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Molten's Elite "X5000" Series Handball to Debut as the Official Ball of the International Handball Federation on Saturday, June 28, 2014



Molten Corporation (Headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyo Tamiaki), one of the world's leading manufacturers of competition quality sports balls, has announced that it will provide its elite "X5000" Series Handball as the official game ball of the 2014 Women's Junior World Championship being held in Croatia from Saturday, June 28 to Sunday, July 13, 2014.

This event will mark the official debut of the Molten handball in games organized and sanctioned by the International Handball Federation (IHF) under the new agreement between Molten and the IHF established in January of this year. Beginning with the Croatia handball match, Molten's handballs will be adopted as the official ball of the IHF and used in all international games, including the Women's Youth World Championship held in Macedonia from Friday, July 25 to Sunday, August 3, 2014.

The "X5000" Series Handball features a unique surface structure, providing exceptional grip to improve ball control and accuracy, making it an ideal choice for elite competition. Numerous countries and regions throughout the world currently utilize the "X5000" Series Handball, and the balls are also used for games hosted by the Asian Handball Federation (AHF) and the Germany DKB Handball-Bundesliga.

Molten Corporation will continue to develop and supply products with superb functionality and innovative design for the larger handball community, in the pursuit of fulfilling the demands of the '*For the real game*' described in Molten's brand statement.

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■ Official game ball of the IHF



The Top of the Line X5000 Handball

- Ultra soft foam construction provides exceptional grip
- Premium cover material with optimum texture allows for enhanced ball control

H2X5001

Item Name	X5000
Item Number	H2X5001
Size	Size-2
Official Approval/ Examination	Officially approved by IHF
Manufacturing Method	Hand-Sewn
Material	Synthetic leather
Country of Manufacture	Vietnam

■ About Molten

Molten, a manufacturer of balls and sports equipment, has been making and marketing handballs, basketballs, volleyballs and soccer balls of uncompromising quality since 1958. Molten continues to raise global standards, supplying official game balls and sports equipment for major leagues, teams and international tournaments around the world.

For further information, please visit our website at www.molten.co.jp.

■ For the real game

Molten's brand statement, "For the real game", encapsulates what we hope to accomplish through our products and activities. It is our conviction that the real game happens only when impeccable balls and sports equipment enable athletes to realize their full potential and maximize performance.

■ Product image data (JPEG) is also available.

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