

HANDBALL FESTIVAL 2026

1. Objectives

- 1.1. Promote youth handball in Latvia and the Baltic region.
- 1.2. Engage residents of Latvia and other countries in sports, healthy, and physical activities.
- 1.3. Foster inter-institutional cooperation by involving multiple organizations in joint activities.
- 1.4. Support and popularize youth sports activities in Latvia and the Baltics.
- 1.5. Motivate children and youth to regularly play handball, thereby enhancing their physical development and encouraging social and creative activities among young handball players.
- 1.6. Determine the winners in each age group.

2. Organizers

The “**Handball+**” association in cooperation with the **Latvian Handball Federation**

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2.1. Main Tournament Coordinator:

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3. Place and Date

3.1. The competition will take place on **May 31st** at:

Sporta iela 1, Mālpils, Mālpils Parish, Sigulda Municipality, LV-2152, Latvia

[Location on map](#)

4. Participants

4.1. Age groups for boys and girls:

- Born 2012 – B12, G12
- Born 2013 – B13, G13
- Born 2014 – B14, G14
- Born 2015 – MINI B15, MINI G15
- Born 2016 – MINI B16, MINI G16
- Born 2017 – MINI B17, MINI G17

4.2. Participants are teams that submit electronic registration, pay the entry fee by May 11th, and meet the designated age requirements.

4.3. If fewer than 5 teams register in a specific age group, that group will be merged with the nearest age group.

5. General Rules

5.1. All games start and end with a single signal; no timeouts are allowed.

5.2. Youth group matches: 2 × 8 minutes; Mini group matches: 8 minutes.

5.3. Playoff games cannot end in a draw. If a match is tied at the end, penalty throws will determine the winner.

5.4. A 2-minute suspension counts as 1 minute.

5.5. Games follow standard handball and mini-handball rules:

- [Handball rules](#)
- [Mini-handball rules](#)

6. Registration and Entry Fee

6.1. Online registration must be submitted by May 11th: [Registration form](#)

6.2. On the day of the competition, teams must confirm their participants in person at least 30 minutes before the tournament starts.

6.3. Entry fee: 50 EUR per team for the Youth group, 30 EUR per team for the Mini group.

6.4. Teams cover all personal expenses and are responsible for their personal property and health.

6.5. Youth group teams: minimum 7 players, maximum 14 players. All players must wear matching jerseys with numbers on the back; goalkeepers must wear a distinct colour.

6.6. Mini group teams: minimum 5 players, maximum 8 players. All players must wear matching jerseys; numbers are optional.

6.7. Entry fees should indicate the team name and age group.

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7. Data Processing and Information

7.1. Participants may be photographed or recorded on video, which will be shared on social media.

8. Awards

8.1. All participants will have the opportunity to take part in contests and activities held alongside the tournament.

8.2. Youth category: 1st–3rd place winners in all age groups will receive commemorative trophies and medals.

8.3. Mini category: All participants will receive commemorative awards for participation.