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**2008 UNIQA EHF Men's Champions Trophy**



The 2008 UNIQA EHF Men's Champions Trophy will take place on Saturday 20 & 21 September 2008 with four top teams. The champion and runner-up of the 2007/2008 EHF Champions League and the winners of last season's European Cup competitions will be in Veszprém, Hungary for the event. The event will be played in the brand-new event arena in Veszprém, which will also become the home of the Champions League team MKB Veszprém. The 2008 UNIQA EHF Men's Champions Trophy will be preceded by the **2008 EHF Season Opener Event – Press Conference** on Saturday, 20 September at 14:30.

**2008 UNIQA EHF MEN'S CHAMPIONS TROPHY IN VESZPRÉM, HUNGARY**

**Participants**

**2007/08 Champions League winner**

**ESP BM Ciudad Real**

**2007/08 EHF Cup winner**

**GER HSG Nordhorn**

**2007/08 Cup Winners' Cup winner**

**HUN MKB Veszprém**

**Wild card for CL runner-up**

**GER THW Kiel**

**Date:** 20-21 September 2008

**Venue:** Veszprém Arena in Veszprém, Hungary

**Local organiser:** MKB Veszprém

**Playing schedule:**

**Saturday, 20 September 2008**

**16:00 local time - Semi-final 1: Nordhorn /GER vs Veszprém /HUN**

Referees: Brunovsky/Canda – SVK

Delegates: Herman – ISR, Djurkovic – SRB

**18:00 local time - Semi-final 2: THW Kiel/GER vs Ciudad Real/ESP**

Referees: Olesen/Pedersen – DEN

Delegates: Herman – ISR, Djurkovic - SRB

**Sunday, 21 September 2008**

13:00 local time - 3/4 Final: Loser Semi-final 1 vs Loser Semi-final 2

15:00 local time - Final: Winner Semi-final 1 vs Winner Semi-final 2

All matches will be streamed live! Information at [eurohandball.com](http://eurohandball.com). Complete coverage of the event will be at [www.eurohandball.com](http://www.eurohandball.com).

**PRIZE MONEY**

Alongside the honour of being crowned champion club of Europe, the teams will also be playing for prize money which is distributed as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place – €30.000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - €15.000, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - €10.000, 4<sup>th</sup> place €5.000

## HISTORY OF THE EVENT

The Champions Trophy looks back on a long history making it one of the most prestigious events of the pre-season. The tournament has previously come under the title of European Championship for Club Teams, or also commonly known as the Supercup. The EHF relaunched the event under the new name of Champions Trophy in 2007, which is fitting because the champions of the Champions League, EHF Cup and Cup Winners' Cup meet a wild card entrant to offer the public this attractive event.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Venue</b>
1996	FC Barcelona	Bielefeld (GER)
1997	FC Barcelona	Irun (ESP)
1998	FC Barcelona	FC Barcelona (ESP)
1999	FC Barcelona	Magdeburg (GER)
2000	Portland San Antonio	Pamplona (ESP)
2001	Magdeburg	Kiel (GER)
2002	Magdeburg	Magdeburg (GER)
2003	FC Barcelona	Valladolid (ESP)
2004	Celje Pivovarna Lasko	Ciudad Real (ESP)
2005	BM Ciudad Real	Leon (ESP)
2006	BM Ciudad Real	Köln (GER)
2007	THW Kiel	Celje (SLO)