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# DAY OFF

*As the group stage draws to a close, the delegations are enjoying a well-deserved rest day today. This break provides athletes, coaches, and team staff with an opportunity to recover both physically and mentally before the quarter-finals, where every match will be decisive.*

*This day off comes under the Bordeaux sunshine, with particularly high temperatures serving as a reminder of the importance of rest, recovery, and hydration. After the intensity of the matches played since the start of the tournament, everyone can take some time to recharge their batteries.*

*For some participants, this break is an opportunity to discover the treasures of Bordeaux and its surrounding region, while others are choosing to focus on rest and preparation in order to be in the best possible condition for the remainder of the competition.*

*One thing is certain : the pace will pick up again tomorrow. Places in the semi-finals will be at stake, and all teams still in contention will have their eyes fixed on the same goal: continuing their journey toward the finals of the World University Handball Championships.*



# CULTURAL PROGRAM



## Discover Bordeaux during the WUC Handball 2026

*After several days of intense competition, this rest day offers delegations the opportunity to fully enjoy the cultural and natural treasures of the region.*

*Participants will be able to embark on a cruise along the Garonne River and discover Bordeaux from a unique perspective. From the water, they will enjoy some of the city's most beautiful views and iconic landmarks, such as the Cité du Vin and Bordeaux Sciences Agro.*

*The day will also provide an opportunity to immerse themselves in Bordeaux's renowned wine culture, celebrated worldwide for its history, expertise, and exceptional landscapes.*

*Nature lovers and those seeking wide open spaces will have the opportunity to visit Arcachon Bay. Between the Atlantic Ocean, traditional oyster-farming villages, and unspoiled natural scenery, participants will discover one of the gems of the French coastline. They will also have the chance to admire the majestic Dune du Pilat, the highest sand dune in Europe, offering spectacular views over the Landes forest, the ocean, and the bay.*



*A day dedicated to discovery, sharing, and conviviality, allowing everyone to enjoy a unique experience in the heart of Nouvelle-Aquitaine.*

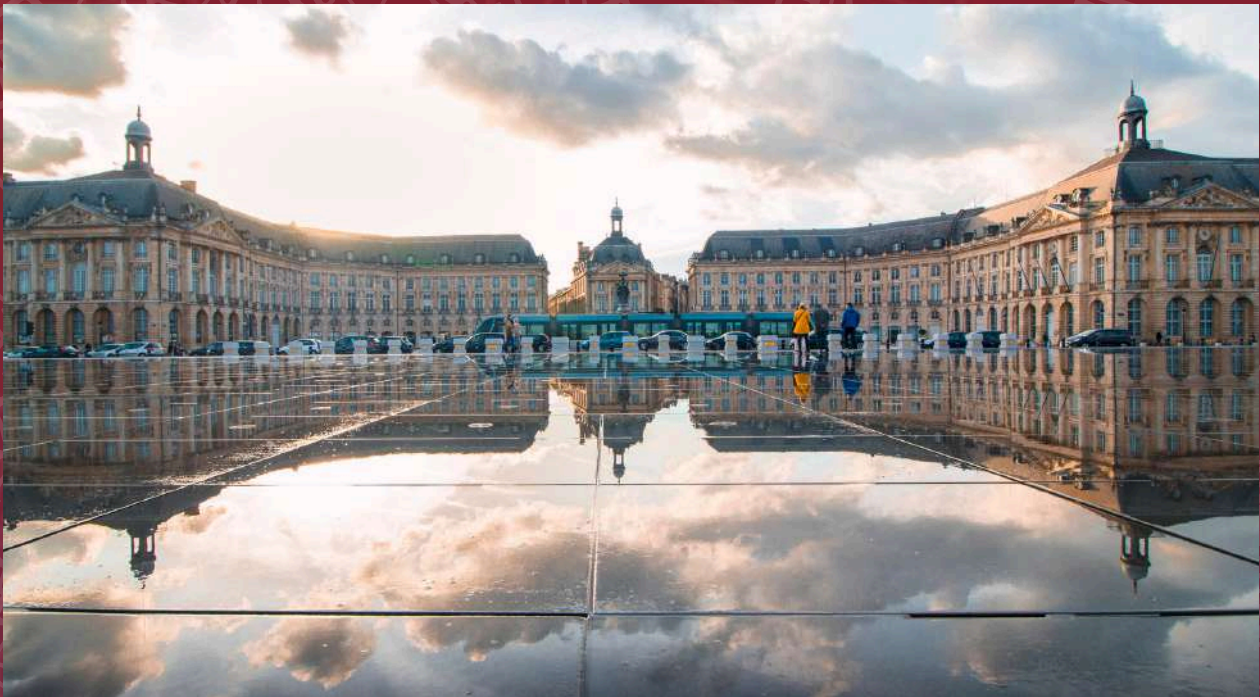
# FOCUS ON BORDEAUX



Bordeaux is also the perfect gateway to discover the treasures of Nouvelle-Aquitaine, including its prestigious vineyards, Arcachon Bay, the Dune du Pilat, and the long beaches of the Atlantic coast. Beyond its heritage and landscapes, Bordeaux is equally renowned for its gastronomy. A true land of flavors, the region showcases some of the most iconic products of southwestern France and the Atlantic coast. From the famous oysters of Arcachon Bay and traditional local specialties to the unmistakable Bordeaux canelé, visitors can enjoy a cuisine that combines authenticity, quality, and conviviality.



Through its rich heritage, academic excellence, sporting dynamism, and international appeal, Bordeaux provides an exceptional setting in which to celebrate the values of sharing, respect, and friendship that unite the global university community.



*Host city of the World University Handball Championships, Bordeaux is located in the heart of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region and welcomes thousands of students, researchers, athletes, and visitors from around the world every year.*

*Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Bordeaux is renowned for the richness of its architecture and the beauty of its historic city center. The Garonne River, which runs through the city, has played a key role in its development and continues to shape daily life through its revitalized waterfronts and vibrant public spaces.*

*Bordeaux is also one of France's leading university cities. Its universities, engineering schools, business schools, and research centers make the metropolis a hub for exchange, innovation, and creativity. This strong student presence contributes to a dynamic atmosphere that is particularly appreciated by younger generations.*

*Committed to the values of sport, the city regularly hosts national and international competitions, further strengthening its reputation as a major sporting destination.*

*The metropolis also stands out for its commitment to sustainable development. Its extensive tram network, numerous cycling paths, and green spaces contribute to a quality of life that is recognized far beyond France's borders.*



# OUR PARTNERS

*The success of the FISU World University Championship Handball 2026 would not be possible without the invaluable support of our partners.*

*Each partner plays a key role in helping us deliver an unforgettable international event that celebrates sport, education, and cultural exchange.*

*We are proud to share this journey alongside organizations that share our vision, commitment, and passion for university sport.  
Thank you for your trust and support !*



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# SPORT PROGRAM

## MATCH SCHEDULE UPDATES DUE TO EXTREME HEAT

Due to the exceptional heatwave currently affecting the region, we have made the decision to reschedule several matches of the WUC Handball 2026.

The health and safety of our athletes, volunteers, and spectators remain our highest priority. These adjustments will allow everyone to compete and enjoy the championship under the best possible conditions.

Please find below the updated schedule for Thursday, June 25, as well as for the remainder of the competition.

We kindly invite all delegations, officials, and visitors to take note of these changes and to check this page regularly for any further updates.

DATE		DAY		BELLEGRIVE				SMART			
		Time	Match	W/M	Pool/Round	Time	Match	W/M	Pool/Round		
Saturday	20 June	20h30	France – Netherlands	W	Group A (W)						
Sunday	Day 1	13h30	Spain – Germany	W	Group B (W)	13h30	Czechia – Brazil	W	Group B (W)		
		15h45	Spain – Croatia	M	Group D (M)	15h45	Czechia – Argentina	M	Group D (M)		
		18h00	Poland – China	W	Group A (W)	18h00	Poland – Lebanon	M	Group C (M)		
		20h15	France – Brazil	M	Group C (M)						
Monday	Day 2	13h30	Argentina – Spain	M	Group D (M)	13h30	Czechia – Croatia	M	Group D (M)		
		15h45	Brazil – Spain	W	Group B (W)	15h45	Czechia – Germany	W	Group B (W)		
		18h00	Lebanon – France	M	Group C (M)	18h00	Poland – Brazil	M	Group C (M)		
		20h15	China – France	W	Group A (W)	20h15	Poland – Netherlands	W	Group A (W)		
Tuesday	Day 3	9h00	Croatia – Argentina	M	Group D (M)	9h00	Spain – Czechia	M	Group D (M)		
		11h15	Germany – Brazil	W	Group B (W)	11h15	Spain – Czechia	W	Group B (W)		
		13h30	Brazil – Lebanon	M	Group C (M)						
		15h45	Netherlands – China	W	Group A (W)						
		18h00	France – Poland	W	Group A (W)						
20h15	France – Poland	M	Group C (M)								
Wednesday — 24 June											
DAY OFF — No matches											
Thursday	Quarter-Finals	9h00	QF 2 : 2 GROUP A : Netherlands - 3 GROUP B : Brazil	W	Women QF	9h00	QF 4 : 4 GROUP A : Poland - 1 GROUP B : Spain	W	Women QF		
		11h15	QF 2 : 2 GROUP C : France - 3 GROUP D : Czechia	M	Men QF	11h15	QF 4 : 4 GROUP C : Lebanon - 1 GROUP D : Spain	M	Men QF		
		13h30	QF 3 : 3 GROUP A : China - 2 GROUPE B : Czechia	W	Women QF						
		15h45	QF 1 : 1 GROUP A : France - 4 GROUP B : Germany	W	Women QF						
		18h00	QF 3 : 3 GROUP C : Brazil - 2 GROUPE D : Croatia	M	Men QF						
		20h15	QF 1 : 1 GROUP C : Poland - 4 GROUP D : Argentina	M	Men QF						
Friday	Semi-Finals + Rankings	13h30	PM 1 : LOSER QF 1 - LOSER QF 3	W	Placement	13h30	PM 2 : LOSER QF 2 - LOSER QF 4	W	Placement		
		15h45	PM 1 : LOSER QF 1 - LOSER QF 3	M	Placement	15h45	PM 2 : LOSER QF 2 - LOSER QF 4	M	Placement		
		18h00	SF 1 : WINNER QF 1 - WINNER QF 3	W	Women SF	18h00	SF 2 : WINNER QF 2 - WINNER QF 4	W	Women SF		
		20h15	SF 1 : WINNER QF 1 - WINNER QF 3	M	Men SF	20h15	SF 2 : WINNER QF 2 - WINNER QF 4	M	Men SF		
Saturday	Finals Day	09h15	Ranking 7-8 : LOSER PM 1 - LOSER PM 2	M	Placement	09h15	Ranking 7-8 : LOSER PM 1 - LOSER PM 2	W	Placement		
		11h30	Ranking 5-6 : WINNER PM 1 - WINNER PM 2	W	Placement	11h30	Ranking 5-6 : WINNER PM 1 - WINNER PM 2	M	Placement		
		13h45	Ranking 3-4 : LOSER SF 1 - LOSER SF 2	M	Placement	13h45	Ranking 3-4 : LOSER SF 1 - LOSER SF 2	W	Placement		
		16h00	FINAL : WINNER SF 1 - WINNER SF 2	W	Women Final						
		18h15	FINAL : WINNER SF 1 - WINNER SF 2	M	Men Final						
		20h30	Closing Ceremony	—							

\* schedule subject to change with the approval of FISU and the IHF delegate

# See you tomorrow for the quarter-finals!



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