

## SPORTS INFORMATION GUIDE

European Masters Games 2023 offers each athlete the opportunity to compete in a maximum of three sports (five disciplines) at the Games.

### COMPETITION DATES

28.6. Wed	29.6. Thu	30.6. Fri	1.7. Sat	2.7. Sun
Technical Meeting	09:00-22:00	09:00-22:00	09:00-22:00	09:00-15:00 (only finals – places 1-2)

All dates and times are subject to change, until final entries have been received. A detailed schedule for each category will be created during spring 2023.

### VENUE DETAILS

EMG2023 Handball competition takes place at:

Venue Name	Tampere Exhibition and Sports Centre TESC
Venue Information	Ilmailunkatu 20, 33900 Tampere

### COMPETITION DETAILS

In principle all matches are played according to the current “IHF Rules of the Game”. Some exceptions are especially mentioned below.

#### AGE CATEGORIES

Men: 35+, 45+, 50+, 55+

Women: 33+, 43+

- The age is determined as at 31 December 2023.
- The age of the youngest player in the team determines in which age category the team will play.
- Each team can compete in one age category only.

- Players can only participate in one team and one age category.
- There will be no mixed teams.
- In the case of an insufficient number of teams registering, the Organizing committee reserves the right to put teams into the age category beneath their own.

### COMPETITION FORMAT

Preliminary round, main round, intermediate round, semifinals and placement matches (including matches 3/4)

#### Playing time in all the categories

- 2 x 15 minutes (no break)
- No team time outs
- Suspension: 2 minutes

#### Playing time in the finals (place 1/2) in all the categories

- 2 x 20 minutes (break 5 minutes)
- One team time out per half time
- Suspension: 2 minutes

In case of a draw during the placement matches, semifinals and finals, the match will be decided by 7-meter throws immediately.

### COMPETITION RULES

#### Team Details

The number of the players to be put on the players´ list is max. 18 (+ 4 officials)

#### Match Report

Prior to each match a match report/players´list (depending on which match report technique manual or electronic is used) has to be filled in, signed by the responsible person of the team and given to the time keeper´ s table. This must be done half an hour before the match starting time at the latest.

Every player must wear the same number during the tournament and this number is not allowed to be used by any other player.

The referee(s) is/are responsible for the correctness of the match result during and after the match.

### **Disciplinary cases and protests**

Protests shall be settled in the first and only instance against payment of a fee of 100 €. The written protest and fee shall be received by any tournament management member within 30 minutes after the end of the match.

There shall be no valid reason for protests related to:

- the nomination of the referees and delegates
- the referee decision on facts in accordance with the rules of the game, including those based on delegate recommendations
- the playing schedule
- direct red cards – automatically suspended for the next match (see below)

All disciplinary cases and protests shall be dealt with and finally by the Disciplinary Commission. Court of Handball as ad hoc body is acting as Disciplinary Commission in first instance.

The Disciplinary Commission decides sanctions and penalties in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations, except in case of direct disqualifications.

All legal matters including procedural aspects not expressly regulated by the present regulations shall be governed by the applicable EHF Legal Regulations. Regarding any legal remedies reference is made to the EHF Legal Regulations.

### **Direct disqualification of the player (red card and/or red card with blue card)**

Any player sent off by the referees with a direct red card will be automatically suspended for the next game of the team concerned (no written decision is necessary – each team is responsible to make sure that the player does not play in the next match).

After the second direct red card of the same player, he/she is automatically suspended for all remaining matches of the tournament (no written decision is necessary – each team is

responsible to make sure that the player does not play the remaining matches of the tournament).

Any participation of a player being not eligible to play leads to a match result of 10:0 goals and 2:0 points against the team.

### **Medals**

In European Masters Games, the athletes do not represent their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without hoisting of flags. No National Anthem of the winning team will be played. The medals will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

### **Technical meeting**

A Technical Meeting will take place before the start of the competitions in order to introduce the competitions, remind those involved of the regulations and the behavior that is expected.

### **Personal accident insurance and medical certificate**

It is the participant's own responsibility to take out adequate and valid accident and health insurance. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

### **Anti-doping**

The IMGA has adopted an anti-doping policy in line with the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) code, which means that testing will be conducted during the games. Each participant must comply with and independently consent to the IMGA Anti-Doping policy <https://imga.ch/masters-sports/anti-doping/>.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Each team should provide enough balls for the training purposes. EHF provides official match balls.

## UNIFORMS

Each team shall provide two different sets of clothing in different colors (light and dark). Number must be in front and back. The color of the playing dresses will be checked by the referees prior to each game. If the referee considers that the clothing of two teams is likely to cause confusion, the team named second in the playing schedule shall change its clothing to ensure good contrast.

The players must play with the same number during the whole tournament; therefore both sets of shirts must include same numbers. Furthermore officials have to wear different colors than opponent players.

## TRAINING FACILITIES

Same than competition facilities. Shall be available on request only.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Planning for the EMG2023 competition will continue throughout 2022 and spring 2023. Additional sport specific information will be communicated to registered participants and this Sports Information Guide will be updated according to possible changes.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the EMG2023 website at [www.emg2023.fi](http://www.emg2023.fi) as well as other Games communication channels to find out the latest information.

For more Handball specific information, please contact Finnish Handball Federation Technical Delegate Taneli Tiilikainen [taneli.tiilikainen@finnhandball.net](mailto:taneli.tiilikainen@finnhandball.net)

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