

ENGLISH VERSION



MHB

CUP

**TROPHÉE JEAN-PAUL LACOMBE
MONTPELLIER**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

**VILLENEUVE
HANDBALL**



**S A T
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2025**

INTERNATIONAL OUTDOOR HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

**COMPLEXE SPORTIF DE
VILLENEUVE-LÈS-MAGUELONE (34)**

MHB CUP

A NOT-TO-BE-MISSED EVENT !

Jean-Paul Lacombe was the founding President of MHB. He created top-level handball in Montpellier, which is the reason why the MHB Cup awards a trophy in his name !

The MHB Cup, an International Handball Tournament, is THE handball event in the south of France.

It is at the same time a quality competition and a relaxing moment for all ! Players and

accompanying parents alike will gain great pleasure from their participation.

This day is organised outdoors, on grass pitches, by MHB (Montpellier Handball) and its partner club VHB (Villeneuve Handball). Open to clubs from France and abroad, more than 1 500 players, girls and boys, will spend a day playing handball, mixing pleasure and performance, in a friendly atmosphere.

U9 - U11 - U13 - U15
Tournament,
Girls - Boys

Awards : 1 cup for
each finalist and
winner.

The Jean-Paul
Lacombe trophy will
be awarded to the club
having shown the best
values on the day (fair-
play, combativity, team
spirit, fine play)



CATEGORY :

NEW:

Under 9 mixed (U9)
(2016, 2017) : 20 teams

Under 11 Girls (U11)
(2014, 2015) : 20 teams

Under 11 Boys (U11)
(2014, 2015) : 20 teams

Under 13 Girls (U13)
(2012, 2013) : 20 teams

Under 13 Boys (U13)
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Under 15 Girls (U15)
(2010, 2011) : 20 teams

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A PULSATING DAY

- A gigantic musical 'warm-up', allowing all the players to get ready to play.
- Matches non-stop until 16h30 for all teams.
- All the finals are scheduled at the end of the afternoon, with all participants able to attend.

Several MHB professional players will attend this day and will be available for autographs and photos with young players and their parents.

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 31 MAY 2025

9h00 - 9h30 : Welcome of all participants

9h30 - 10h00 : Gigantic warm-up

10h00 - 16h00 : Group matches and ranking matches

17h00 - 18h00 : Finals

18h00 - 18h30 : Awards ceremony

FEES & REGISTRATION

Fees vary according to the number of teams taking part.

For cumulative categories U11/U13/U15.

- 80€ for one team
- 150 € for 2 teams (75€/team)
- 210 € for 3 teams (70€/team)

For more than 3 teams, add 50 € per extra team.

For category U9 : 40€/team

Registrations should be returned by email **before 16 May 2025** to :

Fabrice GRASSET f.grasset@montpellierhandball.com

Registrations will be managed on a first come first served basis, once full fees have been paid.

Registrations and payment of fees will not be accepted on the day of the MHB Cup.

VENUE

The MHB Cup will take place at the sports complex in Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone (34750), near Montpellier. Grass pitches. Parking areas available for coaches and cars.

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***HOW ABOUT COMING
EARLY ?***

- * TRY DIFFERENT TYPES OF HANDBALL***
- * DISCOVER THE WORLD OF THE PROFESSIONALS***
- * VISIT MONTPELLIER AND THE NEARBY REGION***

MHB CUP

HOW ABOUT COMING EARLY ?

This year, for those teams coming from abroad or from a long distance within France and wishing to stay several days in Montpellier over the long Ascension weekend, a special programme has been prepared for Friday 30 May.

Several activities are proposed, all at no extra cost. You just have to choose your activities and book your team(s) accordingly.

Given that teams will arrive on different days and at different times (it is possible to arrive as early as Thursday 29 May),

meals will be available not only on the Saturday but also on Thursday evening and on Friday lunchtime and evening, as long as they are booked in advance. Full details about meal options and prices will be available shortly. The MHB and VHB clubs will answer any questions about accommodation for visiting clubs, and a full list of nearby accommodation options will be published shortly to help you choose the best solution, according to your desires and budget (hotels, holiday homes, campsites, youth hostel...).

Please return the attached 'Registration form for activities on Friday 30 May', mentioning which activities you would like to do. This completed form should reach us by 16 May 2025.

We will organise the 'Try different types of Handball' and 'Discover the world of the professionals' activities according to the requests of each club and depending on the availability of the facilities (indoor gyms and outside pitches).

Guided tours of Montpellier and Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone must be booked in advance. Trips to the FISE (entrance provided) or other activities not listed in the brochure (eg beach trips) are without MHB supervision.

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TASTES !

TRY DIFFERENT TYPES OF HANDBALL (sessions of 1H30)

- Introduction to Beach handball in Montpellier or in Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone.
- Introduction to Handball in teams of 4. This is for boys or girls aged 11-15 who will take part in this 'urban' handball- attractive and fast-moving, this is developing fast in France.
- Joint training sessions indoors. For example, a German U11 team will train with the U11 MHB team.

DISCOVER THE WORLD OF THE PROFESSIONALS (sessions of 1H30)

- Visit the FDI STADIUM, the training centre of the MHB professional team and the MHB Academy.
- Meet the professional players (autographs, photos).
- Attend a top-level training session (professional team and/or school of excellence).

VISIT MONTPELLIER AND THE NEARBY REGION (without MHB supervision)

- Visit the historical centre of Montpellier (guided tour, to be booked in advance).
- Attend the FISE (International Extreme Sports Festival), see live the competitions in the different sports – entrance provided.
- Guided tour of Villeneuve-lès-Maguelone and its safeguarded environment (Lake-Salt marshes-Beaches).