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EHF FINAL4 MEN

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After a season of relentless competition,
only four remain. One will be crowned champion.





Foreword EHF President

More teams, more thrills in new-look EHF Champions League Men!

24 clubs are on the starting block for the EHF Champions League Men 2026/27, as a brand-new race for the coveted title begins — new teams taking on the powerhouses of Europe, a new competition format bringing more obstacles on the Road to Cologne, a new chance for the ultimate victory.

As has been the tradition for the last 17 years, the season will culminate with the EHF FINAL4 Men. It will once again be Barça aiming to reclaim the title after extending their record of top-tier trophies to 12 in 2025/26. But will they be among the four top sides, the semi-finalists, that make it to Cologne?

The changed format of the competition means there are more phases to overcome in order to qualify. The season begins with the group phase, which holds the promise of increased drama as the adaptation from two groups of eight to six groups of four makes every match count all the more. Only the top two sides in each group continue to the main round.

Taking group A as an example, the finalists of the last two seasons, Füchse Berlin, One Veszprém HC, targeting a return to Cologne; FC Porto, coming up from the EHF European League, where they were knocked out by eventual champions MT Melsungen in the quarter-finals; and RK Partizan AdmiralBet, returning to the top flight after a 13-year absence, will deliver a competitive contest for the next stage.

The format means there will be fewer chances to secure progression, but also more opportunity to cause upsets. One unexpected win or one unpredicted loss has the potential to turn a group on its head.

The main round will feature two groups of six and bring the fight for the quarter-finals. The teams ranked first to fourth head into the only knockout stage prior to the EHF FINAL4 Men — the last obstacle on the Road to Cologne.

Unlike previous seasons, no team earns the right to skip any knockout games based on their performance in the groups. Which four sides make it to Cologne will depend only on performance on the decisive matches, opening the door for the shocks, the end-of-season heroics, the grabbing of that elusive chance for glory that waits only in the final stages of the season.

We look forward to a competitive season as the EHF Champions League Men enters a new era.

Yours in sport,

Michael Wiederer
EHF President



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Johan Jepson
Club Manager IFK Kristianstad



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16. Svante Bjurman
97. Hayder Al-Khafadji
6. Philip Henningsson
9. Anton Hallbäck
10. William Höghjelm
13. Olafur Gudmundsson
14. Albin Leyman
17. Niko Petrovic
18. Liam Kjellman
20. Emil Frend-Öfors
22. Einar Bragi Aðalsteinsson
24. Baldur Fritz Bjarnason
28. Theo Ivarsson
40. Ludvig Svanström
42. Albin Selin
50. Fritz Andersson
51. Love Barnestam
52. Noah Kjellman
53. Benjamin Frank
49. Isaac Biel Nielsen
77. Andri Erlingsson

- Björn Säterström
Gunnar Steinn Jonsson
Dan Beutler
Stefan Ljunglöf
Sofie Stjernberg
Patrik Sigsjö
Thomas Tyszkiewicz
Ingemar Gannby
Lars Moller Madsen
Martin Bengtsson
Johan Ekengren
Thomas Tyszkiewicz
Anders Olsson
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Sporting clube de Portugal



- 20. André Kristensen
- 92. Mohamed Aly Abdelmotaleb Aly
- 99. Santiago Póvoas
- 2. Edney Silva Oliveira
- 3. Emil Berlin
- 5. Carlos Álvarez Dominguez
- 6. Francisco Costa
- 7. Natan Suárez
- 8. Jan Gurri
- 10. Salvador Vieira Santos
- 13. Salvador Salvador
- 17. Orri Freyr Þorkelsson
- 19. Mamadou Gassama Cissokho
- 21. Dario Ursu
- 22. Diogo Branquinho
- 23. Christian Manojlovic
- 26. Filipe Monteiro
- 28. Vicente Almeida
- 44. Christian Yahoza Moga
- 73. Leonardo Anastácio
- 79. Martim Costa
- 87. Enzo Vieira Santos
- 89. Francisco Maria Peralta Cardoso
- 93. Victor Romero

- Ricardo Alexandre Martins Teixeira Da Costa
- Ricardo Miguel Pirra Brito Candeias
- Telma Sofia Coimbra Fernandes
- Kevin Lukas Santana Mandl
- Amadeu Alcino Santos Correia
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- Alexandre Joaquim Rocha Moreira
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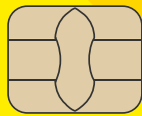


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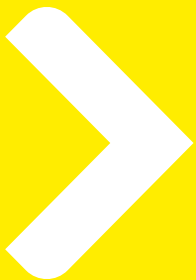
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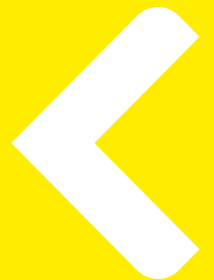
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