



# MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN CUP WOMEN 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](http://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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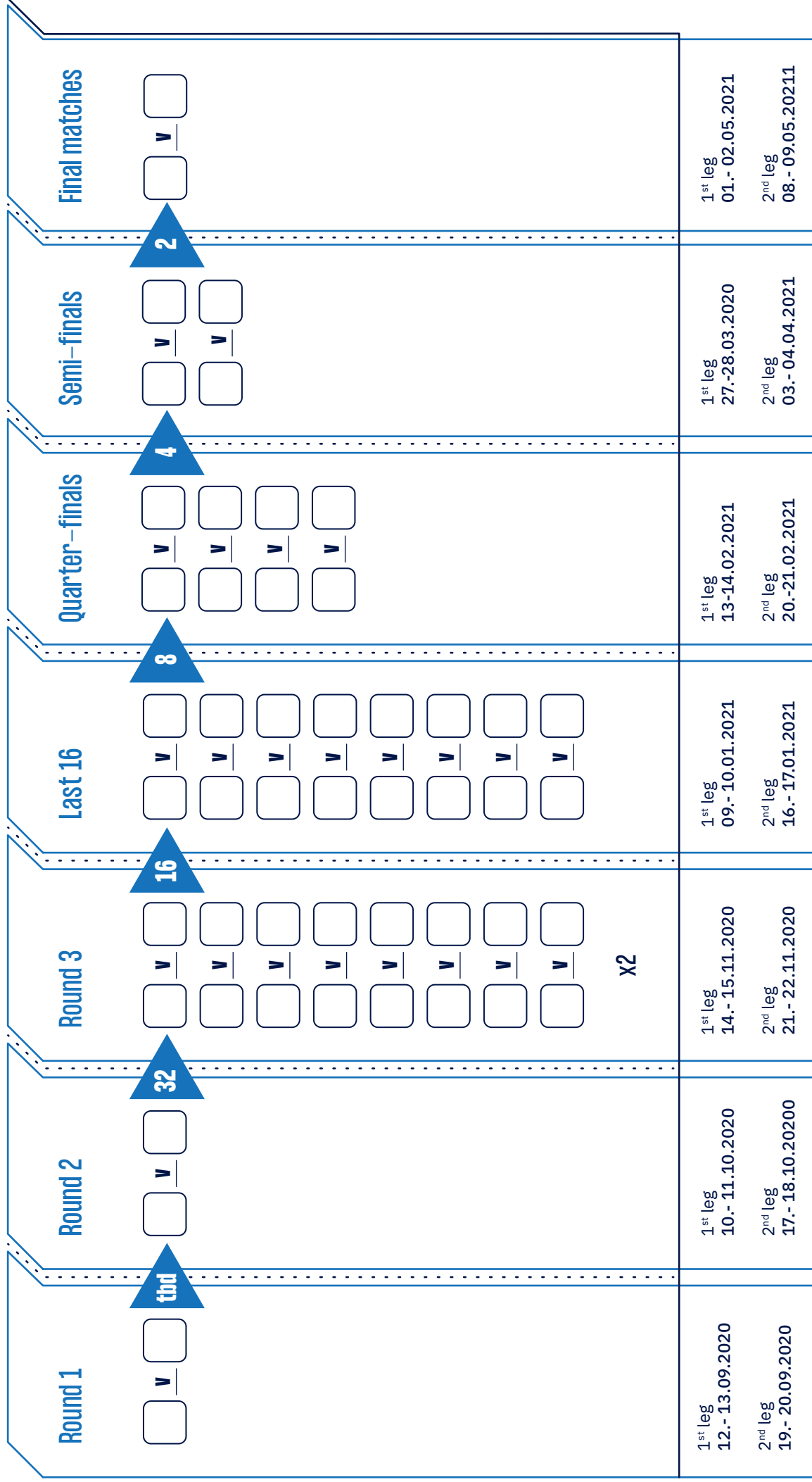
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## 2020/21 SEASON

Playing system and dates



# EHF European Cup 2020/21 Women



		R 1	Round 2	Round 3	Last 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final matches
			18 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	2 teams
NATION			10.-11.10.2020 first leg	14.-15.11.2020 first leg	09.- 10.01.2021 first leg	13.- 14.02.2021 first leg	27.- 28.03.2021 first leg	01.- 02.05.2021 first leg
			17.-18.10.2020 second leg	21.-22.11.2020 second leg	16.- 17.01.2021 second leg	20.- 21.02.2021 second leg	03.- 04.04.2021 second leg	08.- 09.05.2021 second leg
DRAWS:			01.09.2020	tbd	tbd	19.01.2021	19.01.2021	06.04.2021
1	ESP	no matches		Club Balonmano Elche	16 Winners of Qualification Round 3			
2	CRO			HC Lokomotiva Zagreb				
3	SRB			ZORK Jagodina				
4	NED			JuRo Unirek VZV				
5	TUR			Yalikavakspor Club				
6	POR			CDE-Toyota				
7	BLR			COR Victoria-Berestie				
8	AZE			Azeryol HC				
9	MKD			ZRK Kumanovo				
10	GRE			A.C. PAOK				
11	KOS			KHF Ferizaj				
12	AUT			ROMMZ Hotels ZV Wr. Neustadt				
13	BIH			HRK Grude				
14	SUI			LK Zug Handball				
15	ITA			Jomi Salerno				
16	CZE			DHC Slavia Praha				
17	LUX			Handball Käerjeng				
18	MNE			ORK Rudar				
19	ISL			KA/Pór				
20	MLT			Kavallieri RS2				
21	UKR			HC Galychanka Lviv				
22	ESP			CB Atlético Guardés				
23	CRO			ZRK Bjelovar				
24	SRB	ZRK Naisa Nis	9 Winners of Qualification Round 2					
25	NED	Westfriesland SEW						
26	TUR	Muratpasa Belediyesi SK						
27	POR	Alavarium Love Tiles						
28	KOS	KHF Vushtrria						
29	SUI	Spono Eagles						
30	ITA	SSV Brixen Südtirol						
31	ISL	Valur						
32	UKR	HC Real						
33	ESP	Rocasa Gran Canaria						
34	KOS	KHF Istogu						
35	SUI	DHB Rotweiss Thun						
36	ITA	Ali-Best Espresso-Mestrino						
37	ESP	Rincón Fertilidad Málaga						
38	ESP	KH-7 BM. Granollers						
39	TUR	Izmir Büyükşehir Bel. GSK						
40	ITA	P. F. Cassano Magnago						
41	MKD	WHC Cair-Skopje						

# SIX TEAMS START THEIR EHF EUROPEAN CUP ADVENTURE

The EHF European Cup Women is ready for throw-off. The newly formed third-tier European club competition, replacing the former Challenge Cup, starts into its inaugural season on Saturday.

Round 2 consist of six ties in total; three of them will be contested next weekend, leaving three matches to be played on the opening day.

- **DHB Rotweiss Thun and SPONO Eagles will play only one game, so this Swiss derby will already be decided after their duel on Saturday**
- **The two other games on Saturday will be followed by a second leg next week**
- **Ukraine's HC Real and Italy's Ali-Best Espresso-Mestrino will also play just one game, which is scheduled for Saturday 17 October in Koper, Slovenia**
- **Also next week, two ties will be carried out as double-headers: Rocasa Gran Canaria vs Westfriesland SEW and Alavarium Love Tiles vs KH-7 BM. Granollers**
- **Not only Switzerland, but also Kosovo will see a national derby this round, as KHF Vushtrria take on KHF Istogu**
- **The schedule also includes a regional derby, between Macedonian side WHC Cair-Skopje and ZRK Naisa Nis from Serbia**
- **The six winners advance to the round 3, which is scheduled for 14/15 and 21/22 November**

## Short trips for Istogu and Eagles

Istogu will have to travel just about 60 kilometers from Istog to Samadrexhe, where the first leg of their tie against Vushtrria takes place on Saturday.

Also in Switzerland, travel distances are limited for the Eagles, who need a 120-kilometer drive from Nottwil to Thun. The match pits Thun head coach Urs Mühlethaler against his former club.

Naisa Nis, who won the Challenge Cup in 2007, are determined to do well in the new competition. The Serbian team will be eager to get a favourable result against Cair in Skopje, before hosting the return leg next week Saturday.

## Information on other round 2 ties

Initially round 2 consisted of nine ties, but three of them can not be carried out after various teams had to withdraw from the competition due to the Covid-19 situation.

As a result, Rincon Fertilidad Malaga (ESP), Izmir Büyükşehir Belediyesi GSK (TUR) and Muratpasa Belediyesi SK (TUR) are advancing to round 3.

# 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: 202112020702-

001	ESP	Rocasa Gran Canaria	002	NED	Westfriesland SEW	
		17.10.2020 16:00 RA Wognum			18.10.2020 14:00 RA Wognum	
		Ref.: Hannes, Hannes GER Del.: Van der Helm NED			Ref.: Hannes, Hannes GER Del.: Van der Helm NED	
Both matches in NED						
003	ESP	Rincon Fertilidad Malaga	004	ISL	Valur	20 : 0
		28.09.2020 00:00			28.09.2020 00:00	10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
005	SUI	SPONO Eagles	006	SUI	DHB Rotweiss Thun	
		05.10.2020 00:00			10.10.2020 17:00 Thun	
					Ref.: Beulakker, Gilis BEL Del.: Vitzthum SUI	
007	POR	Alavarium Love Tiles	008	ESP	KH-7 BM. Granollers	
		17.10.2020 18:30 Granollers			18.10.2020 18:00 Granollers	
		Ref.: Rauchs, Linster LUX Del.: Fernández ESP			Ref.: Rauchs, Linster LUX Del.: Fernández ESP	
Both matches in ESP						
009	MKD	WHC Cair-Skopje	010	SRB	ZRK Naisa Nis	
		10.10.2020 18:00 Skopje			17.10.2020 18:30 Nis	
		Ref.: Duplii, Pobedrina UKR Del.: Nikolovski MKD			Ref.: Kulovic, Skaljic BIH Del.: Masic SRB	
011	KOS	KHF Vushtrria	012	KOS	KHF Istogu	
		10.10.2020 18:00 Samadrexhe			17.10.2020 18:00 Istog	
		Ref.: Mertinian, Syrepisios GRE Del.: Hashani KOS			Ref.: Mikelic, Paradina CRO Del.: Rakocevic MNE	
013	TUR	Izmir BSB SK	014	ITA	SSV Brixen Südtirol	20 : 0
		30.09.2020 00:00			30.09.2020 00:00	10:0 (0:0)
						10:0 (0:0)
Both matches in TUR						
015	ITA	PF Cassano Magnago	016	TUR	Muratpasa Belediyesi SK	0 : 20
		28.09.2020 00:00			28.09.2020 00:00	0:10 (0:0)
						0:10 (0:0)
017	UKR	HC Real	018	ITA	Ali-Best Espresso-Mestrino	
		08.10.2020 00:00			17.10.2020 18:30 Koper	

# 2019/20 WOMEN'S EHF CUP TOP SCORERS\*

Rank	Name & nation	Club	Goals
1.	Mikhaylichenko Elena (RUS)	Handball Club Lada (RUS)	75
2.	Fauske Helene Gigstad (NOR)	Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)	71
3.	Iskit Asli (TUR)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	68
4.	Kobetic Andrea (CRO)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	53
5.	Hovden Emilie Margrethe (NOR)	Storhamar Handball Elite (NOR)	51
6.	Scheffknecht Beate (AUT)	Thüringer HC (GER)	49
7.	Jezic Katarina (CRO)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	46
	Milosavljevic Dejana (CRO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	46
9.	Bakkerud Ingvild Kristiansen (NOR)	Odense Håndbold (DEN)	45
	Tsakalou Lamprini (GRE)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	45
11.	Bidstrup Mia Rej (DEN)	Kobenhavn Handball (DEN)	43
	Bölk Emily (GER)	Thüringer HC (GER)	43
	Kovács Anna (HUN)	DVSC Schaeffler (HUN)	43
14.	Do Nascimento Alexandra (BRA)	ÉRD (HUN)	42
15.	Aoustin Camille (FRA)	Siófok KC Hungary (HUN)	41
	Fomina Olga (RUS)	Handball Club Lada (RUS)	41
	Stanko Tjaša (SLO)	HC Podravka Vegeta (CRO)	41
18.	Shamanouskaya Viktoryia (BLR)	Handball Club Lada (RUS)	40
	Skogrand Stine Ruscetta (NOR)	Herning-Ikast Handbold (DEN)	40
20.	Jerabkova Marketa (CZE)	ÉRD (HUN)	39
	Moldovan Ada Emilia (ROU)	Magura Cisnădie (ROU)	39
	Özel Yeliz (TUR)	Kastamonu Belediyesi GSK (TUR)	39

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



# **WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP PAST WINNERS**

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

2020 no title awarded due to Covid-19

2018 MKS Perla Lublin POL

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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