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Summary of the 2008/2009 European Cup Season in Figures

Men

EHF Champions League	40 clubs from 29 nations scored 9.311 goals
EHF Cup	43 clubs from 32 nations scored 5.584 goals
Challenge Cup	40 clubs from 23 nations scored 4.865 goals
Cup Winner's Cup	36 clubs from 35 nations scored 4.789 goals

Women

EHF Champions League	32 clubs from 23 nations scored 6.489 goals
EHF Cup	47 clubs from 34 nations scored 6.805 goals
Challenge Cup	34 clubs from 20 nations scored 3.189 goals
Cup Winner's Cup	28 clubs from 27 nations scored 3.762 goals

Summary

Over the past season in four competitions in both the men's and women's categories 798 matches were played and the action was followed by 1.244.250 dedicated fans in the handball arenas across Europe. The season officially opened on the first September weekend over nine months ago and through the course of the of the season, we have seen major advancements as well as major setbacks for the teams involved in these EHF competitions.

As 2008 came to an end, the women's 2008/09 season took an extended break to allow for the Women's Euro2008 in FYR Macedonia as the majority of the players donned their national colours where Norway took the title with the assistance of top women's Champions League players such as Kristine Lundes and Tonje Larsen. The season resumed in January of 2009

From the Champions League to the Challenge Cup, we have watched 300 clubs from all over Europe get involved in these competitions and in a truly competitive spirit play hundreds of matches in arenas across Europe. The winners are listed below:

Season 2008/2009 Winners – Men

EHF Champions League: **BM Ciudad Real (ESP)**
EHF Cup: **VfL Gummersbach (GER)**
Challenge Cup: **UCM Sport Resita (ROU)**
Cup Winner's Cup: **Pevafersa Valladolid (ESP)**

Season 2008/2009 Winners – Women

EHF Champions League: **Viborg HK (DEN)**
EHF Cup: **S.D. Itxako (ESP)**
Challenge Cup: **Handball Cercle Nimes (FRA)**
Cup Winner's Cup: **FCK Handbold A/S (DEN)**

The European Handball Federation news service will be keeping you up to date with all the latest news throughout the summer. The closing date for registrations for the 2009/2010 season is 22 June 2009. On the 24th June at the draw event in Vienna, the teams will be drawn for the EHF Men's Champions League 2009/2010 Season.

The national handball federations of Europe have now begun to publish the results of the national leagues. All these results, in addition to the latest news, interview and many other features can be found on www.eurohandball.com. With the final seasonal administration coming to a close, Europe is turning its attention to the opening of the 2009/2010 season, registration for the forthcoming season is already in full swing and the deadline for entry into the 09/10 season is 22 June 2009.

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