



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2020/21

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Welcome to the inaugural season of the EHF European Cup. The 28th season of European club competitions under the EHF umbrella sees a new era in 2020/21, as the new partnership with Infront and DAZN comes into effect.

The EHF European Cup replaces the Challenge Cup as the third-tier of the continental club competitions hierarchy after the EHF Champions League and the EHF European League. It arrives with a new competition identity.

The EHF European Cup will be played in a knock-out system throughout the whole season and culminate in a home and away two-legged final.

In the following media information you will find the essential facts you will require for the upcoming season and the participating teams. Additional information 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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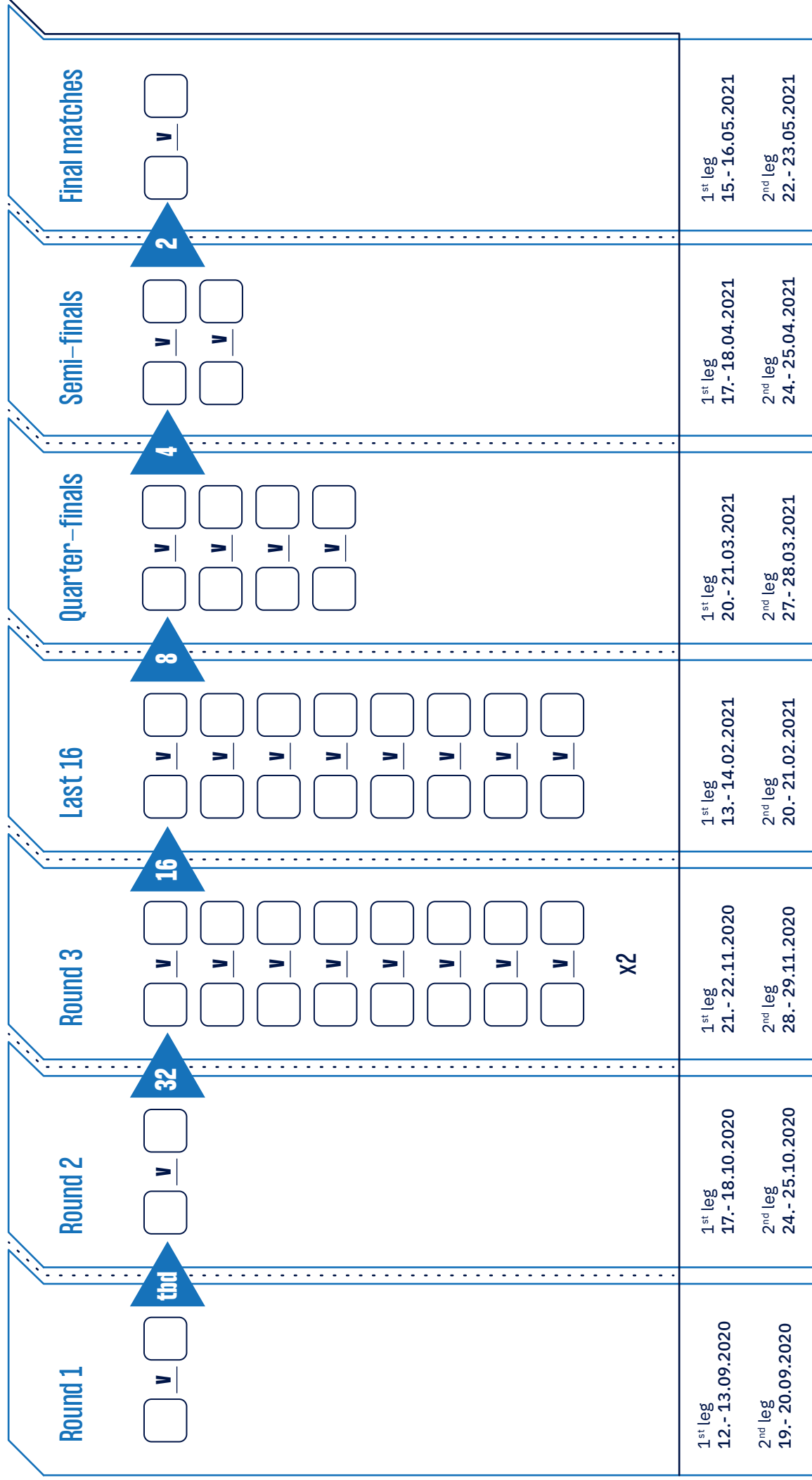
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EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN

2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



EHF European Cup 2020/21 Men



		R 1	Round 2	Round 3	Last 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final matches	
			38 teams 14.-15.11.2020 first leg 21.-22.11.2020 second leg	32 teams 12.-13.12.2020 first leg 19.-20.12.2020 second leg	16 teams 13.-14.02.2021 first leg 20.-21.02.2021 second leg	8 teams 20.-21.03.2021 first leg 27.-28.03.2021 second leg	4 teams 17.-18.04.2021 first leg 24.-25.04.2021 second leg	2 teams 15.-16.05.2021 first leg 22.-23.05.2021 second leg	
NATION									
DRAWS:		01.09.2020	tbd		tbd		23.02.2021	23.02.2021	27.04.2021
1	ROU	no matches		CS Minaur Baia Mare	16 Winners of Qualification Round 3	8 Winners of Last 16	4 Winners of Quarter-finals	2 Winners of Semi-finals	
2	GRE								
3	RUS								
4	NOR								
5	ISL								
6	LUX								
7	BIH								
8	CZE								
9	ISR								
10	UKR								
11	SVK								
12	TUR								
13	BLR								
14	FIN		BK-46	19 Winners of Qualification Round 2					
15	LTU								
16	SRB								
17	SWE								
18	KOS								
19	BUL								
20	SUI								
21	AUT								
22	CYP								
23	LAT								
24	MDA								
25	ITA								
26	SLO								
27	EST								
28	ROU								
29	GRE								
30	ISL								
31	BIH								
32	CZE								
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40	ITA								
41	EST								
42	BIH								
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45	FIN								
46	LTU								
47	ITA								
48	RUS								
49	NOR								
50	BIH								
51	CZE								

NEW—LOOK EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN TO THROW OFF IN YSTAD

The inaugural season of the EHF European Cup Men, the competition which replaced the EHF Challenge Cup from 2020/21, will get underway with qualification round 2 matches this weekend.

Originally planned for October, the opening stage of the tournament was rescheduled to take place one month later, and will now throw off with two double headers and three first-leg matches.

- **Ystad IF (SWE) will host the first match of the new-look competition as they welcome VHC Sviesa Vilnius (LTU); they will play the second leg in the same venue on Sunday**
- **in the other double header, Odessa (UKR) will face RK Gracanica (BIH) in Mayaki on Saturday and Sunday**
- **three more double headers are scheduled for next weekend**
- **nine teams advanced to the next stage as their round 2 matches could not be played due to the current Covid-19 situation**
- **13 teams were directly seeded into round 3, which is to take place from 12 to 19 December**
- **CSM to start away in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Among the teams who start their European Cup campaigns this week are reigning Challenge Cup champions CSM Bucuresti, who will travel to Bosnia and Herzegovina to meet MRK Sloga Gornju Vakuf Uskoplje on Saturday.

On the same day, Cocks, participants in the VELUX EHF Champions League the two past seasons, will play their first-leg match at home in Riihimaki against HC Dragunas Klaipeda.

RK Gorenje Velenje, who have vast experience at playing at different levels in Europe, will also start on Saturday at home as they host Ego Handball Siena.

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

If, after completion of the two matches, both clubs have won the same number of points (no extra time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) higher number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

Rules for execution of penalty throws

- Only players (incl. goalkeepers) who are listed on the match report and are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate at the penalty throws.
- Prior to the penalty throws, each team shall name five players 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 match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may perform 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 the scores are equal after the first round of penalty throws, 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.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty throws shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- 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 court.
- 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](#)

ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

MatchID: 202111020702-

001	ISL	Afturelding Mosfellsbear Iceland	002	LTU	Granitas-Karys	0 : 20
		16.10.2020 00:00			16.10.2020 00:00	0:10 (0:0)
						0:10 (0:0)
003	LAT	ZRHK TENAX Dobeles	004	FIN	IFK Handball Helsinki	20 : 0
		28.09.2020 00:00			28.09.2020 00:00	10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
005	FIN	Cocks	006	LTU	HC Dragunas Klaipeda	
		14.11.2020 16:00 Riihimäki			21.11.2020 14:00 Klaipeda	
		Ref.: Kull, Tint EST Del.: Udd FIN			Ref.: Jaskins, Zabko LAT Del.: Mikucionis LTU	
007	SWE	Ystads IF	008	LTU	VHC Sviesa Vilnius	
		13.11.2020 19:30 Ystad			15.11.2020 13:00 Ystad	
		Ref.: Beqiri, Krasniqi KOS Del.: Thelander SWE			Ref.: Beqiri, Krasniqi KOS Del.: Thelander SWE	
Both matches in SWE						
009	FIN	BK-46	010	EST	HC Tallinn	0 : 20
		29.10.2020 00:00			29.10.2020 00:00	0:10 (0:0)
						0:10 (0:0)
011	EST	Põlva Serviti	012	NOR	Kolstad Handball Elite team	20 : 0
		10.11.2020 00:00			10.11.2020 00:00	10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
013	TUR	Spor Toto SC	014	SRB	RK Zeleznicar 1949	20 : 0
		10.11.2020 00:00			10.11.2020 00:00	10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
015	GRE	A.C. Diomidis Argous	016	TUR	Antalyaspor	0 : 20
		09.11.2020 00:00			09.11.2020 00:00	0:10 (0:0)
						0:10 (0:0)
017	MDA	PGU Kartina TV Tiraspol	018	RUS	SGAU-Saratov	0 : 20
		30.10.2020 00:00			30.10.2020 00:00	0:10 (0:0)
						0:10 (0:0)
019	BIH	MRK Sloga Gornji Vakuf Uskoplje	020	ROU	CSM Bucuresti	
		14.11.2020 20:00 Uskoplje			21.11.2020 17:00 Bucuresti	
		Ref.: Loncar, Loncar CRO Del.: Maric BIH			Ref.: Sekulic, Jovandic SRB Del.: Belu ROU	
021	UKR	Odessa	022	BIH	RK Gracanica	
		14.11.2020 16:00 Mayaki, Odessa oblast			15.11.2020 12:00 Mayaki, Odessa oblast	
		Ref.: Sirbu, Serdiuc MDA Del.: Konopliastyi UKR			Ref.: Sirbu, Serdiuc MDA Del.: Konopliastyi UKR	
Both matches in UKR						
023	KOS	KH Prishtina	024	BUL	HC Dobrudja	20 : 0
		10.11.2020 00:00			10.11.2020 00:00	10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
025	BIH	HC Bosna Vispak Visoko	026	KOS	KH Besa Famgas	
		21.11.2020 18:00 Pejã			22.11.2020 15:00 Pejã	
		Ref.: Doychinov, Goretsov BUL Del.: Nikolovski MKD			Ref.: Doychinov, Goretsov BUL Del.: Nikolovski MKD	
Both matches in KOS						
027	CYP	Parnassos Strovolou	028	ITA	Raimond Sassari	
		20.11.2020 18:30 Engomi-Nicosia			21.11.2020 18:30 Engomi-Nicosia	
		Ref.: Barysas, Petrusis LTU Del.: Savvides CYP			Ref.: Barysas, Petrusis LTU Del.: Savvides CYP	
Both matches in CYP						
029	SLO	RK Gorenje Velenje	030	ITA	Ego Handball Siena	
		14.11.2020 18:00 Velenje			21.11.2020 19:00 Siena	
		Ref.: Budzak, Zahradnik SVK Del.: Kalin SLO			Ref.: Accoto Martins, Accoto Martins POR Del.: Tosi Brandi ITA	

ROUND 2 SCHEDULE

031	CZE	TJ Sokol Nove Veseli	032	CYP	Sabbianco Anorthosis Famagusta	
		20.11.2020 20:15 Kato Polemidia-Limasol-Cyprus			21.11.2020 20:15 Kato Polemidia-Limasol-Cyprus	
		Ref.: Hannes, Hannes GER Del.: Constantinou CYP			Ref.: Hannes, Hannes GER Del.: Constantinou CYP	
Both matches in CYP						
033	CZE	HC Robe Zubri	034	SUI	TSV St. Otmar St. Gallen	20 : 0
		29.10.2020 00:00			29.10.2020 00:00	10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
035	AUT	SG INSIGNIS Handball Westwien	036	ITA	Cassano Magnago HC ASD	20 : 0
		06.11.2020 00:00			06.11.2020 00:00	10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
037	CZE	HCB Karvina	038	AUT	SC kelag Ferlach	0 : 20
		04.11.2020 00:00			04.11.2020 00:00	0:10 (0:0)
						0:10 (0:0)

MEN'S CHALLENGE CUP 2019/20 TOP SCORERS*

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1.	Batinovic Damir (CRO)	Red Boys Differdange (LUX)	34
2.	Pavlovic Milan (SRB)	AS SGS Ramhat Hashron (ISR)	30
3.	Klima Matej (CZE)	HC Dukla Praha (CZE)	28
	Monczka Marek (CZE)	HCB Karvina (CZE)	28
	Simsar Yakup Yasar (TUR)	Beykoz BLD SK (TUR)	28
6.	Magnússon Magnús Óli (ISL)	Valur (ISL)	25
	Ramba Ionut Emanuel (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	25
8.	Gerlich Matthias (GER)	BSV Bern (SUI)	23
9.	Jankauskas Karolis (LTU)	Kauno Azuolas-KTU Kaunas (LTU)	22
10.	Szoke Marius Alin (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	21
11.	Arampatzis Evangelos (GRE)	A.E.K. Athens HC (GRE)	20
	Helander Benjamin (FIN)	Alingsas HK (SWE)	20
	Runarsson Anton (ISL)	Valur (ISL)	20
14.	Cordt-Hansen Hans-Fredrik (NOR)	Halden Topphandball (NOR)	19
	Georgievski Goce (MKD)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	19
	Otrezov Anton (RUS)	HC Victor (RUS)	19
	Rotaru Adrian Vladut (ROU)	CSM Bucuresti (ROU)	19
18.	Djekic Djordje (SRB)	AS SGS Ramhat Hashron (ISR)	18
	Ghita Radu Cristian (ROU)	AHC Potaissa Turda (ROU)	18
	Horgen Aksel (NOR)	Drammen HK (NOR)	18
	Nilsen-Nygaard William (NOR)	Halden Topphandball (NOR)	18
	Santos Daniel (POR)	AM Madeira Andebol SAD (POR)	18

* the competition was suspended after quarter-finals due to the Covid-19 pandemic

MEN'S CHALLENGE CUP PAST WINNERS

(formerly known as City Cup in the first seven seasons)

2020 no title awarded due to Covid-19

2019 CSM Bucuresti

2018 AHC Potaissa Turda ROU

2017 Sporting CP POR

2016 ABC/UMinho POR

2015 HC Odorhei ROU

2014 Sävehof IK SWE

2013 SKA Minsk BLR

2012 AC Diomidis Argos GRE

2011 RK Cimos Koper SLO

2010 Sporting Club de Portugal POR

2009 UCM Sport Resita ROU

2008 UCM Sport Resita ROU

2007 CS UCM Resita ROU

2006 Steaua Bucuresti ROU

2005 Wacker Thun SUI

2004 IFK Skövde HK SWE

2003 Skjern Handball DEN

2002 Skjern Handball DEN

2001 RK Jugovic Kav YUG

2000 TV Grosswallstadt GER

1999 SG Flensburg-Handewitt GER

1998 TuS Nettelstadt GER

1997 TuS Nettelstadt GER

1996 Drammen HK NOR

1995 TV Niederwürzbach GER

1994 TUSEM Essen GER



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