

HANDBALL SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

1. Competition Dates

Handball competitions for Open Masters Games Como Lake 2027 (CoOMG27) offers team events for men and women.

The provisional Handball competitions schedule for CoOMG27 is as follows and could be subject to change according to the requirements of the Organizing Committee and may be modified according to the total number of entries:

17 Sept	18 Sept	19 Sept
Friday	Saturday	Sunday
09h00 22h00	09h00 22h00	09h00 22h00
Qualification Round	Qualification Round	Only finals places 1°- 2°

All information contained in this Sport Information Guide is current at time of publication and may be subject to change.

The Welcome Ceremony is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday 18 September 2027 with the Farewell Ceremony on the evening of Sunday 26 September 2027.

1.1 Organising Committee

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	SPORT FEDERATION	SPORT ASSOCIATION
Sport Management Bernardino Chiavola	Comitato Regionale Lombardia Federazione Italiana Giuoco Handball Signor Luigi Regalia	Asd Pallamano Cassano Magnago Presidente Signor Massimo Petazzi

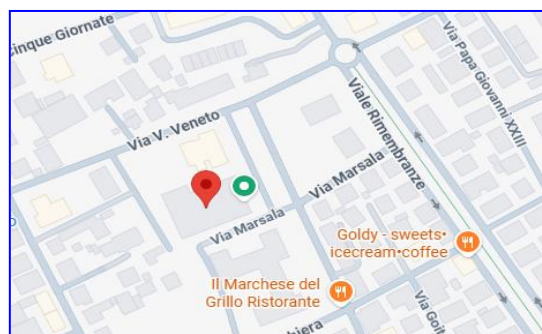
1.2 Competition venues

Venue	Address	City
Pala Tacca	Piazzale Lega Lombarda, 1	Cassano Magnago (VA)
New plant under construction	Piazzale Lega Lombarda,	Cassano Magnago (VA)
Palestra Comunale Cedrate	Via G Praderio.	Gallarate (VA)

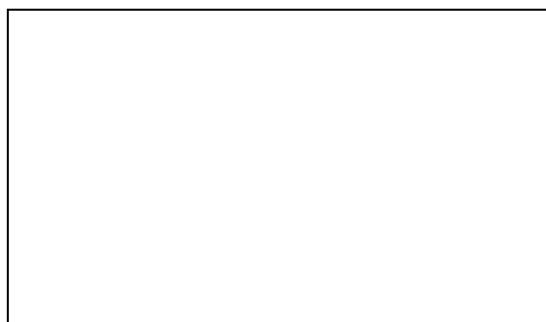
Pala Tacca



Venue Map



New Plant of Cassano Magnago



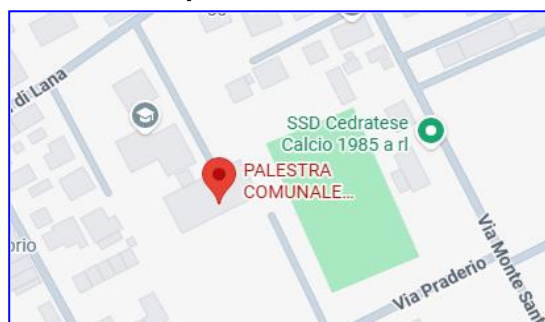
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Palestra Comunale Cedrate



Venue Map



2. Age Categories

- Men: 35+, 45+, 50+, 55+
- Women: 33+, 43+

2.1 Age is determined at 31 December 2027.

- The age of the youngest player in the team determines in which age category the team will play.
- Each team can compete in one age category only.

- Players can only participate in one team in an age category
- There will be no mixed teams.
- In the case of an insufficient number of teams registering, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to put teams into the age category beneath their own (or directly above depending on spaces).

3. Sport regulations

In principle all matches are played according to the current “IHF Rules of the game”. Some exceptions apply and are especially mentioned below.

4. Competition format

Playing time preliminary round, main round, intermediate round, semifinals and placement matches (including matches 3/4).

✓ Men 35+, 45+, 50+,

- 2 x 15 minutes (no break)
- No team time out
- Suspension: 2 minutes

✓ Women 33+, 43+

- 2 x 15 minutes (no break)
- No team time out
- Suspension: 2 minutes

✓ Playing time finals (all categories) – only place 1°/2°

- 2 x 20 minutes (break 5 minutes)
- One team time out per halftime
- Suspension: 2 minutes

In case of a draw during the placement matches, semifinals and finals, the match will be decided by 7-meter throw immediately.

5. Competition rules

5.1 Team Details

The number of players to be put on the players’ list is max. 18 (+4 officials).

5.2 Match Report

Prior to each match a match report must be filled in, signed by the person responsible of the team and given to the timekeeper’s table. (Every player must wear the same number during the tournament, and this number is not allowed to be used by any other player).

The referee(s) is/are solely responsible for the correctness of the match result during and after the match.

5.3 Discipline

5.3.1 Disciplinary cases and protests

Protests shall be settled in the first and only instance against payment of a fee of € 100. The written protest and the fee shall be received by any Tournament Management Member within 30 minutes after the end of the match.

There shall be no valid reason for protests related to:

- the nomination of the referees and delegates,

- the referee decisions on facts in accordance with the rules of the game, including those based on delegates' recommendations,
- the playing schedule,
- direct red cards – automatically suspended for the next match (see below)

All disciplinary cases and protests shall be dealt with and finally be decided upon by three members of the Disciplinary Commission or any substitute member(s) to be named by the EHF.

The Disciplinary Commission decides sanctions and penalties in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations, except in case of direct disqualifications.

All legal matters, including procedural aspects not expressly regulated by the present regulations, shall be governed by the applicable EHF Legal Regulations.

5.3.2 Direct disqualification of a player (red card and/or red card with blue card)

Any player sent off by the referees with a direct red card will be automatically suspended for the next game of the team concerned (no written decision is necessary – each team is responsible to make sure that the player does not play the next match).

After the second direct red card of the same player, he/she is automatically suspended for all remaining matches of the tournament (no written decision is necessary – each team is responsible to make sure that the player does not play the remaining matches of the tournament).

Any participation of a player being not eligible to play leads to a match result of 10:0 goals and 2:0 points.

6. Equipment

Each team shall have available two different sets of clothing in different colors (number in front and back). The color of the playing dresses will be checked by the referees prior to each game. If the referees consider that the clothing of two teams is likely to cause confusion, the team named second in the playing schedule shall change its clothing to ensure a good contrast.

The players must play with the same number during the whole tournament; therefore, both sets of shirts must include the exact same numbers! (see EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions, Point D) Furthermore officials must wear different colors than opponent players.

7. Technical meeting

A Technical Meeting will take before the tournament begins to introduce the tournament, remind those involved of the regulations and the behavior that is expected.

8. Practice and warm-up facilities

The use of the practice pitch must be arranged with Competition Management.

9. Medals

In CoOMG27, the athletes do not represent their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without hoisting of flags. No National Anthem of the winning team will be played. The medals will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

10. Personal accident insurance and medical certificate

All participants must organize their personal accident insurance. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

Personal accident insurance is available to purchase through the Organizing Committee for registered Competitors at the Accreditation Centre.

All participants must have a currently valid medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports. The medical examinations required (ex D.M. 18 February 1982) to obtain a medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports are:

- medical check-up.
- regular urine test.
- electrocardiogram both at rest and under effort.
- spirometry (breathing test).

For any further information please visit our website (Registration & Terms and Condition).

11. Doping Control

During the Open Masters Games Como Lake 2027 anti-doping controls will be carried out according to the World Masters Sport anti-doping policy and rules established by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).

12. Accommodation

Participants are free to select own accommodation according to own preference. To assist participants, an accommodation booking section offering special room rates for the Games is made available on the official website www.mastersgamescomolake2027.it

13. Further information

The planning of the CoOMG27 Handball competition will continue throughout 2026 and early 2027. Additional sport specific operational information will be communicated to registered participants and updated in future additions of this Sports Information Guide.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the CoOMG27 website at www.mastersgamescomolake2027.it and other Games communication channels to find out all the latest information.

If you have any further sport specific questions, please send an email to info@omgcomo27.it