

PRO HANDBALL USA has selected the first 3 men's teams for the First ever Pro Handball USA mega event

The ongoing season of European top-level handball for men has been, and still is, an unprecedented scenery in most of the national leagues. In both the Machineseeker EHF Champions League and in The EHF Euro League, it has been intense rivalries and buzzer-beating endings.

In the DAIKIN Bundesliga we have an unseen situation with 6 teams in the battle for the top positions and we also have 5 Bundesliga-teams claiming 5 out of 8 positions in the European Final4's, and across Europe there are intense battles on the handball courts for medals.

We at PRO HANDBALL USA have great expectations for the coming seasons, and it has - and is a very attractive range of teams in our selection – to join our first mega event in the summer of 2026. Therefore, for now, we have chosen, only to select 3 out of the 4 teams, leaving 1 open space for the last great team to join us at PRO HANDBALL USA.

We are proud to announce the first 3 teams on the Men's side, whom, together with our 4 female teams - GYÖRI AUDI ETO KC – ODENSE HÅNDBOLD – BBH BREST & HB LUDWIGSBURG are in our first event in the summer of 2026:



FÜCHSE BERLIN is our 1st team presented. The team from Berlin has been a Dream-Team in the making for years and in this season, topping all the charts. Presently no 1 and favorite to win the Bundesliga. FÜCHSE BERLIN already qualified for The TruckScout24 EHF Final4 with a magnificent effort in the latest and most important games. Heading the team is Mathias Gidsel – the first male handball player in the world to have been named World Player of the Year, 2 years in a row and is both defending Olympic- and World Champion – with Denmark. Berlin and Gidsel already extended the present contract, which now runs all the way to the summer of 2029. In FÜCHSE BERLIN you presently also find stars like Lasse Andersson, Tim Freihöfer, Nils Lichtlein, Fabian Wiede and many more. The team is led by the talented head coach Jaron Siewert who at only 31 years old has a string of impressive results. FÜSCHE BERLIN is on top of things, now and expected for the future.



 ${\hbox{\tt HBC NANTES}}$ is our $2^{\rm nd}$ team and as with Füchse Berlin, also qualified for The TruckScout24 EHF Final4 for this season.

The club from western France is still in a head-to-head battle with PSG for the national

title. HBC Nantes made the impossible possible as the first team in years beating Sporting Lisbon in Lisbon and qualified for the final showdown in Cologne in June. Goalkeeper Ivan Pesic shut out the opposition and secured the win in a stunning performance. HBC NANTES is not just a team of experience and young talents, but also big names, like Nicolas Tournat, Aymeric Minne, Julian Bos and Ivan Pesic. Heading the team is local coach Gregory Cojean with an impressive run. The homecourt in Nantes is a special experience – and we hope that HBC NANTES brings the supporting brass band to the event in the USA.





AALBORG HÅNDBOLD is the 3rd team for the event. The defending Danish champion has a star filled team who also made it to the final of last year's Final4 in Cologne.

The team is currently chasing for more gold in the Danish league. Few of the stars on the team from AALBORG HÅNDBOLD include – former World Player of the Year - Niklas Landin, Norwegian ace Sander Sagosen, upcoming superstars Thomas Arnoldsen and Mads Hoxer as well as Swedish national team player Lukas Nilsson and four-time World Champion and 2024 Olympic gold winner Simon Hald.

Coming to 2026, even more prominent star power is being added with Juri Knorr from Germany and the Norwegian duo of Patrick Andersson and Alexander Blonz. Head coach Simon Dahl, another young and talented coach, has had the team in contention in all the competitions that AALBORG HÅNDBOLD competes in.



LAST TEAM REMAINING With the above 3 teams presented on the men's side and the, already announced 4 women's teams, all our teams were part of the EHF Champions League Quarterfinals this season, and we are proud to say that 4 of these 7 teams' have reached the EHF Champions League Final4's that await in Budapest and Cologne.

For the final remaining team on the men's side, we have several big-time candidates and want to end our selection with another perfect choice.

We expect to have the final team presented soon.

Our event in USA in the summer of 2026 will be a star-packed action event with the greatest club handball in the world, in one single venue over a course of 10 days.

Soon we will announce the location, the venue and the dates for the event – we cannot wait to share this with you.

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