

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

0. Preamble

The Philosophy of Beach Handball is based on the principles of „Fair Play“ – every decision has to be taken in accordance with these ethics and the behavior and interaction of all parties involved should follow the respective spirit.

1. Tournament Management

The tournament will be directed by the tournament management. It decides on the match schedule, playing times, resulting & ranking and other open questions in connection with the tournament. Furthermore the Tournament Management also functions as the Disciplinary Commission.

The Tournament Management (= Disciplinary Commission / DC + additional members to be nominated) consists of the following members:

<i>Marco Trespidi / ITA</i>	<i>EHF-BC Member</i>
<i>Gabriella Horvath / HUN</i>	<i>EHF-BC Member</i>
<i>Neukum Tamas / HUN</i>	<i>EHF Lecturer</i>
<i>Peter Fröschl</i>	<i>EHF-Office</i>
<i>(additional members to be nominated by the Tournament Management)</i>	

Based on a decision of the EHF BC and confirmed by EHF ExeC the following regulations are effective for the ebt Finals – compare also IHF BH Rules of the Game – version March 2014):

- All 10 players (not only 8) are eligible to play in the match
- A direct red card leads automatically to a suspension minimum for the next match
- A direct red card automatically leads to a report from referees

2. Registration and list of players

The preliminary list of players have to be submitted by 20 April 2016 (all players that are in question could be listed).

The final list of players (out of the preliminary list) must be submitted on 12 May 2016 – with the correct dress numbers. The number of players to be put on the players' list is **max. 12 (+ 4 officials)**.

After the registration, and on occasion of the Technical Meeting a maximum number of two players may be changed due to injuries or other reasons of major force. Not any other change will be allowed.

A player is not allowed to be on the players' list of two or more different teams participating in the same category.

3. Playing dresses (see IHF Beach Handball Rules of the Game - Athlete Uniform Regulations <http://www.ihf.info/TechnicalCorner/BeachHandball/Regulations/tabid/4873/Default.aspx> - page 86)

Each team shall have available three different sets of clothing in different colours.

The correctness of playing kits, according to the IHF BH Rules of the Game (compare rule 4.8. concerning the colour of the shirt – 80% has to be solid colour), and correctness of dress numbers will be checked by the EHF Delegates prior to the Technical meeting together with delegation lists.

The dress numbers in the delegation list sent to EHF Office the week before must be kept for the entire tournament. In case of change during the Technical Meeting or during the tournament a monetary fine of min. € 50 will be issued by the DC.

All the kits not in line with the IHF BH Rules of the Game will not be permitted; in case of using them a monetary fine of min. € 150 per match will be issued by DC upon the delegate's report.



The colour of the playing dresses will be checked by the referees prior to each game. If the referees consider that the clothing of two teams is likely to cause confusion, the team named second in the playing schedule shall change its clothing to ensure a good contrast.

The players must wear the dress with the same number throughout the tournament; therefore the sets of shirts must include the exact same numbers!

The specialists (goalkeepers) shall wear a complementary colour.

4. Match Report

Prior to each match on the playing court 2 players and 2 officials have to be crossed out on the match report; it has to be signed by the responsible person of the team and given to the respective delegate. *(Every player must wear the same number during the tournament – see point 3).*

The referees and delegates are solely responsible for the correctness of the match result during and after the match.

5. Categories, match system and classification

The European Beach Handball Tour - Finals are played in two categories:

 ebt Finals for men

 ebt Finals for women

In general all matches are played according to the “IHF Beach Handball Rules of the game”, 2014 edition.

5.1. Preliminary round

The teams are divided in the preliminary round as follows:

 EBT Finals for men: A total of 10 teams divided into 2 groups of 5 teams

 EBT Finals for women: A total of 10 teams divided into 2 groups of 5 teams

In the preliminary round, each team will play against each of the other teams in the same group (“round robin” system).

The duration of the all matches (including placement matches, semi finals and finals) will be two times 10 minutes (five minutes half time break including change of ends).

5.1.1. Ranking

5.1.1.1. All matches shall be played in 2 x 10 minutes with a half-time of 5 minutes, according to the official IHF Rules for Beach Handball.

Points are awarded as follows:

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| a) win | = 2 points |
| b) loss | = 0 points |

Periods are defined / awarded as follows:

First half :	win	1 period
	loss	0 periods
Second half:	win	1 period
	loss	0 periods
Shoot-out:	win	1 period
	loss	0 periods

Goal points are awarded according to the official IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball.

5.1.1.2. Teams are ranked by adding the points gained.

- 5.1.1.3. If, after completion of the group matches, two or more teams have gained the same number of points, the following ranking system will apply:
- results in points between the teams concerned
 - period difference in the matches between the teams concerned
 - goal point difference (including the shoot out points) in the matches between the teams concerned
 - greater number of plus goal points (including the shoot out points) in the matches between the teams concerned
- 5.1.1.4. If there is still a tie, the following system is used to decide between these teams, as long as the contested place is not the last place within the group:
- period difference is subtracted in all matches.
 - greater number of plus periods in all matches.
 - goal point difference (including the shoot out points) is subtracted in all matches
 - greater number of plus goal points (including the shoot out points) in all matches.
- 5.1.1.5. If a ranking is still not possible, a draw shall decide. The EHF shall make the draw, if possible in the presence of the persons being in charge of the teams concerned.

5.2. Semifinals / placement matches (5 – 10 men + women)

After the completion of the preliminary round, the teams ranked 1 – 2 in each group will play semi finals. The other teams will play placement matches for the respective places according to their ranking in the preliminary round (men + women: A3 against B3 for the places 5/6, A4 against B4 for the places 7/8, A5 against B5 for the places 9/10).

5.3. Finals and placement matches (1 – 4 men + women)

After the completion of the semifinals the respective teams will play finals (for rank 1 and 2) and placement matches (for rank 3/4).

The finals are planned to be played on the main court.

6. Court Manager

The Court Manager is responsible for the providing of a correct playing court und takes all organisational decisions related to each match.

7. Referees and Delegates

The nomination of referees and delegates will be carried out by the Tournament Management in cooperation with the local organiser. All teams will be informed on the nomination in due time prior to the matches.

8. Disciplinary cases and protests

8.1. Exclusion of protests

In all matches of the European Beach Handball Tournaments, there shall be no valid reasons for protests and protests shall be ineffective if relating to:

- date and time, venue and draw of the match
- nomination of referees and delegates
- Referee decisions on facts in accordance with the Beach Handball Rules

d) results of matches

8.3. Protests

8.2.1. Protests related to European Beach Handball Tournaments matches shall be settled in first instance by the EHF Disciplinary Commission.

8.2.2. Protests shall be announced orally to the EHF delegate of the match immediately after the end of the match. The reasons for the protests shall be handed over to the EHF delegate of the match in writing (in English only) within 30 minutes after the end of the match. At the same time a protest fee amounting to EUR 400 has to be paid.

8.2.3. If the protest is fully granted, the protest fee will be refunded; otherwise, it will be forfeited to the credit of the EHF.

8.2.4. The EHF Disciplinary Commission at European Beach Handball Tournaments shall consist of altogether five members (two substitute members) being recruited from the members of the Tournament Management or if necessary between the EHF officials present at the venue. The deciding body in single cases consists of the chairman and two members of the EHF Disciplinary Commission appointed by the EHF.

8.2.5. The members of the EHF Disciplinary Commission nominated may be challenged in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations.

8.2.6. The EHF Disciplinary Commission shall take its decision by simple majority. In cases where suspension and/or disqualification of players or teams may be decided according to the relevant regulations, the decision of the EHF Disciplinary Commission shall be announced to the parties at least one hour prior to the next match of the party(ies) involved.

8.4. Appeals

8.3.1. Any decision of the EHF Disciplinary Commission may be appealed to the EHF Court of Appeal, acting through an Ad Hoc Commission.

8.3.2. Appeals during European Beach Handball Tournaments shall not suspend the effect of any decision of body of first instance (Disciplinary Commission) until the decision of second instance is communicated to the parties.

8.3.3. An appeal against the decision awarded by the EHF Disciplinary Commission together with the reasons given for the appeal shall be communicated in writing to the EHF office representative at the venue not later than 20:00 hrs local time the same day the decision of first instance is announced to the parties.

8.3.4. Besides an appeal fee of 750€ shall be paid by the appellant to the EHF at the same time the appeal is filed/requested. Such amount shall be paid in cash to the EHF office representative at the venue.

8.3.5. If the appeal is fully granted, the appeal fee will be refunded to the appellant; otherwise it will be forfeited.



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8.3.6. Such appeal is transferred to the EHF Court of Appeal Ad Hoc Commission. This Ad Hoc Commission makes a decision by simple majority in the best possible delays, following an express procedure.

8.3.7. The EHF Court of Appeal Ad Hoc Commission consists of three (3) members of the EHF Court of Appeal nominated before the beginning of the respective Tournaments.

They may be challenged in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations.

The members of the EHF Disciplinary Commission having decided on the protest in first instance shall not be part of the Ad Hoc Commission examining the protest in appeal.

The Ad Hoc Commission members are not present at the relevant venues.

8.3.8. The time limits to make decisions stipulated under articles 8.2.6 and 8.3.6 do not apply for decisions which may only result in a monetary fine in accordance with the relevant points in the regulations. In these cases the decisions shall be awarded before the completion of the Tournament respectively immediately after the finals.

8.4. EHF Court of Arbitration

8.4.1. Any issue decided upon by the EHF Court of Appeal Ad Hoc Commission may be brought by any of the relevant parties before the EHF Court of Arbitration.

8.4.2. The initiation of proceedings before the EHF Court of Arbitration on a specific issue does not suspend the implementation of the decision taken by the EHF Court of Appeal on such issue, unless decided otherwise by the EHF Court of Arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration for the EHF Court of Arbitration.

8.4.3. Any of the relevant parties shall send a written request in duplicate to the EHF Court of Arbitration Office that shall receive it no later than twenty-one (21) days after the delivery, announcement or communication of the EHF Court of Appeal ruling to the parties.

8.4.4. The written request shall include at least a detailed statement of claim and the nomination of one (1) arbitrator from the ECA Arbitrators List.

8.4.5. Besides, an advance payment of EUR 5.000 shall be paid by the claimant to the EHF Court of Arbitration no later than one (1) week after the filing of the claim. If the advance payment is not received on the EHF Court of Arbitration account in the required timeline, the claim shall be deemed withdrawn.

8.4.6. The advance payment of EUR 5.000 is composed of:
- EUR 1.500 arbitration fee
- EUR 3.500 advance payment of the arbitration proceedings costs

8.4.7. The proceedings are governed by the Rules of Arbitration for the EHF Court of Arbitration.

8.4.8. Decisions of the EHF Court of Arbitration are communicated in writing to the parties.

8.5. Arising costs



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- 8.5.1. Rules governing the apportionment and payment of costs related to the EHF bodies' legal proceedings by and between the parties are stated in section 11 of the EHF Arbitration Regulations. They shall apply to the costs of legal proceedings in relation to the European Beach Handball Tournaments.
- 8.5.2. Rules governing the apportionment and payment of costs related to the EHF Court of Arbitration proceedings by and between the parties are stated in sections 20 and 21 of the Rules of Arbitration for the EHF Court of Arbitration. As a general rule, unless otherwise decided by the arbitral chamber of the EHF Court of Arbitration, the unsuccessful party shall bear the costs of the EHF Court of Arbitration proceedings.

9. Image / Personality Right

All participating members grant EHF the right (royalty-free) to use photos and graphic materials of players and officials as well as team names, emblems and players uniforms within the framework of the Competition for non-commercial purposes.

All participating teams grant EHF the right (royalty-free) to use any photo, any material (print material, ads, internet, product presentation, video etc.) produced for/at the EBT Finals for Beach Handball / EHF competitions promotions and sport development (training, teaching, etc.) purposes.

The EHF has the right to transfer these aforementioned rights of use to a marketing partner for the same purposes.

Each participating team must obtain the consent of the respective players and officials participating in the EBT Final to the use of their image as defined here above. Each participating team must hold EHF and its partners harmless from any legal action from a player concerning the player's image/personality rights.

9. Awards

The team ranked 1 of each category shall receive the EHF Champion's plate.

Each player of a team ranked 1st to 3rd in the respective category shall receive a medal (gold for rank 1, silver for rank 2, bronze for rank 3). The Most Valuable Player, the best goalkeeper, the top-scorer of the tournament and the Fair Play team (both men's and women's) will be awarded.

Any changes of the Tournament Regulations will be announced on the occasion of the Technical Meeting.

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