

Stadtwerk Cup: Rules and format

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Tournament format

1. The matches are played according to the official rules of the International Handball Federation, the European Handball Federation and the Swiss Handball Federation.
2. The playing time is 2 x 20 minutes with a break of 5 minutes.
3. There are 3 rounds to be played: Preliminary Round (group stage), Intermediate Round and Placement Matches.
 - a. **Preliminary Round**

The teams are split into 2 groups of 3 teams each. Within the group, every team plays each other. The points of the Preliminary Round are taken to the Intermediate Round.
 - b. **Intermediate Round**

Each team plays against 2 teams of the other group but not against the team that finished the Preliminary Round in the same position.
4. The points of the Preliminary Round and the Intermediate Round are added up to establish an interim ranking. This ranking will be used to determine the Placement Matches.
5. In the Preliminary Round as well as in the Intermediate Round the following criteria decide in case of two teams having the same number of points: goal difference (in the whole tournament), greater number of goals scored, drawing lots.
6. 16 players are allowed to play in every match.
7. A player that is disqualified for the rest of the game (red and blue card) is not allowed to play in the following match.
8. If the score is equal after the official playing time in the Placement Matches, the winner will be determined in a 7 meter throw (no extra time). There are 5 players of each team to participate in the 7 meter throw, then 1 by 1 until there is a decision.
9. In the case of an identical team colour, the second team mentioned in the match report changes the outfit.
10. Each team is allowed to request 1 team time out per game (60 seconds) that may be used either in the first or in the second period.
11. In special cases the Arbitration Board decides: Referee supervisor, administration match operations, 2 representatives of the teams.

Fairplay Award

The Health Insurance Company „Suva St. Gallen“ is going to honor the team playing in a fair way and with the best sportsmanlike conduct during the Stadtwerk Cup. At the end of the tournament the Fairplay Award goes to the team with the fewest penalty points.

7m throw:	1 penalty point
Warning (yellow card):	2 penalty points
Suspension (2 minutes):	4 penalty points
Disqualification (red card):	10 penalty points
Disqualification (red and blue card):	20 penalty points