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IHF TOKYO HANDBALL QUALIFICATION 2020 Introducing IHF Special Edition Official Game Ball



NUEVA X5000 IHF Special Edition

Molten Corporation (headquarters: Nishi-ku, Hiroshima City, Japan; President and CEO: Kiyotamiaki), a manufacturer of competition quality sports balls and equipment, will supply the NUEVA X5000 IHF Special Edition ball as the official ball for the IHF TOKYO HANDBALL QUALIFICATION 2020 (Women: March 2020–22, 2020 in Spain, Hungary and Montenegro; Men: April 17–19 in France, Germany and Norway) during which the teams will play to secure one of the remaining 6 slots for the Olympic Games. The special edition carries the same features of the flagship model, NUEVA X5000, which is the official game ball of the International Handball Federation (IHF). The ball was developed in pursuit of an exceptional grip.

The “circle” created by the radiating dots expresses Molten’s vision of “spreading joy from a better world.”

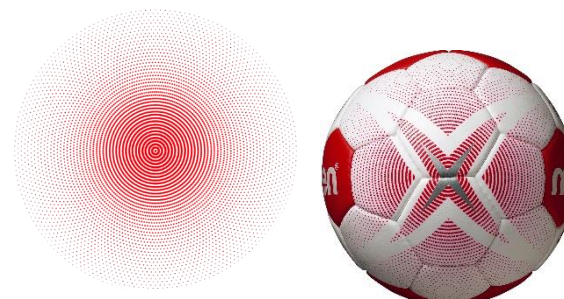
The official ball and replica models have been available for purchase in select markets since January 21, and the ball has been very well-received.

Molten will continue to develop and provide products with sophisticated design and superb functionality for the entire handball community and continue efforts to realize its commitment to the brand statement, “For the real game.”

■ Product Features

1) Design Concept of “Spreading joy from a better world”

The “X” mark was designed to combine “flames” symbolizing Molten’s brand and “target” symbolizing accuracy, while incorporating the colors of the Japanese flag. In addition, the “circle” made of radiating dots expresses the spread of joy.



2) The Flagship Model Developed for Better Grip Performance

The NUEVA X5000 Handball features a premium cover material that improves ball control. Its soft foam panel construction provides a softer feel and allows the fingers to grip the ball firmly where an exceptional grip is achieved.



■ Product Overview

Name	NUEVA X5000 IHF Special Edition		NUEVA X3300 IHF Special Edition		NUEVA X300 IHF Special Edition
Item Number	H3X5001-S0J	H2X5001-S0J	H3X3300-S0J	H2X3300-S0J	H00X300-S0J
Size	Size 3	Size 2	Size 3	Size 2	Size 00
Cover Material	Synthetic leather				
Construction	Stitched				
Official Approval	IHF (International Handball Federation)		—		
Country of Origin	Vietnam		Pakistan		

■ Scheduled Events

IHF TOKYO HANDBALL QUALIFICATION 2020

Women: March 20–22, 2020 in Spain, Hungary and Montenegro

Men: April 17–19, 2020 in France, Germany and Norway

※A total of 12 teams will compete in each of the Men's and Women's Tournament and vie for one of the 6 remaining slots at the Olympic Games. They will be divided into 3 groups, and the top two teams in each group will qualify for the Olympic Games.

■ About Molten

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

For further information, please visit www.molten.co.jp/sports/en/

■ 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.