

ith just one day left for the games to start, players from all the teams are already at their assigned hotels: Las Villas de Antikaria Hotel and Antequera Hotel. In total, the ninth edition of the European Universities Handball Championship will gather around 300 university students from 12 different countries, who will represent 12 universities in the male category and 10 in the female one.

From July 3rd to July 8th, the city of Antequera will be full of sport, with handball being the King of the Court. The City Hall has provided three sports venues for the games to be played: the Fernando Argüelles Municipal Sports Complex, the Technified Indoor Athletics Sport Center of Antequera (CTA), and El Maulí. The latter will be equipped for the training sessions of those teams who may request them.

This weekend has served as a stage for the teams to get used to the sunny and hot summer weather typical from the south of Spain.

Many of the competing teams who are from Northern Europe will have all the necessary conditions to acclimatize here. The health professionals would like to remind participants of the importance of keeping hydrated as well as putting sunscreen on and wearing light clothes.

All teams are called on to participate in the Opening Ceremony which will take place on Monday at 19:00 at the Fernando Argüelles venue. Even though buses will be provided to go there, the sports hall is within walking distance, and this can be especially convenient for those who may decide to walk around the city of Antequera. The city is competing this year to obtain its recognition as a European City of Sport 2018, hence the importance of events such as the EUSA Handball 2017 or the World Championship which took place last year. This welcoming World Heritage city provides its visitors with a wide range of sport activities as well as famous monuments such as the Dolmens, consisting of three cultural monuments (the Menga, Viera and Romeral Dolmens). Culture will always be present along the championship with concerts taking place at the common area of the hotel in order to strengthen the bonds among the players and the participant countries and universities.

The University of Malaga, the City Hall of Antequera, the Spanish University Sports Committee as well as the Organizing Committee welcome you to this European Universities Handball Championship 2017, hoping that every single day of this Championship will be governed by the sporting spirit.

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* Special schedule conditioned by the Opening ceremony L - Loser W- Winner

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MALE COMPETITION

EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

GROUPS PHASE	COUNTRIES UNIVERSITIES
AM2	Spain University of Malaga Poland University of Rzeszów
BM1	 Portugal University of Minho Croatia Univesity of Split France University of Montpellier
CM1	 Germany Goethe University Frankfurt Portugal University of Porto Spain University of Barcelona
	 Switzerland University of Basel Germany University of Duisburg-Essen
DM2 DM3	 Turkey Marmara University Romania Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava

FEMALE COMPETITION

	GROUPS PHASE	
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	AF3 🕋	Slovenia University of Primorska
	AF5 C+	Romania Ovidius University of Constanța Turkey Akdeniz University
В		Netherlands Radboud University Nijmegen Germany German Sport University Cologne
		Spain University of Valencia Turkey Aksaray University
	BF5 ===	Norway University of Oslo

The European Universities Championship kicks off

ince last Friday, the city of Antequera has been welcoming dozens of university students from 12 different countries to participate in the 9th EUSA Handball 2017. The Championship, organized by the University of Malaga in collaboration with EUSA, will consist of 22 teams from 21 European universities. Countries such as Germany, Portugal, Spain and Turkey are those which present the highest number of teams. This way, Spain will be represented by both the male and the female team of the University of Malaga, the female team of the University of Valencia, as well as the male team of the University of Barcelona.

Sunday was devoted to finishing the accreditation of all the teams and, afterwards, the General Technical Meeting between the European University Sports Association (EUSA) and the representatives of all the participating universities was held in order to present the official competition system for the 9th EUSA Handball 2017. The draw of the different matches also took place during the meeting and the two teams opening the Championship were drawn: the male team of the University of Malaga will play against the male team of the University of Rzeszów (Poland) on Monday at 20:45 at the Fernando Argüelles Municipal Sports Complex. However, competition matches will start before, at 10:00, so that the competition system is not affected by the Opening Ceremony.

The competition system sets the schedule of the matches that will take place from tomorrow (Monday) until next Saturday, July 8th, when the finals will be played. Regarding the female category, the competition system is divided into two groups of five teams each. This way, four matches will take place each day, always in the morning, either at 10:00 or at 12:00, and two teams will rest. The final positions will be determined, after five matches, next Saturday (July 8th), when the winner of the female category will be known in the final match at 17:00. The two teams leading their respective groups will play this final.

The male category will consist of 12 teams divided into four groups of three. During the groups phase that will go from Monday to Wednesday, the male matches will be played in the evening, at 17:00 and at 19:00. After the groups phase, on Thursday and Friday the male teams will play the quarter-finals and semifinals. The final will take place on Saturday, like the female category. Both the quarter-finals and the semi-finals will increase the number of daily matches up to six, which will lengthen the competition day. The two teams winning their respective semifinal matches will play on Saturday at 19:00.





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The volunteers team

Μ Pedro Montiel sident of the Organizing Committee

mong the most outstanding figures of the EUSA Handball 2017 Championship we can find Pedro

Montiel, who is the President of the Organizing Committee and is in charge of University Policy. He points out that this Championship is expected to run smoothly and calmly but at a good pace and it will leave the University of Malaga (UMA) at its current high position, with two World and four European Championships organized so far.

As Mr. Montiel states, the EUSA Handball 2017 Championship stands out for the professionalism and maturity of the organizers



as well as of the volunteers from Antequera and from the UMA, who, thanks to their wonderful job, make it possible for the UMA to meet the high expectations this event raises.

Sport is a tool for educational promotion which allows the University of Malaga to be renowned internationally. This way, the UMA consolidates its position as a source of attraction for talent, for example through its programs for High Performance in Sports, where 70 university students are currently training in golf and futsal through programs of excellence.



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