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2008 Men's 18 European Championship



From 8 to 17 August 2008, the 3rd edition of the Men's 18 European Championship will take place in Brno/CZE with 16 teams comprised of players born on or after 1 January 1990.

The final tournament will be played in two halls of the Metsky Sportovni Areal with capacities of 3.000 and 1.000 seats. In the first phase of the championship – the preliminary round – 16 teams are divided into 4 groups (see table below).

Each team will play against each other within their group with the top 2 teams from each group advancing to the main round (playing for the places 1 to 8), and the third and fourth placed teams meeting in the intermediate round (playing for the places 9 to 16).

<u>Group A</u> (KP Vodová 1)	<u>Group B</u> (KP Vodová 1)	<u>Group C</u> (KP Vodová 2)	<u>Group D</u> (KP Vodová 2)
Slovenia	Denmark	Croatia	Sweden
Serbia	Iceland	Spain	Bosnia Herzegovina
France	Czech Republic	Hungary	Germany
Norway	Finland	Slovakia	Russia

In the last edition of the Men's 18 European Championship, held in Tallinn/EST in summer 2006, Croatia clinched the gold medal after defeating Denmark 30:24 in the final game. Croatian centre back Domagoj Duvnjak was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. However, now attention turns to who will succeed him and his team in 2008. All relevant information about this year's edition of the Men's 18 European Championship can be accessed via www.handball18.eu. The event website will continue to grow and evolve, once the tournament starts, providing you with game results, photos, statistics etc.

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