

Masters Handball

Masters Handball is a competition on World, European and National level for all players (male and female) who had to stop handball one day on various reasons, but still feel fit and ready for checking it out again, on a more leisurely basis and less professional. Having a lot of fun, meeting old friends and experiencing the “spirit of handball” again after some years of abstinence or simply smelling the “fragrance of the good old days” could be the motivation for Handball friends all over Europe to take part. Of course, the same holds good for referees of “Masters” generation.

The Philosophy of Masters Handball is based on the principles of „**Fair Play**“ !

Competitions / tournaments will be played on regular Handball courts with the official Handball rules. Teams can be formed freely without regard to any club adherence or nationality. Due to both the advanced age of the target group and the number of matches in a short period the playing time of the matches is reduced.

Besides the competition factors, the main idea to celebrate a handball festival for the former handball players to involve them (more or again) into the European Handball family should be underlined. Escorting measures like player’s parties, informal meetings, side events, etc. should be an integral part in Masters Handball tournaments.

Age categories:

Men: 35+
45+
Women: 33+
43+

History of European Masters Handball Championships

Basic data:

1. Venues and dates:

- 2003 Vienna / **AUT** 21 – 24 August 2003
- 2005 Granollers / **ESP** 24 – 27 March 2005
- 2006 Győr / **HUN** 23 – 25 June 2006
- 2007 Cracow / **POL** 15 – 17 June 2007
- 2008 Malmö / **SWE** planned for 04 – 07 September 2008
 - European Masters Games organised by EMSA

• Event areas

2003: 4 courts – outdoor, played on grass

2005: 3 courts – hall

2006: 6 courts – hall

2007: 4 courts – hall

2008: 4 courts – hall (planned)

2. Age categories

2003 AUT:	Men +35	12 teams
	Men +45	8 teams
	<u>Women +35</u>	<u>8 teams</u>
	Total:	28 teams

2005 ESP:	Men +35	12 teams
	Men +45	9 teams
	<u>Women +33</u>	<u>5 teams</u>
	Total:	26 teams

2006 HUN:	Men +35	15 teams
	Men +45	13 teams
	Women +33	10 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>7 teams</u>
	Total:	45 teams

2007 POL:	Men +35	15 teams
	Men +45	16 teams
	Women +33	8 teams
	<u>Women +43</u>	<u>7 teams</u>
	Total:	46 teams

2008 SWE:	planned	
	Men +35	
	Men +45	
	Women +33	
	Women +43	