



**EUROPEAN HANDBALL
FEDERATION**

Masters Handball Philosophy

The European Masters Handball spirit is focussed on having a lot of fun, meeting old friends and experiencing our favourite sport HANDBALL again. The concept shall combine the competitive target with the social aspects in an attractive way.

The main target of the EHF is to offer a non-profit handball event to former handball players. In principle the players are respecting the Fair Play spirit and the opponent's team and the referees. Bearing in mind that some players do not realise the gap between former performance during their active career and the current reality, special approach shall be undertaken.

To limit the number of participants is in discrepancy to the general philosophy of the Masters movement in particular to offer a platform to all interested former players to enjoy the Handball game.

On the other side, it is an obvious tendency to become more and more - in spite of the age/s - a 'real competition and challenge' from edition to edition, the motivation of the participants being very often overloaded.

History of European Masters Handball Championships

Basic data:

1. Venues and dates:

- 2003 Vienna / **EHF (AUT)** 21 – 24 August 2003
- 2005 Granollers / **ESP** 24 – 27 March 2005
- 2006 Győr / **HUN** 23 – 25 June 2006
- 2007 Cracow / **POL** 15 – 17 June 2007
- 2008 Malmö / **SWE** 04 – 07 September 2008
European Masters Games organised by EMSA
- 2009 Kolding / **DEN** 25 – 27 June 2009
- 2010 Berga / **ESP** 18 – 20 June 2010
- 2011 Lignano / **ITA** 13 – 15/16 – 18 September 2011
European Masters Games organised by IMGA
- 2012 Ljubljana / **SLO** 15 – 17 June 2012
- 2013 Bressanone / **ITA** 14 – 16 June 2013
- 2014 Prague / **CZE** 13 – 15 June 2014
- 2015 Nice / **FRA** 02 – 04 October 2015
European Masters Games organised by IMGA
- 2016 Porec / **CRO** 10 – 12 June 2016
- 2017 Gondomar / **POR** 08 – 11 June 2017
- 2018 Innsbruck / **AUT** 07 – 10 June 2018
- 2019 Turin / **ITA** 26 – 28 July 2019
European Masters Games organised by IMGA

• Event areas

- ▶ 2003: 4 courts – outdoor, played on grass
- ▶ 2005: 3 courts – hall
- ▶ 2006: 6 courts – hall
- ▶ 2007: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2008: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2009: 4 courts – hall

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- ▶ 2010: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2011: 2 courts – hall
- ▶ 2012: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2013: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2014: 5 courts – hall
- ▶ 2015: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2016: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2017: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2018: 4 courts – hall
- ▶ 2019: 4 courts – hall

2. Age categories

2003 AUT:	Men +35	12 teams
	Men +45	8 teams
	<u>Women +35</u>	<u>8 teams</u>
	Total:	28 teams
2005 ESP:	Men +35	12 teams
	Men +45	9 teams
	<u>Women +33</u>	<u>5 teams</u>
	Total:	26 teams
2006 HUN:	Men +35	15 teams
	Men +45	13 teams
	Women +33	10 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>7 teams</u>
	Total:	45 teams
2007 POL:	Men +35	15 teams
	Men +45	16 teams
	Women +33	8 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>7 teams</u>
	Total:	46 teams
2008 SWE: (EMG)	Men +35	16 teams
	Men +45	20 teams
	Women +33	8 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>4 teams</u>
	Total:	48 teams
2009 DEN:	Men +35	11 teams
	Men +45	16 teams
	Women +33	4 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>5 teams</u>
	Total:	36 teams
2010 ESP:	Men +35	20 teams
	Men +45	16 teams
	Men +50	4 teams
	Women +33	7 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>5 teams</u>
	Total:	52 teams

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2011 ITA: (EMG)	Men +35	8 teams
	Men +45	11 teams
	Men +50	6 teams
	Women +33	2 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>5 teams</u>
	Total:	32 teams
2012 SLO:	Men +35	13 teams
	Men +45	12 teams
	Men +50	8 teams
	Women +33	5 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>4 teams</u>
	Total:	42 teams
2013 ITA:	Men +35	10 teams
	Men +45	13 teams
	Men +50	9 teams
	Women +33	5 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>7 teams</u>
	Total:	44 teams
2014 CZE:	Men +35	15 teams
	Men +45	18 teams
	Men +50	11 teams
	Women +33	5 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>9 teams</u>
	Total:	58 teams
2015 FRA: EMG	Men +35	11 teams
	Men +45	9 teams
	Men +50	11 teams
	Women +33	8 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>9 teams</u>
	Total:	48 teams
2016 CRO:	Men +35	16 teams
	Men +45	12 teams
	Men +50	12 teams
	Women +33	10 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>11 teams</u>
	Total:	61 teams
2017 POR:	Men +35	12 teams
	Men +45	14 teams
	Men +50	11 teams
	Women +33	10 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>10 teams</u>
	Total:	57 teams
2018 AUT:	Men +35	11 teams
	Men +45	16 teams
	Men +50	16 teams
	Women +33	6 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>14 teams</u>
	Total:	63 teams

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2019 ITA: (EMG)	Men +35	10 teams
	Men +45	8 teams
	Men +50	14 teams
	Women +33	6 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>7 teams</u>
	Total:	45 teams

Number of participants:

2003:	28 teams	=	approx. 500 players
2005:	26 teams	=	approx. 470 players
2006:	46 teams	=	approx. 800 players
2008:	48 teams	=	approx. 840 players
2009:	36 teams	=	approx. 600 players
2010:	52 teams	=	approx. 900 players
2011:	32 teams	=	approx. 580 players
2012:	42 teams	=	approx. 750 players
2013:	44 teams	=	approx. 800 players
2014:	58 teams	=	approx. 960 players
2015:	41 teams	=	approx. 700 players
2016:	61 teams	=	approx. 1, 000, - players
2017:	57 teams	=	approx. 1, 000, - players
2018:	63 teams	=	approx. 1, 100, - players
2019:	45 teams	=	approx. 800, - players

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