

A player who wants to attempt a shot must do so behind the goal line. In fact, for the most part, only the goalie is allowed inside the painted crease. Players often jump from behind the goal line moving forward in the air to get the best shot possible. As long as the shot is released before a player's feet touch inside the crease, the shot is legal.

The game is physical and defenders are generally permitted to make physical contact to disrupt the offense. However, there are fouls that can be whistled against the defense including directly taking the ball out of a player's hand. Depending on the kind of contact occurs and where the foul is committed, a free throw or even a penalty throw may be awarded.

Tournament Format

The event begins with **group play**. The 12 teams are divided into two groups of six teams each and each team will compete against the other five teams in their group. A team earns three points with a win, one point for a draw, and no points for a loss. The top four teams in each group advance to the quarterfinals and the competition then shifts to a single-elimination bracket to determine the winner.

Participating Nations





Men's Handball Schedule

Events in ET, medal events in **bold**

Date	Time	Group	Event
Sat, July 27	3:00 AM	A	Spain vs. Slovenia
Sat, July 27	5:00 AM	В	Hungary vs. Egypt
Sat, July 27	8:00 AM	А	Croatia vs. Japan
Sat, July 27	10:00 AM	В	Norway vs. Argentina
Sat, July 27	1:00 PM	A	Germany vs. Sweden
Sat, July 27	3:00 PM	В	Denmark vs. France
Mon, July 29	3:00 AM	А	Japan vs. Germany
Mon, July 29	5:00 AM	А	Slovenia vs. Croatia
Mon, July 29	8:00 AM	В	Egypt vs. Denmark
Mon, July 29	10:00 AM	А	Sweden vs. Spain
Mon, July 29	1:00 PM	в	France vs. Norway
Mon, July 29	3:00 PM	В	Argentina vs. Hungary
Wed, July 31	3:00 AM	В	Norway vs. Hungary
Wed, July 31	5:00 AM	A	Croatia vs. Germany
Wed, July 31	8:00 AM	А	Spain vs. Japan
Wed, July 31	10:00 AM	А	Slovenia vs. Sweden
Wed, July 31	1:00 PM	в	France vs. Egypt
Wed, July 31	3:00 PM	В	Denmark vs. Argentina
Fri, Aug 2	3:00 AM	в	Hungary vs. Denmark
Fri, Aug 2	5:00 AM	В	Argentina vs. France
Fri, Aug 2	8:00 AM	A	Croatia vs. Sweden
Fri, Aug 2	10:00 AM	А	Germany vs. Spain
Fri, Aug 2	1:00 PM	А	Japan vs. Slovenia
Fri, Aug 2	3:00 PM	В	Norway vs. Egypt
Sun, Aug 4	3:00 AM	А	Sweden vs. Japan
Sun, Aug 4	5:00 AM	В	Egypt vs. Argentina
Sun, Aug 4	8:00 AM	А	Germany vs. Slovenia
Sun, Aug 4	10:00 AM	В	Hungary vs. France
Sun, Aug 4	1:00 PM	В	Denmark vs. Norway
Sun, Aug 4	3:00 PM	A	Spain vs. Croatia
Wed, Aug 7	3:30 AM		Quarterfinal #1
Wed, Aug 7	7:30 AM		Quarterfinal #2
Wed, Aug 7	11:30 AM		Quarterfinal #3
Wed, Aug 7	3:30 PM		Quarterfinal #4
Fri, Aug 9	10:30 AM		Semifinal #1
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Fri, Aug 9	3:30 PM		Semifinal #2
Fri, Aug 9 Sun, Aug 11	3:30 PM 3:00 AM		Semifinal #2 Bronze Medal Match

Women's Handball Schedule

Events in ET, medal events in **bold**

Date	Time	Group	Event
Thu, July 25	3:00 AM	A	
	5:00 AM	В	Slovenia vs. Denmark
Thu, July 25			Netherlands vs. Angola
Thu, July 25	8:00 AM	В	Spain vs. Brazil
Thu, July 25	10:00 AM	A	Germany vs. Korea
Thu, July 25	1:00 PM	В	Hungary vs. France
Thu, July 25	3:00 PM	A	Norway vs. Sweden
Sun, July 28	3:00 AM	В	Brazil vs. Hungary
Sun, July 28	5:00 AM	A	Korea vs. Slovenia
Sun, July 28	8:00 AM	А	Sweden vs. Germany
Sun, July 28	10:00 AM	А	Denmark vs. Norway
Sun, July 28	1:00 PM	В	Angola vs. Spain
Sun, July 28	3:00 PM	В	France vs. Netherlands
Tue, July 30	3:00 AM	А	Germany vs. Slovenia
Tue, July 30	5:00 AM	А	Norway vs. Korea
Tue, July 30	8:00 AM	В	Netherlands vs. Spain
Tue, July 30	10:00 AM	В	Hungary vs. Angola
Tue, July 30	1:00 PM	В	France vs. Brazil
Tue, July 30	3:00 PM	А	Sweden vs. Denmark
Thu, Aug 1	3:00 AM	В	Nethlerlands vs. Brazil
Thu, Aug 1	5:00 AM	А	Korea vs. Sweden
Thu, Aug 1	8:00 AM	В	Spain vs. Hungary
Thu, Aug 1	10:00 AM	В	Angola vs. France
Thu, Aug 1	1:00 PM	А	Germany vs. Denmark
Thu, Aug 1	3:00 PM	А	Slovenia vs. Norway
Sat, Aug 3	3:00 AM	В	Hungary vs. Netherlands
Sat, Aug 3	5:00 AM	В	Spain vs. France
Sat, Aug 3	8:00 AM	В	Brazil vs. Angola
Sat, Aug 3	10:00 AM	А	Slovenia vs. Sweden
Sat, Aug 3	1:00 PM	А	Norway vs. Germany
Sat, Aug 3	3:00 PM	А	Denmark vs. Korea
Tue, Aug 6	3:30 AM		Quarterfinal #1
Tue, Aug 6	7:30 AM		Quarterfinal #2
Tue, Aug 6	11:30 AM		Quarterfinal #3
Tue, Aug 6	3:30 PM		Quarterfinal #4
Thu, Aug 8	10:30 AM		Semifinal #1
Thu, Aug 8	3:30 PM		Semifinal #2
Sat, Aug 10	4:00 AM		Bronze Medal Match
Sat, Aug 10	9:00 AM		Gold Medal Match
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