represented in last season's group phase, are out in this season: France, Slovakia and FYR Macedonia.

4 countries represent the EHF Cup winners since the original implementation in the 1993/94 season: Germany (15 titles), Spain (4), Croatia and Hungary (each 1).

4 of the 16 teams played in the VELUX EHF Champions League last season: HSV Hamburg (GER), Gorenje Velenje (SLO), St. Petersburg HC (RUS) and FC Porto (POR).

4 current national champions have qualified for the EHF Cup group phase: Haslum (NOR), Vojvodina (SRB), Porto

(POR) and Constanta (ROU). Those teams had failed on way to the qualification for the VELUX EHF Champions League group phase and continued in qualification for the EHF Cup.

4 countries are represented for the first time in the group phase of the EHF Cup: Croatia, Russia, Serbia and Switzerland. In addition, clubs from Norway and Slovenia were not part of the group phase last previous season.

4 teams turned an away defeat in the first leg of Round 3 into qualification for the group phase: Haslum, Balatonfüredi, St. Petersburg and Granollers.

7 teams have already played four qualification matches, as they began their campaign in Round 2: Nexø, Balatonfüredi, Skjern, Holstebro, Winterthur, Guif and Melsungen.

13 different countries are represented by those 16 clubs. While Germany have three group phase participants and Denmark two, Croatia, Spain, Hungary, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovenia, Serbia, Switzerland and Sweden are represented by one team each. Seven of those countries (DEN, ESP, GER, HUN, POR, ROU, SWE) were represented in last season's group phase.

27 goals was the biggest winning margin in qualification round 3: Skjern scored an aggregate result of 72:45 against Oroshazi (HUN).

36 goals were scored by Marcel Hees (Pfadi Winterthur) to sit on top of the scorers list prior to the start of the group phase. Second best scorer of the teams still involved is Balasz Szöllösi (Balatonfüredi), who found the net 29 times.

48 group matches will decide the six or eight teams to proceed to the quarter-finals.

EHF Cup Group Phase Draw Preview

Three qualification rounds of the Men's EHF Cup are over and remaining 16 teams will learn their next opponents on Thursday, 4 December at 11:00 hrs, when the draw of the group phase in Vienna will define all four groups.

The EHF Cup Group Phase will start on 8 February and the last (sixth) round will be played on 29/30 March.

Live coverage of the draw event

All handball fans can follow the last club handball draw event of the year on various channels on Thursday, 4 December. There will be a live streaming from the event which will also cover the draw of the Men's Challenge Cup Last 16 at 10:30 hrs local time. Thanks to the streaming on eurohandball.com the fans will be also able to follow the post-draw reactions of club representatives present at the draw. Furthermore, the up-to-the-second coverage of both draws will be available via liveticker on www.eurohandball.com and on @ehfmedia Twitter channel.

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Several top clubs in four pots

Remaining 16 teams in the third edition of the reformed competition will learn names of their next opponents. Based on the competition's ranking four pots have been determined with four teams in each. There will be a country protection applied during the draw as two teams from the same country cannot meet in the same group. However this will apply only to the three German teams as both Danish sides are in the same pot and other 11 countries have each just one team in the competition. There are several household names of European handball in all four pots including the 2012/13 VELUX EHF Champions League winners HSV Hamburg or the 2012 VELUX EHF FINAL4 participants and the last season's EHF Cup Finals hosts Füchse Berlin. HCM Constanta are another regulars from the European top flight, while Denmark's Skjern Handbold won twice the Challenge Cup in the past and their domestic rivals Team Tvis Holstebro, who reached the EHF Cup Finals in 2013.

Seedings for the EHF Cup Group Phase Draw:

Pot 1

HSV Hamburg (GER)
MT Melsungen (GER)
Futebol Clube do Porto (POR)
HCM Constanta (ROU)

Pot 2

Fraikin BM. Granollers (ESP)
Balatonfüredi KSE (HUN)
Haslum Handballklubb (NOR)
HC Vojvodina (SRB)

Pot 3

Füchse Berlin (GER)
St. Petersburg HC (RUS)
Gorenje Velenje (SLO)
Eskilstuna Guif (SWE)

Pot 4

RK Nexe (CRO)
Skjern Handbold (DEN)
Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)
Pfadi Winterthur (SUI)

Draw procedure:

Step 1: 4 teams of Pot 1 are placed to row 1

Step 2: 4 teams of Pot 2 are placed to row 2

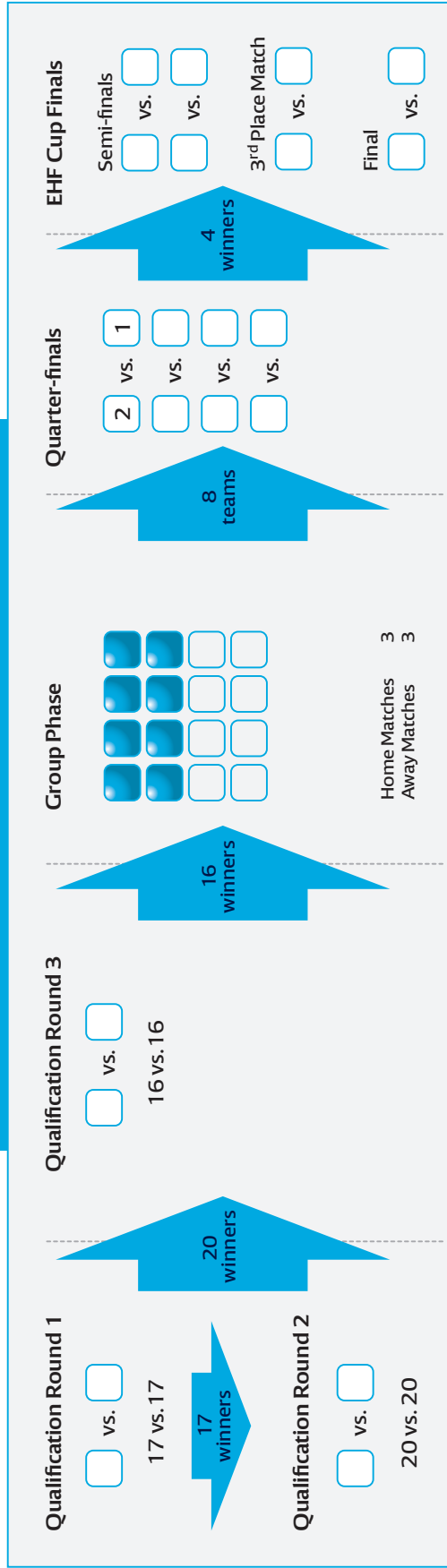
Step 3: Füchse Berlin of Pot 3 are placed to row 3 to avoid the groups with Hamburg and Melsungen

Step 4: Remaining 3 teams of Pot 3 are placed to row 3

Step 5: 4 teams of Pot 4 are placed to row 4



Men's EHF Cup 2014/15 playing system



Season 2014/15 playing dates

Qualification Round 1	Qualification Round 2	Qualification Round 3	Group Phase	Quarter-finals	EHF Cup Finals
first leg - 06/07.09.2014 second leg - 13/14.09.2014	first leg - 11/12.10.2014 second leg - 18/19.10.2014	first leg 22/23.11.2014 second leg 29/30.11.2014	14/15.02.2015 21/22.02.2015 28/02/1.03.2015	first leg 11/12.04.2015 second leg 18/19.04.2015	16 / 17.05.2015

Total number of matches: 166

Pot 1

HSV Hamburg (GER)



Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: IFK Kristianstad (SWE) vs Hamburg 27:29

2nd leg: Hamburg vs Kristianstad 26:28

Aggregate score: 55:55, Hamburg qualified on away goals

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations: 7

Winners (1): 2012/2013

Semi-final (3): 2007/2008, 2008/2009, 2010/2011

Quarter-final (1): 2009/2010

Last 16 (1): 2011/2012, 2013/14

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Winners 2006/2007

German champion: 1 title (2011)

German Cup winner: twice

German Super-Cup winner: four times

MT Melsungen (GER)



Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Melsungen vs Fenix Toulouse (FRA) 34:27

2nd leg: Toulouse vs Melsungen 26:23

Aggregate score: 57:53

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Melsungen vs Tatran Presov (SVK) 31:24

2nd leg: Presov vs Melsungen 26:25

Aggregate score: 56:50

Past achievements

Other

German bundesliga: 6th place 2013/14

Pot 1



Futebol Clube do Porto (POR)



HCM Constanta (ROU)

Road to the Group Phase

VELUX EHF Champions League Qualification Tournament 2

Semi-final: Porto vs Alpla HC Hard (AUT) 29:25

Final: HC Motor Zaporozhye (UKR) vs Porto 30:26

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Porto vs Abanca Ademar Leon (ESP) 29:24

2nd leg: Leon vs Porto 28:25

Aggregate score: 54:52

Road to the Group Phase

VELUX EHF Champions League Qualification Tournament 3

Semi-final: Constanta vs Hubo Initia Hasselt (BEL) 29:20

Final: Constanta vs Besiktas Mogaz HT 25:34

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Constanta vs Elverum Handball Herrer (NOR) 27:21

2nd leg: Elverum vs Constanta 29:30

Aggregate score: 57:50

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 8

Last 16 (1): 1999/2000

Group Phase (1): 2013/14

Qualification (6): 2004/2005, 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2014/15)

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2000/2001, 2001/2002

Portuguese league: 18 titles (1954, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1968, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Portuguese cup: 7 titles

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 9

Last 16 (1): 2009/10

Group Phase (6): 2004/05, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13

Qualification (2): 2013/14, 2014/15

EHF Cup

EHF Cup Finals: 4th place 2013/14

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Semi-final 2005/06

Challenge Cup: Semi-final 2003/04

Romanian champions: 9 titles (2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Romanian Cup winners: 6 titles

Pot 2



Fraikin BM. Granollers (ESP)



Balatonfüredi KSE (HUN)

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Sporting Clube de Portugal (POR) vs Granollers 27:25

2nd leg: Granollers vs Sporting 25:23

Aggregate score: 50:50, Granollers qualified on away goals

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Balatonfüred vs Dinamo Astrakhan (RUS) 21:23

2nd leg: Astrakhan vs Balatonfüred 20:25

Aggregate score: 46:43

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Alpla HC Hard (AUT) vs Balatonfüred 31:26

2nd leg: Balatonfüred vs Hard 26:18

Aggregate score: 49:52

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Winners (2): 1994/95, 1995/96

Semi-final (1): 1996/97

Quarter-final (1): 2004/05

Last 16 (2): 2007/08, 2011/12

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: final 2009/10

Champions Trophy: final 1995/96

City Cup: semi-final 1993/94

IHF Cup Winners' Cup: 1975/76

Spanish league: 10 titles (1959, 1960, 1961, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1974)

Copa del Rey: 3 titles

ASOBAL Cup: 1 title

Past achievements

EHF Cup:

Round 3: 2011/12

Round 2: 2012/13

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2010/11

Hungarian league: 3rd place (2012)

Pot 2



Haslum Handballklubb (NOR)



HC Vojvodina (SRB)

Road to the Group Phase

VELUX EHF Champions League Qualification Tournament 3

Semi-final: Haslum vs Besiktas MOGAZ HT (TUR) 22:29

3rd place match: Hubo Initia Hasselt (BEL) vs Haslum 26:35

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: HC Kaustik Volgograd (RUS) vs Haslum 31:28

2nd leg: Haslum vs Kaustik 36:26

Aggregate score: 57:64

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (including 2014/15 season): 3

Qualification (2): 2011/12, 2012/13, 2014/15

EHF Cup

Round 3 (2): 2011/12, 2012/13

Round 1 (1): 2009/10

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2006/07

Norwegian league: 3 titles (2011, 2012, 2014)

Norwegian cup: 3 titles

Road to the Group Phase

VELUX EHF Champions League Qualification Tournament 1

Semi-final: Vojvodina vs Tatran Presov (SVK) 21:25

3rd place match: Targos Bevo HC (NED) vs Vojvodina 25:30

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Vojvodina vs SKA Minsk (BLR) 27:22

2nd leg: Minsk vs Vojvodina 28:25

Aggregate score: 52:50

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participation (including 2014/15 season): 3

Qualification (2): 2005/06, 2013/14, 2014/15

EHF Cup

Round 3 (3): 2005/06, 2012/13, 2013/14

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Last 16 2011/12

Challenge Cup: Round 3 2004/05

Serbian league: 3 titles (2005, 2013, 2014)

Serbian cup: 3 titles

Pot 3



Füchse Berlin (GER)



St. Petersburg HC (RUS)

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Füchse vs HBC Nantes (FRA) 23:18

2nd leg: Nantes vs Füchse 28:23

Aggregate score: 46:46, Füchse qualified on away goals

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations (2)

VELUX EHF FINAL4: fourth place 2011/12

Last 16: 2012/13

EHF Cup

EHF Cup Finals: third place 2013/14

Other

German cup: 1 title (2014)

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Grundfos Tatabanya KC (HUN) vs St. Petersburg 23:22

2nd leg: St. Petersburg vs Tatabanya 32:24

Aggregate score: 47:54

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations: 4

Group Phase (3): 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14

Other

Russian league: 1 title (1993),

4x runners-up (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Pot 3



Gorenje Velenje (SLO)



Eskilstuna Guif (SWE)

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Permskie Medvedi (RUS) vs Velenje 34:37

2nd leg: Velenje vs Perm 39:29

Aggregate score: 63:76

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Eskilstuna vs SonderjyskE Herrehandbold A/S (DEN) 29:27

2nd leg: SonderjyskE vs Eskilstuna 25:26

Aggregate score: 55:52

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Eskilstuna vs Bada Huesca (ESP) 32:24

2nd leg: Huesca vs Eskilstuna 26:23

Aggregate score: 55:50

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Participations: 7

Last 16 (3): 2005/2006, 2009/2010, 2012/13, 2013/14

Main Round (1): 2007/2008

Group Phase (1): 2004/2005

Qualification (1): 2010/2011

EHF Cup

Runners-up (1): 2008/2009

Semi-final (1): 1994/95

Quarter-final (3): 1996/97, 2010/11, 2011/12

Round 3 (1): 2002/03

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: semi-final 2003/04, quarter-final 2004/05

Slovenian league: 3 titles (2009, 2012, 2013)

Slovenian cup: 1 title

Past achievements

EHF Cup

Group Phase (1): 2012/13

Last 16 (1): 2011/12

Last 32 (1): 1995/96

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: quarter-final 1997/98

Challenge Cup: Last 16 2010/11

Swedish league: runners-up (1997, 2001, 2009, 2011)

Pot 4



RK Nexe (CRO)



Skjern Handbold (DEN)

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: KH BESA Famiglia (KOS) vs Nexe 25:40

2nd leg: Nexe vs BESA 43:26

Aggregate score: 83:51

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Nexe vs HC Potaissa Turda (ROU) 35:20

2nd leg: Turda vs Nexe 26:23

Aggregate score: 58:46

Past achievements

EHF Cup

Last 16 (1): 2011/12

Round 3 (4): 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2013/14

Round 2 (1): 2012/13

Other

Croatian league: runners-up (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Bregenz Handball (AUT) vs Skjern 27:36

2nd leg: Skjern vs Bregenz 36:32

Aggregate score: 59:72

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Skjern vs Oroshazi KSE-Linamar (HUN) 40:20

2nd leg: Oroshaza vs Skjern 25:32

Aggregate score: 72:45

Past achievements

VELUX EHF Champions League

Last 16 (1): 2003/2004

Main Round (1): 1999/2000

EHF Cup

Semi-final (1): 2006/07

Group Phase (1): 2013/14

Last 16 (1): 2011/12

Round 3 (1): 2004/05

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2005/06, Round 4 2000/01

Challenge Cup: Winners 2001/02, 2002/03

Danish champions: 1 title (1999)

Danish cup winners: 1 title

Pot 4



Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)



Pfadi Winterthur (SUI)

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Holstebro vs HC Kriens-Luzern (SUI) 35:23

2nd leg: Kriens-Luzern vs Holstebro 36:36

Aggregate score: 71:59

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: Holstebro vs Stiinta Municipal Dedeman Bacau (ROU) 32:27

2nd leg: Bacau vs Holstebro 28:29

Aggregate score: 61:55

Past achievements

EHF Cup

EHF Cup Finals (1): third ranked (2013)

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2009/10

Challenge Cup: Round 4 2002/03

Danish league: 3rd place (2009, 2012, 2014)

Danish cup: 1 title

Road to the Group Phase

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 2

1st leg: Pfadi vs RK Zeleznicar 1949 Nis (SRB) 35:26

2nd leg: Nis vs Pfadi 29:30

Aggregate score: 65:55

EHF Cup, Qualification Round 3

1st leg: HK Agro Topolcany vs Pfadi 26:28

2nd leg: Pfadi vs Topolcany 32:25

Aggregate score: 51:60

Past achievements

EHF Champions League

Participations: 8

Quarter-final (2): 1996/97, 1997/98

Last 16 (2): 1994/95, 2003/04

Group Stage (3): 1995/96, 1998/99, 2004/05

Qualification (1): 2002/03

EHF Cup

Round 3 (1): 2011/12

Round 2 (1): 2013/14

Round 1 (1): 2012/13

Other

Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final 2002/03

Challenge Cup: Runners-up 2000/01, Semi-final 2007/08

City Cup: Semi-final 1999/2000

Swiss league: 9 titles (1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004)

Swiss cup: 3 titles

Top scorers of the qualification

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1	Hess Marcel (SUI)	Pfadi Winterthur (SUI)	36
2	Ilic Josip (CRO)	Handball Esch (LUX)	31
3	Kucharik Ivan (SVK)	HK AGRO Topolcany (SVK)	30
4	Biljaka Goran (BIH)	KH BESA Famiglia (KOS)	29
	Mayer Lucas (AUT)	Bregenz Handball (AUT)	29
	Rivera Folch Valero (ESP)	HBC Nantes (FRA)	29
	Szöllösi Balazs (HUN)	Balatonfüredi KSE (HUN)	29
8	Stelman Amit Yehiel (ISR)	Maccabi Rishon Lezion (ISR)	28
9	Lindboe Andre (NOR)	Elverum Handball Herrer (NOR)	27
	Pulli Sacha (LUX)	Handball Esch (LUX)	27
11	Cederholm Andreas (SWE)	IFK Kristianstad (SWE)	26
	Larsen Patrick Wiesmach (DEN)	Team Tvis Holstebro (DEN)	26
13	Adomnicai Cristian (ROU)	HC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	25
	Dediu Claudiu (ROU)	HC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	25
15	Buday Daniel (HUN)	Oroshazi FKSE-Linamar (HUN)	24
	Hud Vedran (CRO)	GRK Varazdin 1930 (CRO)	24
	Klacansky Lukas (SVK)	HK AGRO Topolcany (SVK)	24
	Portela Pedro (POR)	Sporting Clube de Portugal (POR)	24
	Solha Pedro (POR)	Sporting Clube de Portugal (POR)	24

(**Bold text** indicates players that are still active in the competition.)

Past winners



2014
Pick Szeged (HUN)

2013
Rhein Neckar Löwen (GER)

Previous Men's EHF Cup winners

2012	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
2011	Frisch Auf Göppingen (GER)
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 Avidesa (ESP)

Previous Men's Cup Winners' Cup winners

2012	SG Flensburg Handewitt (GER)
2011	VfL Gummersbach (GER)
2010	VfL Gummersbach (GER)
2009	Pevafersa 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)
2002	A.D.C. Ciudad Real (ESP)
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)
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