

Romanian Handball – Past, Present and Future

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Abstract

Handball was and is a very much appreciated team sport in Romania. It started officially in 1919 in Berlin and came to our country through German teams (between 1920-1921). Romania became famous in the world both with women and men teams. Between the years 1960 and 1984 Romania was one of the greatest powers in the world of handball both with women and men teams, winning world titles and Olympic medals. The early 1990's and 2000's found Romania at the beginning of a transition period which brought economical instability and confusion to our country. It also influenced this sport negatively. Even if the last years the position of Romanian handball in the world is not very good, our national women's team succeeded in giving hope to the handball fans by winning the title of vice-champions (silver medal) at the world championship in Russia (December 2005). It also had great hopes for the world championship in France (December 2007).

In order to improve the health of the nation and performances in sports, the future intentions of the Romanian National Sports Agency are to be found in "The Agreement concerning the continuous development and a good functioning of the national system of physical education and sport". This agreement was signed in July 2007 between the Ministry of Education represented by Minister of Education Cristian Adomniței, the National Sports Agency represented by President Octavian Morariu and the Romanian Olympic Committee represented by President Octavian Bellu.

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