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2006 Men's 20 European Championship



The draw for the 2006 Men's 20 European Championship took place in the arena "Olmpiaworld" in Innsbruck' – today at 13:30 hrs. Below you can find the results of the draw and basic details on the final round which will take place in Austria, from 10 to 19 August 2006.

Place and venue: Innsbruck, Austria

Playing arenas: Olympiaworld and University Hall

Total number of participating teams: 16 teams

The <u>preliminary round</u> will take place from 10 to 12 August 2006.

Please find below the results of the draw:

| | Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Playing arena: | University Hall | University Hall | Olympiaworld | Olympiaworld |
| | Slovenia | Denmark | Serbia and Mont. | Croatia |
| | Sweden | Slovakia | Belarus | Germany |
| | France | Spain | Austria | Poland |
| | Czech Republic | Latvia | Estonia | Norway |

The main round / intermediate round will be played from 14 to 15 August 2006 as follows:

Main Round, Group I (A/B): Olympiaworld Main Round, Group II (C/D): Olympiaworld

Intermediate Round, Group III (A/B): University Hall Intermediate Round, Group IV (C/D): University Hall

Semifinals and cross matches will take place in the arena "Olympiaworld" (place 1-8) and the arena "University Hall" (place 9-16) on 17 August 2006. The placement matches place 7-16 will be played in the arena "Olympiaworld" on 18 August 2006 and the finals as well as the placement match place 5-6 on 19 August 2006 in the arena "Olympiaworld" in Innsbruck.

The substitute nations for the final tournament in AUT are No.1 GRE, No. 2 ROM and No. 3 LTU.

<u>Further qualification:</u> The teams ranked 1 to 2 will qualify directly for the Men's U-21 World Championship taking place in Fyro Macedonia in 2007.

More details regarding the final tournament in Austria can be found on www.euro2006.at.

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