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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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1.	Alexander Skoog		Björn Sätherström
12.	Ossian Oredsson		Gunnar Steinn Jonsson
16.	Svante Bjurman		Dan Beutler
97.	Hayder Al-Khafadji		Stefan Ljunglöf
6.	Philip Henningsson		Sofie Stjernberg
9.	Anton Hallbäck		Patrik Sigsjö
10.	William Höghielm		Thomas Tyszkiewiecz
13.	Olafur Gudmundsson		Ingemar Gannby
14.	Albin Leyman		Lars Moller Madsen
17.	Niko Petrovic		Martin Bengtsson
18.	Liam Kjellman		Johan Ekengren
20.	Emil Frend-Öfors		Thomas Tyszkiewiecz
22.	Einar Bragi Aðalsteinsson		Anders Olsson
24.	Baldur Fritz Bjarnason		Johan Jepson
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		

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1.	Attila Radvánszki		Michael Apelgren
16.	Roland Mikler		Jonas Källman
80.	Nikola Portner		András Vizi
2.	Benedek Herbert		Csaba Janka
4.	Péter Vincze		Istvan Szabo
7.	Péter Lukács		Djordje Ignjatovic
11.	Lukas Sandell		Krisztián Kárpáti
13.	Máté Fazekas		Balint Szasz
17.	Kristóf Csörgo		Gábor Miskolczi
18.	Marin Jelinić		József Dániel Farkas
23.	Márton Furka		István Répásy
24.	Mario Šoštarić		
25.	Sebastian Frimmel		
27.	Bence Bánhidi		
31.	Jérémy Toto		
32.	Viktor Szenes		
34.	Lazar Kukić		
44.	Dmytro Horiha		
45.	Miklós Rosta		
51.	Borut Mačkovšek		
55.	Márton Fogas		
77.	Magnus Abelvik Rød		
78.	Soma Sajben		
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