



MEDIA INFORMATION

EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2021/22

FINAL: NÆRBØ IL vs CS MINAUR BAIA MARE

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Welcome to the final of the EHF European Cup Men 2021/22! It has been an exciting season across the continent and the final looks just as promising as a team from Northern Europe is set to duel for the trophy with an opponent from Eastern Europe. Playing in the club's maiden European season, Norwegian side Nærbø IL are set to take on experienced CS Minaur Baia Mare from Romania in the two-leg final on 21 and 28 May 2022, respectively.

A total of 74 teams were on the starting grid when the competition started in September 2021 with the first of six knockout rounds. Eight months later, only two teams are left with a chance to lift that coveted trophy. Who will become the successors of last year's champions AEK Athens HC?

The following media information provides you with essential facts about the two teams striving to become the EHF European Cup Men 2021/22 champions. Additional information can be found on the ehfec.eurohandball.com website.

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[EC 2021/22 Regulations \(PDF\)](#)

IMPORTANT REGULATIONS

All matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game.

Variations on a technical level are possible.

All matches of the European Cup Men shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 15 minutes.

The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won. 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 shots

Rules for execution of penalty shots

- 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 shots.
- Prior to the penalty shots, each team shall name five players by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one shot 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 shots.

- The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take shots and throwers may perform as goalkeepers.
- The referees shall choose the goal at which shots are taken. The team taking the first penalty shot 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 shots, 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 shot each.
- Serious infractions committed during penalty shots shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be supplementary named.
- While the shots being taken, only the player taking the shot, 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 shot in the same round.

[Overview of all regulations](#)

NÆRBØ IL (NOR) vs CS MINAUR BAIJA MARE (ROU)



1st leg: Stavanger (NOR), Saturday 21 May 2022, 17:00 CEST

Referees: Michalis Tzaferopoulos, Andreas Bethmann (GRE)
EHF Delegate: Tadas Jansonas (LTU)

2nd leg: Baia Mare (ROU), Saturday 28 May 2022, 15:00 CEST

Referees: Andrej Budzak, Michal Zahradnik (SVK)
EHF Delegate: Janko Pozeznik (SLO)
EHF Representative: Bozidar Djurkovic (SRB)



Playing hall

DNB Arena
Ishockeyveien 1
4021 Stavanger
Norway
Capacity: 5,077

FINAL PREVIEW

While CS Minaur Baia Mare boast a lot of experience in European club competitions, newcomers Nærbø IL have turned their debut international season into an historic one.

The team from a 7,000-inhabitant village in South-West Norway has made it all the way to the final, and is heading to the DNB Arena in nearby Stavanger for the home leg against their Romanian challengers in order to accommodate more spectators.



Playing hall

Sala Sporturilor Lascăr Pană
Bulevardul Unirii 14A
Baia Mare 430272
Romania
Capacity: 2,218

Past achievements

EHF European Cup:
Participations (1): 2021/22

Norwegian league: –

Norwegian cup: –

- while Nærbø are playing their debut season in Europe, Baia Mare have had international success in the past as they won the former IHF Cup twice in the 1980s, reached the quarter-finals of the European Cup last year, and even played a season in the group phase of the EHF Champions League – in 2015/16
- in a dramatic semi-final, Nærbø beat fellow Norwegian side Drammen HK in a penalty shootout, after both sides had won their respective home match 30:27
- Baia Mare defeated Sweden's Alingsås HK 62:59 on aggregate in the other semi-final
- the two finalists strongly rely on their home strength, as both have lost the last three away matches they played in the competition
- Nærbø have already met a Romanian side in the current competition, beating CSM Focsani 2007 in the Last 16 (67:58 on aggregate)
- three days before the first leg, Nærbø lost the best-of-five series following a third straight defeat against Elverum Handball in the semi-final of the Norwegian league
- on the same day, Baia Mare won 29:17 at Steaua Bucuresti in the last round of the Romanian league and finished runners-up behind champions Dinamo Bucuresti

Past achievements

EHF Champions League:
Group phase (1): 2015/16
EHF European Cup:
Quarter-finals (1): 2020/21
Challenge Cup:
Quarter-finals (2): 2003/04, 2004/05

Romanian league (3): 1998, 1999, 2015
Romanian cup (6): 1978, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1999, 2015

Domestic league

REMA 1000-ligaen

Last 3 games (best-of-5 semi-final):

18/05 @ Elverum L40:28
10/05 vs Elverum L24:34
06/05 @ Elverum L32:26

Final standings (regular season):

1. Elverum	26	906:685	50
2. Drammen	26	872:712	41
3. Runar	26	784:725	33
4. Kolstad	26	799:743	32
5. Nærbø	26	814:801	30
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14. Nøtterøy	26	735:886	10

Domestic league

Liga Zimbrilor

Last 3 games:

18/05 @ Steaua Bucuresti W27:29
11/05 vs Potaissa Turda W34:24
08/05 @ Focsani 2007 W24:25

Final standings:

1. Dinamo	26	840:659	70
2. Baia Mare	26	761:700	61
3. Constanta	26	685:581	60
4. Turda	26	798:746	58
5. Steaua	26	727:656	56
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14. Cluj	26	666:857	9

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS

Nærbø IL (NOR) vs CS Minaur Baia Mare (ROU)

No previous encounters

LEADING SCORERS IN EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2021/22

Nærbø IL (NOR)

42 goals – Tord Haugseng (NOR)
37 goals – John Thue (NOR)
35 goals – Tord Aksnes Lode (NOR)
29 goals – Theodor Svensgård (NOR)
27 goals – Lars Sigve Hamre (NOR)

CS Minaur Baia Mare (ROU)

57 goals – Milan Kotrc (CZE)
45 goals – Stevan Vujovic (MNE)
39 goals – Calin Mihai Cabut (ROU)
29 goals – Tomas Cip (CZE)
27 goals – Iosef Andrei Buzle (ROU)

LAST 10 GAMES IN EHF CLUB COMPETITIONS



Nærbø IL: current run – won one

01.05.2022	Nærbø NOR	vs Drammen HK NOR	W 35:31*
23.04.2022	Drammen NOR	@ Drammen HK NOR	L 30:27
20.02.2022	Foscani ROU	@ CSM Foscani 2007	L 32:28
12.02.2022	Nærbø NOR	vs CSM Foscani 2007	W 39:26
04.12.2021	Nærbø NOR	vs ASD Accademia P. Conversano 2014 ITA	W 31:27
27.11.2021	Conversano-Bari ITA	@ ASD Accademia P. Conversano 2014 ITA	L 27:25
23.10.2021	Nærbø NOR	@ Raimond Sassari ITA	W 28:35
22.10.2021	Nærbø NOR	vs Raimond Sassari ITA	W 26:25
-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-

* after penalty shoot-out



CS Minaur Baia Mare: current run – lost one

30.04.2022	Alingsås SWE	@ Alingsås HK SWE	L 31:28
26.03.2022	Baia Mare ROU	vs Alingsås HK SWE	W 34:28
19.02.2022	Thessaloniki GRE	@ A.C. PAOK GRE	L 28:27
12.02.2022	Baia Mare ROU	vs A.C. PAOK GRE	W 32:21
04.12.2021	Baia Mare ROU	vs RK Partizan SRB	W 28:23
27.11.2021	Belgrade SRB	@ RK Partizan SRB	L 30:26
23.10.2021	Baia Mare ROU	@ Hapoel SP Ashdod HC ISR	W 29:33
22.10.2021	Baia Mare ROU	vs Hapoel SP Ashdod HC ISR	W 35:32
18.09.2021	Gabrovo BUL	@ HC Lokomotiv G. Oryahovitsa BUL	W 21:33
11.09.2021	Baia Mare ROU	vs HC Lokomotiv G. Oryahovitsa BUL	W 44:22

NÆRBØ IF (NOR)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First Name	Last Name	Nat.	Position	Date of Birth	Goals
36	Jesper	Edland	NOR	Back	07.09.2004	
4	Torger	Edland	NOR	Back	17.02.2004	8
3	Atle	Gudmestad	NOR	Right Back	15.06.1989	2
7	Gustav	Halvorsen	NOR	Left Wing	11.07.1999	5
15	Lasse	Hamann-Boeriths	DEN	Centre Back	15.05.1997	5
67	Lars Sigve	Hamre	NOR	Right Back	22.04.1997	27
8	Andreas Horst	Haugsens	NOR	Centre Back	18.08.1998	13
9	Rassin	Haugsens	NOR	Left Back	21.02.1998	18
10	Tord	Haugsens	NOR	Centre Back	30.09.1999	42
6	Henning Lea	Knutsen	NOR	Centre Back	11.04.2000	
14	Lars Eirik	Larsen	NOR	Line Player	17.03.2004	1
32	Andreas	Lervik	NOR	Back	11.02.2003	
13	Aksnes	Lode Tord	NOR	Right Wing	27.10.1998	35
17	Mike Würtz	Lønne	DEN	Line Player	08.07.1995	4
37	Jonas	Maelen	NOR	Right Back	22.04.2002	
1	Elias	Nærland Halvor	NOR	Goalkeeper	14.02.1998	
2	Ole	Naerland	NOR	Line Player	04.06.1998	16
23	Preben Leander	Nord-Varhaug	NOR	Right Back	14.05.1997	4
24	Bakken	Øien Vegard	NOR	Goalkeeper	08.07.1994	
35	Marius	Olseth	NOR	Right Wing	29.06.2004	
33	Eirik	Sunde	NOR	Back	22.05.2003	
11	Theodor	Svensgård	NOR	Right Wing	01.11.1998	29
30	John	Thue	NOR	Left Wing	24.03.1998	37
34	Stian	Vigre	NOR	Centre Back	12.03.1998	

Coach: Heine Ernst Jensen (DEN)



Players' kit

Light:

- player shirt: white
- player short: white
- goalkeeper shirt: white, red, black

Dark:

- player shirt: true blue
- player short: true blue
- goalkeeper shirt: white, red, black

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CS MINAUR BAIA MARE (ROU)

TEAM ROSTER

No.	First Name	Last Name	Nat.	Position	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	Height	Goals
10	Ionut	Ardelean Ovidiu	ROU	Left Back	Baia Mare	18.08.2003	201	1
73	Daniel Ioan	Bera	ROU	Left Wing	Fagaras	26.05.1990	181	15
2	Tudor Bogdan	Bugulet	ROU	Right Wing	Vaslui	02.03.2001	191	8
26	Mihai Ionut	Busecan	ROU	Line Player	Baia Mare	01.06.1987	194	2
7	Iosif Andrei	Buzle	ROU	Left Back	Timisoara	03.05.1999	198	27
99	Barna	Buzogany	ROU	Goalkeeper	Odorheiu	25.05.1999	199	
14	Calin Mihai	Cabut	ROU	Centre Back	Reghin	06.10.1998	192	39
21	Tomas	Cip	CZE	Right Wing	Presov	05.10.1989	189	29
28	Iuliu Alexandru	Csepregi	ROU	Left Back	Baia Mare	28.03.1987	195	16
44	Anderson	Da Silva Mollino	BRA	Right Back	Castelo	20.05.1990	190	18
13	Stefan Mihail	Huta	ROU	Line Player	Baia Mare	21.01.1995	185	11
15	Milan	Kotrc	CZE	Left Wing	Prague	23.05.1988	189	57
19	Sergiu Vladut	Makaria	CZE	Left Wing	Baia Mare	12.07.1999	191	
3	Robert	Nagy	ROU	Line Player	Baia Mare	06.07.1997	192	14
35	Erik Leonard	Pop	ROU	Centre Back	Baia Mare	14.08.2002	187	4
1	Razvan Mihai	Pop	ROU	Goalkeeper	Baia Mare	20.06.1985	187	
25	Lucas Alexandru	Sabou	ROU	Left Wing	Baia Mare	25.10.2005	183	1
4	Gabriel Massuca	Teca	ANG	Line Player	Luanda	02.02.1991	192	6
12	Anton	Terekhov	UKR	Goalkeeper	Lugansk	28.07.1992	194	
43	Stefan	Vujic	SRB	Centre Back	Rijeka	06.07.1991	190	20
9	Stevan	Vujovic	MNE	Right Back	Cetinje	07.04.1990	190	45

Coach: Alexandru Sabou (ROU)



Players' kit

Light:

- player shirt: orange
- player short: black
- goalkeeper shirt: blue

Dark:

- player shirt: black
- player short: black
- goalkeeper shirt: red

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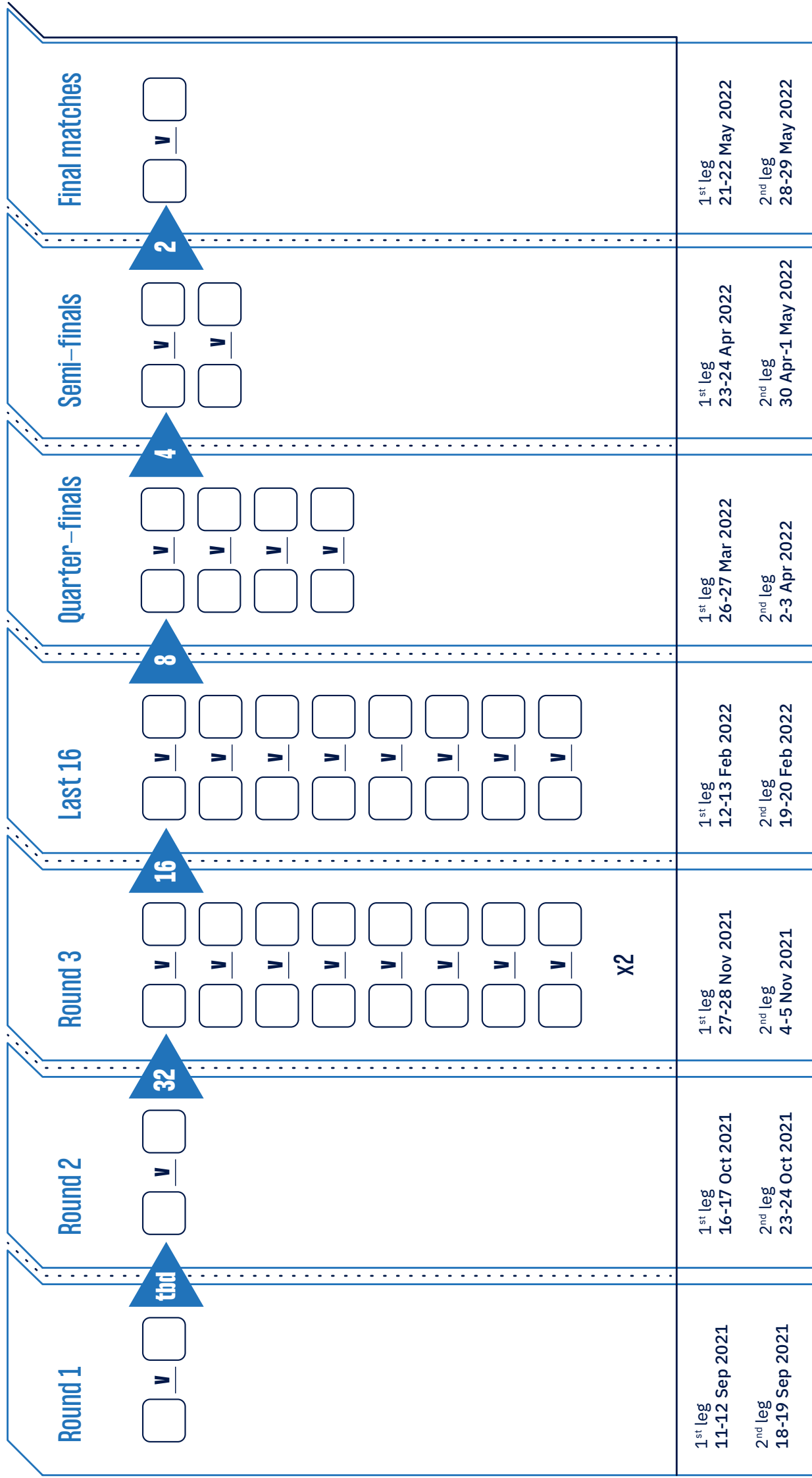
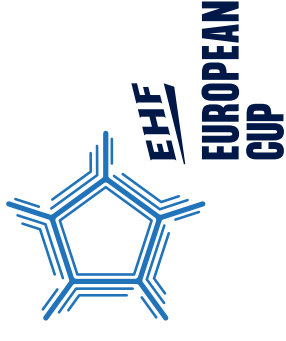
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EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN

2021/22 SEASON

Playing system and dates



EHF European Cup Men 2021/22 Seeding



		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Last 16	Quarter-finals	Semi-finals	Final matches
		30 teams	54 teams	32 teams	16 teams	8 teams	4 teams	2 teams
		11.- 12.09.2021 first leg 18.- 19.09.2021 second leg	16.- 17.10.2021 first leg 23.- 24.10.2021 second leg	27.- 28.11.2021 first leg 04.- 05.12.2021 second leg	12.- 13.02.2022 first leg 19.- 20.02.2022 second leg	26.- 27.03.2022 first leg 02.- 03.04.2022 second leg	23.- 24.04.2022 first leg 30.4.- 1.5.2022 second leg	21.- 22.05.2022 first leg 28.- 29.05.2022 second leg
NATION		DRAWN:						
		20.07.2021	20.07.2021	25.10.2021	07.12.2021	22.02.2022	22.02.2022	03.05.2022
1	GRE			PAOK	16 Winners of Qualification Round 3	8 Winners of Last 16	4 Winners of Quarter-finals	2 Winners of Semi-finals
2	ROU			AHC Potaissa Turda				
3	RUS			Victor				
4	CZE			Talent t. Plzenskeho kraje				
5	SWE			IFK Skövde				
6	NOR		Naerbo IL	27 Winners of Qualification Round 2				
7	BIH		RK Izvidjac					
8	SLO		RK Jeruzalem Ormoz					
9	CYP		Sabbianco A. Famagusta					
10	UKR		Donbas					
11	ISL		Haukar					
12	LUX		Handball Esch					
13	SVK		MSK Povazska Bystrica					
14	FIN		BK-46 Handbold					
15	ISR		Hapoel SP Ashdod HC					
16	BLR		HC SKA Minsk					
17	AUT		Fivers					
18	LTU		VHC Sviesa Vilnius					
19	TUR		Besiktas Aygaz					
20	EST		Põlva Serviti					
21	LAT		ZRHK Tenax Dobeles					
22	SRB		RK Partizan					
23	KOS		KH Besa Famgas					
24	NED		Herpertz Bevo HC					
25	SUI		HC Suhr Aarau					
26	ITA		Pallamano Conversano 2014					
27	BUL		HC Osam Lovech					
28	FAR		H71					
29	GRE		AC Diomidis Argous					
30	ROU		Focsani Municipal SC 2007					
31	RUS		SKIF					
32	CZE		HCB Karvina					
33	NOR		Drammen HK					
34	BIH		RK Borac mtel					
35	CYP		Parnassos Strovolou					
36	UKR		Odesa					
37	ISL		FH Hafnarfjordur					
38	LUX		HC Berchem					
39	ISR		AS Ramhat Hashron SGS					
40	BLR		HC Masheka					
41	AUT		Förthof UHK Krems					
42	LTU		Dragunas Klaipeda					
43	TUR		Izmir BSB SK					
44	EST		HC Tallinn					
45	SRB	RK Metaloplastika Sabac	15 Winners of Qualification Round 1					
46	KOS	KH Prishtina						
47	NED	JD Techniek Hurry-up						
48	ITA	Raimond Sassari						
49	BUL	Lokomotiv G. Oryahovitsa						
50	GRE	Bianco Monte Drama 86						
51	CZE	Dukla Praha						
52	BIH	MKK Sloga Doboj						
53	CYP	Apoel HC						
54	UKR	Motor-Polytehnika						
55	ISL	Selfoss						
56	LUX	HB Käerjeng						
57	ISR	Holon Yuvalim HC						
58	AUT	INSIGNIS HB WESTWIEN						
59	LTU	Granitas-Karys						
60	TUR	Beykoz BLD SK						
61	EST	Viljandi HC						
62	SRB	RK Zeleznicar 1949						
63	KOS	KH Trepca						
64	CZE	HC Robe Zubri						
65	LUX	HB Dudelange						
66	KOS	KH Vellaznimi HC						
67	GRE	A.E.S.H Pylea						
68	ROU	CS Minaur Baia Mare						
69	RUS	SGAU-Saratov						
70	CZE	KH ISMM Koprivnice						
71	SWE	Alingsas HK						
72	NOR	Baekkelage Handball Elite						
73	BIH	RK Sloboda						
74	AUT	Sparkasse Schwaz HB Tirol						

TOP SCORERS EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN 2021/22



78 goals

Mathias Pedersen
Alingsås HK

	Player	Club	
1.	Mathias Pedersen (DEN)	Alingsås HK (SWE)	78
2.	Manuel Zehnder (SUI)	HSC Suhr Aarau (SUI)	71
3.	Milan Kotrc (CZE)	CS Minaur Baia Mare (ROU)	57
4.	Achilleas Toskas (GRE)	Bianco Monte Drama 1986 (GRE)	53
5.	Daniel Blomgren (SWE)	Alingsås HK (SWE)	50
6.	Sindre Andre Aho (NOR)	Drammen HK (NOR)	49
7.	Miroslav Jurka (CZE)	HC Robe Zubri (CZE)	47
8.	Stevan Vujovic (MNE)	CS Minaur Baia Mare (ROU)	45
	Rasmus Torbjörnsson (SWE)	Alingsås HK (SWE)	45
10.	Martin Muller (LUX)	Handball Esch (LUX)	43
11.	Tord Haugseng (NOR)	Nærbø IL (NOR)	42
12.	Viktor Petersen Norberg (NOR)	Drammen HK (NOR)	41
13.	Vanja Nikolic (SRB)	Bianco Monte Drama 1986 (GRE)	39
	Calin Mihai Cabut (ROU)	CS Minaur Baia Mare (ROU)	39
15.	Jakub Duda (CZE)	Talent tým Plzenskeho kraje (CZE)	37
	John Thue (NOR)	Nærbø IL (NOR)	37
17.	Uladzislau Kryvenka (BLR)	SKA Minsk (BLR)	36
	Jesper Filén (SWE)	Alingsås HK (SWE)	36
19.	Tord Aksnes Lode (NOR)	Nærbø IL (NOR)	35
20.	Vojtech Patzel (CZE)	HCB Karvina (CZE)	34
21.	Lukáš Morkovský (CZE)	HC Robe Zubri (CZE)	33
	Dominik Solák (CZE)	HCB Karvina (CZE)	33
23.	Milan Skvaril (CZE)	Talent tým Plzenskeho kraje (CZE)	31
	Christoffer Thor (FIN)	Alingsås HK (SWE)	31
25.	Vladimir Stankovic (MNE)	MRK Sloga Doboj (BIH)	30
	Filip Marjanovic (SRB)	CSM Focsani 2007 (ROU)	30
27.	Peter Dahl Christensen (NOR)	Bækkelaget Handball Elite (NOR)	29
	Ulrik Berge Eriksson (NOR)	Bækkelaget Handball Elite (NOR)	29
	Theodor Svensgård (NOR)	Nærbø IL (NOR)	29
	Tomas Cip (CZE)	CS Minaur Baia Mare (ROU)	29
	Sergey Bolotin (RUS)	SGAU-Saratov (RUS)	29

PAST CHAMPIONS EHF EUROPEAN CUP MEN

formerly known as City Cup (1994–2000) and Challenge Cup (2001–20)

2021 AEK Athens HC – GRE
2020 no title (season suspended due to Covid-19)
2019 CSM Bucuresti – ROU
2018 AHC Potaissa Turda – ROU
2017 Sporting CP – POR
2016 ABC/UMinho – POR
2015 HC Odorheiu Secuiesc – ROU
2014 Sävehof IK – SWE
2013 SKA Minsk – BLR
2012 AC Diomidis Argous – GRE
2011 RK Cimos Koper – SLO
2010 Sporting Clube 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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