

## Regulations Handball

### GNSK 2026

#### 1. Team composition and eligibility

1. Each Student Sport Council (OSO) or city can register multiple men's and women's teams. A team consists of a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 14 players. The first team registered per OSO or city always has the right to participate. Depending on the number of registered teams, a decision will be made regarding the participation of the other teams. If there are too many other teams for the remaining spots, participation will be based on the order of registration.
2. The registered participants of an OSO/city may only consist of students who meet the conditions set out in the Right of participation GNSK 2026. If these rules are violated, all results of this participant will be deleted. If an unauthorized participant takes part in the GNSK, a fine of €200 will be charged to the OSO/representative organization in the city for which that participant is competing.
3. The team lineup must be provided to the handball committee before the start of each match. If an OSO or city sends more participating teams, players cannot be swapped or participate in other teams. If this happens, article 2 of the team composition and eligibility applies.
4. The winner of the handball tournament of the GNSK 2026 qualifies for the European Universities Championships (EUC) in 2027. See the GNSK 2026 Participation Regulations for the rules that apply to this. If a team wins that does not meet the stated requirements, the qualification will pass to the next team that does meet all requirements. If there is no interest, the qualification will pass to the number two, and so on.

#### 2. Match provisions

1. The preliminary rounds are played in groups. The group allocation is determined by a draw, in which teams can qualify for the finals bracket in accordance with the Implementation Regulations Placement GNSK 2026. Where possible, teams from the same OSO or city are distributed across different groups. Prior to the draw, the handball committee determines how many teams per group qualify for the finals bracket, which is played in a knockout system.



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2. In case of a won match, a team receives 2 points, and in case of a draw, 1 point. The final ranking in the group is determined by the total number of points a team has earned. In the event of a tie in the group stage, the ranking is decided successively by the head-to-head result, the goal difference and the number of goals scored. If no decision is reached, five different players from each team take one 7-meter throw each. If necessary, both teams will then take turns with 7-meter throws until a decision is reached.
3. The duration of a match is set at 20 minutes of continuous playing time without changing sides and without a break. The final and third-place match will consist of two halves of 20 minutes of pure playing time each, with a 10-minute break between halves. There is no limit on substitutions
4. In the group stage, a draw is possible. If a match ends in a tie in the later stages of the tournament, an extension of two times 5 minutes will be played. If there is still no winner, five different players from each team take one 7-meter throw each. If necessary, both teams will then take turns with 7-meter throws until a decision is reached.
5. Teams must be present and ready to play at the time indicated in the schedule. If a team is not present at the specified time, the team loses the match. The score will be recorded as 5-0 in favor of the present team.
6. The teams must wear shirts with numbers. If necessary, the team mentioned second on the match schedule is responsible for providing reserve shirts.
7. Officially approved match balls will be used. The match balls will be provided by the handball committee. Practice balls should be brought by the teams themselves.
8. Resin will be provided by the handball committee. If one plays with a different resin than the provided one, they will be disqualified.
9. Protests will not be accepted as far as they concern referee decisions.
10. Teams that forfeit a match in the knockout phase are excluded from participating in the match for third place.

### **3. Closing provisions**

1. Players must wear appropriate shoes.
2. The organisation is not responsible for accidents or damage to third parties before, during or after the competition. Participation is at your own risk.



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3. The organisation is not responsible for theft before, during or after the competition.
4. In all cases, the handball committee reserves the right to make a binding decision that does not necessarily correspond to the above. This decision is in accordance with the documents mentioned in article 5 of the final provisions and cannot be implemented without the consent of the GNSK committee and/or SSN.
5. In all cases not covered by this regulation, [the regulations of NHV](#) and provisions of the SSN Event Regulations 2026 and apply, except for the time stop rule during 7-meter throws and the time-out rule..

