

DRAW PROCEDURE

2016 WOMEN'S U20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualification Europe

**Qualification tournaments will be played
18 to 20 March 2016**

The draw for the qualification groups will take place in Bucharest, Romania on 14 November 2015.

- Entries:** 31 (DEN, ROU, RUS and SWE included)
- Qualified:** **DEN** (1st ranked team from 2015 W19 EURO in ESP)
ROU (1st ranked team from WU18 WCh 2014 MKD)
RUS (organiser and 2nd ranked team from 2015 W19 EURO in ESP)
SWE (3rd ranked team from 2015 W19 EURO in ESP)
- Participants:** 27 (AUT, BIH, BLR, BUL, CRO, CZE, ESP, FRA, GEO, GER, GRE, HUN, ISL, ISR, LTU, MKD, MNE, NED, NOR, POL, POR, SLO, SRB, SUI, SVK, TUR, UKR)
- Open:** 8 places (will be decided in the qualification tournaments)
- Draw:** 6 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 3 teams – 8 teams will qualify for the final tournament in RUS
- Group 1:** 2 teams will qualify
- Groups 2-7:** 1 team will qualify

The teams which were awarded with the right to organise the 2015 W19 EURO qualification groups do not have the right to be the organiser of a 2016 WU20 WCh qualification group: **BLR, BUL, GER, GRE, LTU, MKD** except in the situation where none of the other teams in the respective group is willing to organise the tournament.

At the same time according to the decisions of the EHF Court of Handball **NED, POR** do not have the right to organize one of the qualification tournaments in their countries.

Organisation right	Row/group	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7
	1							
	2							
	3							
	4							

Organiser								
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PROCEDURE OF THE DRAW

Seeding according to the following pots:

(based on the ranking of the 2015 Women's 19 EURO in ESP and the respective qualification)

- Pot 1:** HUN, GER, NOR (ranked 4 to 6 in W19 EURO 2015; to be drawn to row 1, groups 1 to 3)
- Pot 2:** MNE, ESP, FRA, SRB (ranked 7 to 9 and 11 in W19 EURO 2015; to be drawn to row 1, groups 4 to 7)
- Pot 3:** CRO, BLR, POR, MKD, LTU (ranked 12 to 16 in W19 EURO 2015; to be drawn to row 2, groups 1 to 5)
- Pot 4:** AUT, CZE, GRE, NED, SLO, SVK, TUR, UKR (2nd in the groups of 3 teams and 3rd ranked teams from W19 EURO 2015 - qualification; to be drawn to row 2, groups 6 and 7 and to row 3, groups 1 to 6)
- Pot 5:** BIH, BUL, GEO, ISL, ISR, POL, SUI, (last ranked teams from W19 EURO 2015 – qualification and teams, which did not participate in W19 EURO 2015 – qualification to be drawn to row 3, group 7 and to row 4, groups 1 to 6)

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1. Draw of the groups

- 1.1. 3 teams of pot 1 are drawn to row 1, groups 1 to 3
- 1.2. 4 teams of pot 2 are drawn to row 1, groups 4 to 7
- 1.3. 5 teams of pot 3 are drawn to row 2, groups 1 to 5
- 1.4. 8 teams of pot 4 are drawn to row 2 groups 6 and 7 and to row 3 groups 1 to 6
- 1.5. 7 teams of pot 5 are drawn to row 3, group 7 and to row 4 groups 1 to 6

2. Draw of the teams having the right to organise the qualification tournament

Playing dates WU 20 WCh qualification:

18 to 20 March 2016

Playing dates WU 20 WCh in RUS Final Tournament:

3 to 17 July 2016

With best regards,

EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

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