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Media Guide



FOREWORD



Dear Media Members,

Portugal, as the hosts of the Group 4 Qualification Tournament for the Play-Off to the 2019 Men's World Handball Championship in Germany and Denmark, would like to welcome and walk you through this Media Guide, which was created with the sole purpose of being a helpful tool for all who work directly with media and as well the teams.

Group 4 consists of the national teams of Portugal, Cyprus, Poland and Kosovo, which will gather in Póvoa de Varzim from 12th to 14th of January 2018 to fight for the coveted ticket to the Play-Offs, that will be played, both legs, later this year, in June.

The Portuguese Handball Federation aims to provide the perfect working conditions for the journalists involved in this Qualification, whether you are working on site or remotely. Therefore we felt the need to provide you with some important details about Group 4.

In this Media Guide you will find some important information concerning the four participating teams, including their individual performances as well as head-to-head encounters, and also qualification records.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all journalists and social media who will join us in the coverage of this very significant moment; hence your work is of the utmost importance to the success of Handball, not only in Portugal but also in Europe.

I would also like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude to the Municipality of Póvoa de Varzim, Clube Póvoa Andebol, the Regional Handball Federation of Porto, our Partners and to all of those who helped and made this event a reality.

Miguel Laranjeiro

President of the Portuguese Handball Federation



QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

The Qualification for the World Championship – Germany / Denmark 2019, started in October 2017, and it is played by 23 national teams from all across Europe.

These 23 teams are: Belgium, Bosnia Herzegovina, Cyprus, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey and Ukraina.

The European continent will qualify 13 teams for the World Championship, Germany and Denmark are the hosts for the Wch, therefore already qualified. France is also part of this lot, being the current World Champions.

At the qualification draw in July 2017 the teams were drawn into six groups. The groups are:

- Group 1** – Russia, Slovakia, Finland, Luxembourg
- Group 2** – Lithuania, Latvia, Israel, Georgia
- Group 3** – Romania, Ukraina, Italy, Faroe Islands
- Group 4** – Portugal, Poland, Cyprus, Kosovo
- Group 5** – Netherlands, Turkey, Belgium, Greece
- Group 6** – Bosnia Herzegovina, Estonia, Switzerland

The Group Qualifications will be determined on January 2017, with the first classified from the group phase to go through the next stage where they can find one of the following teams: Austria, Belarus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden, with the exception of the best qualified team during the European Championship – Croatia 2018.

The play-off stage will be played between the 8th and 10th of June and the 12th and 14th of the same month, on this dates the qualified teams for the World Championship will become known.

The World Championship 2019, will take place between the 10th and 27th of January of 2019, on Germany and Denmark, in six cities, Berlin, Cologne, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Herning and Munique. The final will be played in Jyske Bank Boxen Arena, with the capacity for 15,000 people, in Herning, Denmark.



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QUALIFICATION GROUP 4



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Date	Time	Fixture	TV Channel
12/01/2018	17h15	Poland vs Kosovo	TVP Sports (POL)
12/01/2018	19h30	Portugal vs Cyprus	TVI24 (POR)
13/01/2018	18h00	Portugal vs Kosovo	TVI24 (POR)
13/01/2018	20h30	Polónia vs Cyprus	TVP Sports (POL)
14/01/2018	15h30	Cyprus vs Kosovo	TVP Sports (POL)
14/01/2018	18h00	Portugal vs Poland	TVI24 (POR)



PORTUGAL

**Participations:**

WCH 1997, 2001, 2003

ECH 1994, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006

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Wch Qualification Record

Year	Etapas	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points	Rank
1961	Stage	4	0	0	4	45	58	-13	0:8	3rd Group West
1970	Qualification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	W/O vs SWE
1974	Qualification	4	0	0	4	43	62	-19	0:8	3rd Group E
1976	Qualification	5	4	1	0	128	78	50	9:1	Winner
1977	C-WCh	2	0	0	2	32	65	-33	0:4	12th Place
1978	B-WCh	6	2	0	4	131	136	-5	4:8	5th Place
1980	C-WCh	5	3	0	2	128	99	29	6:4	5th Place
1982	C-WCh	5	2	0	3	112	113	-1	4:6	6th Place
1986	C-WCh	5	3	1	1	124	85	39	7:3	5th Place
1988	C-WCh	4	2	0	2	77	75	2	4:4	5th Place
1990	C-WCh	6	2	0	4	133	144	-11	4:8	9th Place
1997	C-WCh	6	5	0	1	156	124	32	10:2	1st Group 4
1997	Qualification	5	1	0	4	119	123	-4	2:8	19th Place
1999	WCh	6	5	0	1	153	129	24	10:2	2nd Group 3
2001	Qualification	2	1	0	1	42	41	1	2:2	Won vs CZE
2001	Play-off	6	2	0	4	140	145	-5	4:8	16th Place
2003	WCh	7	4	0	3	219	182	37	8:6	12th Place
2005	WCh	2	1	0	1	53	54	-1	2:2	Lost vs CZE
2007	Play-off	2	1	0	1	47	55	-8	2:2	Lost vs UKR
2009	Play-off	4	3	0	1	148	112	36	6:2	2nd Group 6
2011	Qualification	2	2	0	0	64	51	13	4:0	1st Group 6
2011	Qualification	2	0	0	2	51	60	-9	0:4	Lost vs ESP
2013	Play-off	4	4	0	0	121	95	26	8:0	1st Group 2
2013	Qualification	2	2	0	2	52	58	-6	0:4	Lost vs SLO
2015	Play-off	6	6	0	2	168	154	14	8:4	2nd Group 5
2017	Qualification	3	3	1	0	101	71	30	5:1	1st Group 4
2017	Qualification 1	2	2	0	1	44	46	-2	2:2	Lost vs ISL
Total Qualification		51	29	1	21	1288	1170	118	59:43	
Total C-Wch		36	18	2	16	833	730	103	38:34	
Total B-Wch		2	0	0	2	32	65	-33	0:4	
Total Wch		18	7	0	11	478	450	28	14:22	

TEAM STATISTICS

Team records – WCh qualification			
Biggest win:	42:17 (22:6) v Bulgaria @ Peso da Regua POR, 03.01.2008	Most goals:	43 v Bulgaria 31:43W @ Varna BUL, 06.01.2008
Biggest defeat:	16:7 (0:0) v France @ Bordeaux FRA, 12.11.1960	Most goals opponent:	38 v Macedonia 38:32L @ Skopje MKD, 17.01.2008
	21:30 (12:12) v Ukraine @ Albergaria -a-Velha POR, 11.06.2006	Most goals both teams:	74 v Bulgaria 31:43W @ Varna BUL, 06.01.2008
Longest winning run:	5 matches (27.11.1996 – 22.10.1998)	Fewest goals:	7 v France 16:7L @ Bordeaux FRA, 12.11.1960
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (02.01.2014 – 07.11.2015)	Fewest goals opponent:	10 v France 9:10L @ Porto POR, 28.12.1960
Longest losing run:	8 matches (12.11.1960 – 15.12.1973)	Fewest goals both teams:	19 v France 9:10L @ Porto POR, 28.12.1960
Longest run without win:	8 matches (12.11.1960 – 15.12.1973)		
Current run:	W1 (16.06.2016)		

Head to Head Encounters				
Date	Location	Match	Competition	Result
POR vs CYP				No previous encounters
POR vs KOS				No previous encounters
POR vs POL				
17.03.1972	Ourense ESP	POL-POR	OG-Qual. - Group D	29:9 (12:3)
27.11.1996	Braga POR	POR-POL	Wch-Qual. - Group 4	27:15 (14:7)
30.11.1996	Plock POL	POL-POR	Wch-Qual. - Group 4	21:28 (7:15)
31.10.2010	Portimão POR	POR-POL	Ech-Qual. 2 - Group 3	27:27 (17:12)
12.06.2011	Poznan POL	POL-POR	Ech-Qual. 2 - Group 3	30:22 (14:11)

Legend:




Ech – European Championship; **Wch** – World Championship; **B-Wch** – B-World Championship; **C-Wch** – C-World Championship; **Qual.** – Qualification; **Pre-Qual.** – Pre-Qualification; **MP** – Matches Played; **W** – Wins; **D** – Draws; **L** – Losses; **GF** – Goals For; **GA** – Goals Against; **GD** – Goal Difference;

POLAND



Achievements:	OG  1976	WCh  1989 1982, 2009, 2015	ECh 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016
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Wch Qualification Record

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points	Rank
1958	WCh	6	3	1	2	97	91	6	7:5	5th Place
1961	Qualification	2	0	0	2	22	46	-24	0:4	Lost vs TCH
1964	Qualification	2	0	0	2	30	39	-9	0:4	Lost vs HUN
1967	Qualification	4	2	0	2	82	78	4	4:4	2nd Group D
1967	WCh	3	1	0	2	53	66	-13	2:4	12th Place
1970	Qualification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:0	W/O vs MAR
1970	WCh	3	0	0	3	43	59	-16	0:6	14th Place
1974	Qualification	4	3	1	0	83	62	21	7:1	1st Group D
1974	WCh	6	4	0	2	104	86	18	8:4	4th Place
1978	A-WCh	6	3	0	3	134	124	10	6:2:6	6th Place
1981	B-WCh	6	6	0	0	153	101	52	12:0	Winner
1982	A-WCh	7	4	1	2	148	143	5	9:5	3rd Place
1985	B-WCh	7	6	0	1	186	147	39	12:2	3rd Place
1986	A-WCh	6	2	1	3	134	128	6	5:7	14th Place
1987	B-WCh	7	6	0	1	198	159	39	12:2	3rd Place
1989	B-WCh	7	6	0	1	194	153	41	12:2	Runner-up
1990	A-WCh	7	3	0	4	160	177	-17	6:8	11th Place
1992	B-WCh	7	2	1	4	161	158	3	5:9	11th Place
1997	Qualification	6	2	0	4	129	144	-15	4:8	3rd Group 4
1999	Qualification	6	4	0	2	157	126	31	8:4	2nd Group 6
2001	Qualification	6	4	1	1	161	131	30	9:3	1st Group 5
2001	Play-off	2	1	0	1	43	49	-6	2:2	Lost vs GER
2003	Play-off	2	1	0	1	48	45	3	2:2	Won vs SUI
2003	WCh	7	4	0	3	204	189	15	8:6	10th Place
2005	Play-off	2	0	0	2	48	59	-11	0:4	Lost vs SWE
2007	Play-off	2	1	0	1	51	47	4	2:2	Won vs GRE
2007	WCh	10	8	0	2	310	274	36	16:4	Runner-up
2009	Play-off	2	1	0	1	54	48	6	2:2	Won vs SUI
2009	WCh	10	7	0	3	298	264	34	14:6	3rd Place
2011	WCh	9	5	0	4	249	236	13	10:8	8th Place
2013	Play-off	2	2	0	0	50	39	11	4:0	Won vs LTU
2013	WCh	6	4	0	2	153	137	16	8:4	9th Place
2015	Play-off	2	2	0	0	54	52	2	4:0	Won vs GER
2015	WCh	9	6	0	3	241	222	19	12:6	3rd Place
2017	Play-off	2	1	0	1	51	46	5	2:2	Won vs NED
2017	WCh	7	3	0	4	162	173	-11	6:8	17th Place
Total Qualification		46	24	2	20	1063	1011	52	50:42	
Total B-Wch		34	26	1	7	892	718	174	53:15	
Total Wch/A-WCh		102	57	3	42	2495	2369	126	117:87	

TEAM STATISTICS

Team records – WCh qualification			
Biggest win:	17:32 (9:14) v Lithuania @ Elektrai LTU, 23.09.1998	Most goals:	33 v Greece 33:18W @ Głogów POL, 28.11.1998
	33:18 (16:10) v Greece @ Głogów POL, 28.11.1998		33 v Luxembourg-Lëtzebuerg 19:33W @ Luxemburg LUX, 12.01.2000
Biggest defeat:	27:15 (14:7) v Portugal @ Braga POR, 27.11.1996	Most goals opponent:	34 v Sweden 34:29L @ Göteborg SWE, 06.06.2004
Longest winning run:	6 matches (10.06.2012 – 11.06.2016)	Most goals both teams:	63 v Sweden 34:29L @ Göteborg SWE, 06.06.2004
Longest unbeaten run:	7 matches (25.11.1998 – 19.01.2000)	Fewest goals:	10 v Czechoslovakia 22:10L @ Praha TCH, 15.01.1961
Longest losing run:	5 matches (11.12.1960 – 11.12.1965)	Fewest goals opponent:	13 v The Netherlands 20:13W @ Katowice POL, 02.11.1973
Longest run without win:	5 matches (11.12.1960 – 11.12.1965)	Fewest goals both teams:	28 v Hungary 12:16L @ Warszawa POL, 15.12.1963
Current run:	L1 (15.06.2016)		

Head to Head Encounters				
Date	Location	Match	Competition	Result
POL vs KOS				
No previous encounters				
CYP vs POL				
15.01.1994	Brzeg Dolny POL	POL-CYP	Ech-Qual. - Group 6	35:11 (18:5)
16.01.1994	Brzeg Dolny POL	POL-CYP	Ech-Qual. - Group 6	34:11 (18:5)
POR vs POL				
17.03.1972	Ourense ESP	POL-POR	OG-Qual. - Group D	29:9 (12:3)
27.11.1996	Braga POR	POR-POL	Wch-Qual. - Group 4	27:15 (14:7)
30.11.1996	Plock POL	POL-POR	Wch-Qual. - Group 4	21:28 (7:15)
31.10.2010	Portimão POR	POR-POL	Ech-Qual. 2 - Group 3	27:27 (17:12)
12.06.2011	Poznan POL	POL-POR	Ech-Qual. 2 - Group 3	30:22 (14:11)

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Wch Qualification Record

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points	Rank
1997	Pré-Qualificação	2	0	0	2	39	63	-24	0:4	Lost vs GRE
1999	Pré-Qualificação	2	1	0	1	38	60	-22	2:2	Lost vs BEL
2001	Pré-Qualificação	2	0	2	0	47	47	0	2:2	Lost vs LUX
2005	Qualificação	4	0	0	4	101	120	-19	0:8	4th Group 2
2007	Qualificação	6	0	0	6	133	214	-81	0:12	4th Group 3
2009	Qualificação	4	0	0	4	91	144	-53	0:8	3rd Group 3
2011	Qualificação	3	2	0	1	81	93	-12	4:2	2nd Group 1
2013	Qualificação	4	0	0	4	86	131	-45	0:8	3rd Group 6
2015	Qualificação	6	0	0	6	138	192	-54	0:12	4th Group 2
2017	Qualificação 1	6	1	0	5	123	175	-52	2:10	4th Group 3
Total Qualification		51	29	1	21	1288	1170	118	59:43	

TEAM STATISTICS

Team records – Wch qualification

Biggest win:	34:27 (14:15) v Faroe Islands @ Nicosia CYP, 17.01.2010	Most goals:	34 v Faroe Islands 34:27W @ Nicosia CYP, 17.01.2010
Biggest defeat:	34:11 (15:7) v Belgium @ Hoboken BEL, 24.06.1998	Most goals opponent:	42 v Czech Republic 42:22L @ Zubří CZE, 14.01.2006
Longest winning run:	1 match (28.06.1998)		42 v Czech Republic 42:21L @ Zubří CZE, 15.01.2006
	1 match (15.01.2010)	Most goals both teams:	65 v Italy 29:36L @ Nicosia CYP, 03.11.2013
	1 match (17.01.2010)	Fewest goals:	11 v Belgium 34:11L @ Hoboken BEL, 24.06.1998
	1 match (17.01.2016)	Fewest goals opponent:	20 v Slovakia 18:20L @ Nicosia CYP, 08.01.2014
Longest unbeaten run:	3 matches (28.06.1998 – 17.12.1999)	Fewest goals both teams:	38 v Slovakia 18:20L @ Nicosia CYP, 08.01.2014
Longest losing run:	15 matches (02.11.2011 – 14.01.2016)		
Longest run without win:	16 matches (15.12.1999 – 13.01.2008)		
Current run:	W1 (17.01.2016)		

Head to Head Encounters

Date	Location	Match	Competition	Result
POR vs CYP				
No previous encounters				
CYP vs POL				
15.01.1994	Brzeg Dolny POL	POL-CYP	Ech-Qual. - Group 6	35:11 (18:5)
16.01.1994	Brzeg Dolny POL	POL-CYP	Ech-Qual. - Group 6	34:11 (18:5)
CYP vs KOS				
18.06.2017	Veliko Tarnovo BUL	CYP-KOS	IHF Emerging Nations Ch - Place 3/4	25:32 (12:16)

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Wch Qualification Record

Year	Stage	MP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points	Rank
2017	Qualification 1	6	0	0	6	145	210	-65	0:12	4th Group 1
Total Qualification		6	0	0	6	145	210	-65	0:12	

TEAM STATISTICS

Team records – WCh qualification

Biggest win:	N/A	Most goals:	29 v Bosnia and Herzegovina 29:33L @ Gjakovë – akovica KOS, 06.01.2016
Biggest defeat:	42:23 (21:11) v Lithuania @ Kaunas LTU, 13.01.2016	Most goals opponent:	42 v Lithuania 42:23L @ Kaunas LTU, 13.01.2016
Longest winning run:	N/A	Most goals both teams:	66 v Bosnia Herzegovina 41:25L @ Tuzla BIH, 09.01.2016
Longest unbeaten run:	N/A	Fewest goals:	20 v Slovakia 38:20L @ Hlohovec SVK, 07.11.2015
Longest losing run:	6 matches (04.11.2015 – 17.01.2016)	Fewest goals opponent:	26 v Slovakia 22:26L @ Gjakovë – akovica KOS, 17.01.2016
Longest run without win:	6 matches (04.11.2015 – 17.01.2016)	Fewest goals both teams:	48 v Slovakia 22:26L @ Gjakovë – akovica KOS, 17.01.2016
Current run:	L6 (04.11.2015 – 17.01.2016)		

Head to Head Encounters

Date	Location	Match	Competition	Result
POL vs KOS			No previous encounters	
POR vs KOS			No previous encounters	
CYP vs KOS				
18.06.2017	Veliko Tarnovo BUL	CYP-KOS	IHF Emerging Nations Ch - Place 3/4	25:32 (12:16)

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LOCATION

The city that was chosen to receive the Qualification for the Play-Off of the World Championship 2019 was Póvoa de Varzim, a city with roughly 40,000 inhabitants, located in the Northern Region and surround by Douro and Minho rivers, being one of the urban centers in the north of Portugal.

The Municipal Hall of Póvoa de Varzim will be the stage of the Qualification for the Play-Off of the World Championship – Germany and Denmark 2019, with the full capacity for 2,500 spectators, and it was one of the venues for the World Championship of 2003, hosted by Portugal.

The tickets for the Group 4 Qualifying Stage are for sale at Blueticket.pt.

PÓVOA DE VARZIM

Pavilhão Municipal da Póvoa de Varzim

Capacity: 2,500





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