

# DRAW PROCEDURE

**M18 EHF EURO 2026**

**BELGRADE, SERBIA (29 JULY – 9 AUGUST 2026)**

10 February 2026

**Date/Time/Venue:**

24 February 2026 / 14:00 hrs. CET / Vienna

**Teams at M18 EHF EURO 2026:**

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The participating teams are seeded as follows (based on the respective YAC ranking list valid for the M18 EHF EURO 2026, and the final results of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments):

**POT 1:** DEN, ESP, GER, HUN, POR, SWE

**POT 3:** AUT, CZE, FRA, ITA, SUI, SVK

**POT 2:** CRO, FAR, ISL, NOR, SLO, SRB

**POT 4:** FIN, ISR, MKD, MNE, POL, TUR

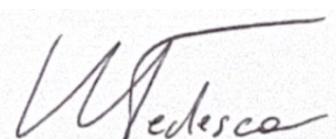
**Procedure of the Draw:**

GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP E	GROUP F

**4<sup>th</sup> step \***  
 Teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 2  
**3<sup>rd</sup> step** ↑  
 Teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1  
**2<sup>nd</sup> step** ↑  
 Teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 3  
**1<sup>st</sup> step** ↑  
 Teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 4

\*The host SRB (pot 2) has the right to choose the group after the rows 4, 3 and 1 are determined.

Immediately after the draw, the outcome will be published at [www.eurohandball.com](http://www.eurohandball.com)



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# PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR 24 TEAMS

96 MATCHES, 4 REST DAYS, 8 MATCHES PER TEAM

PRELIMINARY ROUND					
Group A		Group B		Group C	
A 1		B 1		C 1	D 1
A 2		B 2		C 2	D 2
A 3		B 3		C 3	D 3
A 4		B 4		C 4	D 4
PLAYING SCHEDULE					
1	A2 : A4	7	B2 : B4	13	C2 : C4
2	A1 : A3	8	B1 : B3	14	C1 : C3
3	A3 : A4	9	B3 : B4	15	C3 : C4
4	A1 : A2	10	B1 : B2	16	C1 : C2
1ST REST DAY					
5	A4 : A1	11	B4 : B1	17	C4 : C1
6	A2 : A3	12	B2 : B3	18	C2 : C3
2ND REST DAY					
MAIN ROUND					
Group I		Group II		Group III	
I - 1	(1. A)	II - 1	(1. C)	III - 1	(1. E)
I - 2	(2. A)	II - 2	(2. C)	III - 2	(2. E)
I - 3	(1. B)	II - 3	(1. D)	III - 3	(1. F)
I - 4	(2. B)	II - 4	(2. D)	III - 4	(2. F)
PLAYING SCHEDULE					
37	2. A : 2. B	41	2. C : 2. D	45	2. E : 2. F
38	1. A : 1. B	42	1. C : 1. D	46	1. E : 1. F
39	1. B : 2. A	43	1. D : 2. C	47	1. F : 2. E
40	2. B : 1. A	44	2. D : 1. C	48	2. F : 1. E
3RD REST DAY					
INTERMEDIATE ROUND					
Group 1		Group 2		Group 3	
1 - 1	(3. A)	2 - 1	(3. C)	3 - 1	(3. E)
1 - 2	(4. A)	2 - 2	(4. C)	3 - 2	(4. E)
1 - 3	(3. B)	2 - 3	(3. D)	3 - 3	(3. F)
1 - 4	(4. B)	2 - 4	(4. D)	3 - 4	(4. F)
PLAYING SCHEDULE					
49	3. A : 4. B	53	3. C : 4. D	57	3. E : 4. F
50	4. A : 3. B	54	4. C : 3. D	58	4. E : 3. F
51	4. B : 4. A	55	4. D : 4. C	59	4. F : 4. E
52	3. B : 3. A	56	3. D : 3. C	60	3. F : 3. E
3RD REST DAY					

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CROSS MATCHES PLACE 17-24														
Place 17-24	61	2nd best 2nd ranked team (IR)	:	3rd best 4th ranked team (IR)										
Place 17-24	62	3rd best 2nd ranked team (IR)	:	2nd best 4th ranked team (IR)										
Place 17-24	63	Best 3rd ranked team (IR)	:	Best 4th ranked team (IR)										
Place 17-24	64	2nd best 3rd ranked team (IR)	:	3rd best 3rd ranked team (IR)										
CROSS MATCHES PLACE 9-16														
Place 9-16	65	3rd best 3rd ranked team (MR)	:	Best 2nd ranked team (IR)										
Place 9-16	66	Best 4th ranked team (MR)	:	3rd best 1st ranked team (IR)										
Place 9-16	67	2nd best 4th ranked team (MR)	:	2nd best 1st ranked team (IR)										
Place 9-16	68	3rd best 4th ranked team (MR)	:	Best 1st ranked team (IR)										
QUATERFINALS PLACE 1-8														
QF 1	69	Best 1st ranked team (MR)	:	2nd best 3rd ranked team (MR) *										
QF 2	70	2nd best 1st ranked team (MR)	:	Best 3rd ranked team (MR) *										
QF 3	71	3rd best 1st ranked team (MR)	:	3rd best 2nd ranked team (MR) **										
QF 4	72	Best 2nd ranked team (MR)	:	2nd best 2nd ranked team (MR) **										
CROSS MATCHES & SEMI FINALS PLACE 1-8			CROSS MATCHES PLACE 9-16		CROSS MATCHES PLACE 17-24									
Place 5-8	81	L69	:	L72	Place 13-16	77	L65	:	L68	Place 21-24	73	L61	:	L64
Place 5-8	82	L70	:	L71	Place 13-16	78	L66	:	L67	Place 21-24	74	L62	:	L63
SF 1	83	W69	:	W72	Place 9-12	79	W65	:	W68	Place 17-20	75	W61	:	W64
SF 2	84	W70	:	W71	Place 9-12	80	W66	:	W67	Place 17-20	76	W62	:	W63
4TH REST DAY														
PLACEMENT MATCHES & FINALS PLACE 1-8				PLACEMENT MATCHES PLACE 9-16				PLACEMENT MATCHES PLACE 17-24						
Place 7/8	93	L81	:	L82	Place 15/16	89	L77	:	L77	Place 23/24	85	L73	:	L74
Place 5/6	94	W81	:	W82	Place 13/14	90	W77	:	W78	Place 21/22	86	W73	:	W74
Place 3/4	95	L83	:	L84	Place 11/12	91	L79	:	L80	Place 19/20	87	L75	:	L76
F	96	W83	:	W84	Place 9/10	92	W79	:	W80	Place 17/18	88	W75	:	W76

\* If either the best first (1st) ranked team and the second (2nd) best third (3rd) ranked team or the second (2nd) best first (1st) ranked team and the best third (3rd) ranked team played in the same Main Round Group, the best third (3rd) ranked team and the second (2nd) best third (3rd) ranked team change the positions.

\*\* If the third (3rd) best first (1st) ranked team and the third (3rd) best second (2nd) ranked team played in the same Main Round Group, the second (2nd) best second (2nd) ranked team and the third (3rd) best second (2nd) ranked team change the positions.