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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Scope of Application

The present European Beach Handball Tour Finals Regulations (“ebt Finals Regulations”) govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of the following competitions organised by the European Handball Federation (EHF) pursuant to Articles 1.2 and 11.1.8 of the Statutes of the EHF:

- The Men’s and Women’s European Beach Handball Tour Finals

These competitions are hereinafter also referred to as “ebt Finals”

The EHF is entitled to change and/or adapt the format of EHF competitions (including but not limited to the playing system, playing periods, throw-off times etc.) also during ongoing seasons. The EHF will especially make use of such right in case of exceptional circumstances (such as acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond the reasonable control of a party including, without limitation, a labour dispute, pandemic, accident, fire, flood, riot or civil commotion, act of public enemy, legal enactment, government act etc).

Fair Play

The philosophy of beach handball is based on the principle of “fair play” and its components. Every decision has thus to be taken in accordance with ethical values and the behaviour of all parties involved shall follow this spirit. Hence, all participants must:

- Observe the IHF Rules of the Game and the EHF regulations governing the competition
- Respect all participants (players, officials, spectators, media representatives, etc.)
- Promote the spirit of sportsmanship and pursue the cultural mission

II. COMPETITIONS

Rhythm and Dates

- 2.1. The ebt Finals take place every year for each gender in connection with the previous ebt season consisting of a preliminary round and a final round.
- 2.2. The ebt Finals shall be organised as a professional sport event with an emphasis on the principle of fair play.
- 2.3. The ebt Finals in 2021 will be played from 3 to 6 June.

Medals and Prize Money

- 2.4. The team ranked first (1st) of each category shall receive the ebt Finals Champion's plate.
- 2.5. *Winners (places 1 to 3)*
The first three teams in each category will receive for up to 12 players and the remaining number of officials (a total of maximum 16), the following medals:

First place – ebt Champions	gold
Second place	silver
Third place	bronze

- 2.6. *All-star Team*

In the scope of the awarding ceremony for each gender the Most Valuable Player (MVP), the best goalkeeper, the best defender, the top scorer of the tournament, and the Fair Play team (in both categories) will be awarded.

- 2.7. *Prize money*

Following the decision of EHF Executive Committee and based on the principle of the beach handball philosophy, no prize money will be awarded.

2.8. Participants

All other teams as well as the appointed EHF Officials, referees and members of the organising committee shall receive commemorative medals.

2.9. EHF Office

One complete set of medals shall be provided for the EHF Office.

III. ORGANISATION

Application for Organisation

3.1. Upon request of the EHF, all EHF Member Federations and ebt organisers from the respective season are invited to apply to organise the ebt Finals. All applications shall be based on the applicable regulations and bid documents for the ebt Finals.

3.2. In addition to the individual presentation of the venue/surroundings (brochures, hotel information, description, video, etc.) each application shall consist of the following documents:

- Consent to the conditions as well as the IHF and EHF Regulations
- EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping
- General information on the event area (map, beach, village, new concepts, etc.)
- Confirmation of live streaming obligatory on the main court
- Financial frameworks (event budget plan)

3.3. After consideration of all applications, the EHF Executive Committee shall award an applicant with the organisation right of the respective ebt Finals.

Venues

3.4. After the awarding of the organisation right for the ebt Finals by the EHF Executive Committee, the playing venue shall be fixed by the organiser in agreement with the EHF.

3.5. All questions relating to the organisation have to be dealt with and approved by the EHF.

Right of Participation – Basis for Entries

- 3.6. The first 12 nations based on the ebt ranking of the ebt season 2018/19, one wildcard for the host per gender and the defending champions of the previous ebt Finals have the first right to participate in the ebt Finals. Additionally, for the the ebt Finals 2021 the best two teams per gender regardless of the nation from the ebt season 2019/20 are entitled to register for and participate in the competitions.
- 3.7. All teams participating in the ebt season 2018/19 and season 2019/20 are invited to register and to be listed as substitute teams, if needed. The substitute teams will be defined according to the respective season ranking.
- 3.8. Basis for all entries are the ebt Finals and ebt season Regulations and the application information for the ebt Finals.

Registration

- 3.9. Entries for the ebt Finals shall be submitted to the EHF Office within the period fixed in the announcement. Together with the entry for the competition each team shall express its acceptance of conditions and regulations applicable for the ebt Finals with their signature. At the same time the registration fee in the amount of €200 (two hundred Euro) per team and a participation deposit of €2,000 (two thousand Euro) for each category (will be used as a security deposit) need to be transfer to the EHF bank account.
- 3.10. The teams are obliged to send the team's registrations for entry in the ebt Finals, the Code of Conduct and the signed Arbitration Agreement within the deadline provided by the EHF Office in due time.

Draw

- 3.11. Related to the number of entries, the playing schedule will be fixed, and the participants will be drawn to the respective groups accordingly. The draw shall be based on the principle of neutrality and the ebt Finals ranking and shall be carried out by the EHF.

Withdrawal, Failure to Compete

- 3.12. In any case of withdrawal or failure to compete, the entry fee shall be forfeited, and sanctions imposed in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations and the EHF List of Penalties shall be applied.
- 3.13. In case of withdrawal before the ebt Finals, the first substitute team will take the place of the withdrawing team.
- 3.14. In case of withdrawal during the tournament, the best ranked team not qualifying for the next round may be nominated by the EHF as substitute nation and take the place of the withdrawing team.

IV. FINANCES

Costs to be borne by the Participants

Travel Costs

- 4.1. The travel expenses for the entire delegation of the respective participants have to be borne by the participating team.

Visa Costs

- 4.2. All costs arising from the procurement of visas shall be borne by the participants.

Accommodation and Board

- 4.3. All participating teams shall arrange their accommodation and board obligatory in coordination with the local organiser through the hotels selected by the organiser.

Accident and Health Insurance

- 4.4. The participating teams in the ebt Finals shall arrange, at their own expense, accident and health insurance for all members of their delegations, including officials, technical staff and players. The organiser and the EHF cannot be held responsible for accidents or illness.

Accident and health insurance coverage for appointed EHF Officials and referees is arranged by EHF for the duration of their assignment.

Costs to be borne by the Organiser

Costs in the Host Country

- 4.5. All expenses incurred in the host country in connection with the staging and organisation of the ebt Finals shall be borne by the organiser. This includes (without limitation) event area, local organisation, info system, match scouting, music, speaker, accompanying events, gold, silver, bronze and commemorative medals, suitably equipped EHF Office etc.

Accommodation and Travel (EHF Officials)

- 4.6. Accommodation costs (including full board), daily allowances (€60 per person per day including travel days) and travel & transfer for the EHF Officials (as well as for the OC staff) shall be borne by the organiser. Inspection expenses for travel, transfer, daily allowances, accommodation, and board for the EHF Officials to be borne by the organiser.
- 4.7. Travel, transfer, accommodation, and full board for EHF Officials will be arranged in cooperation between the EHF and the organiser.

Local Transport

- 4.8. Local transport (hotel/venue + return) for the participating teams and the EHF Officials (representatives, delegates, referees, honorary guests, office staff members, etc.) shall be provided by the organiser accordingly (shuttle bus system) free of charge.

Equipment Provided by the EHF

- 4.9. Transport and customs costs of beach handball equipment provided by the EHF.

TV/Live Streaming Production

- 4.10. The organiser shall guarantee the following obligatory minimum requirements for the TV (optional) and live streaming production:

a. Live streaming minimum requirements:

- A minimum of two (2) cameras on the main court and one (1) camera for the other courts

- 2-Mbit broadband line cable internet connection
- International graphics showing at least the score and time, or the scoreboard picture embed in the streaming signal (graphics to be provided by the EHF)

b. TV signal minimum requirements:

- A minimum of three (3) cameras on the main court
- International graphics showing at least the score and time (graphics to be provided by the EHF), international sound, uplink and satellite space
- Outside Broadcasting (OB) van

Third Party Liability Insurance

4.11. The organiser shall conclude an event/third party liability insurance agreement for the duration of the event (including set-up and dismantling period).

Costs to be borne by the EHF

4.12. The Champions plates for both categories will be provided by the EHF.

4.13. Costs arising for the EHF internal preparation and organisation.

4.14. Costs for materials provided by the EHF (playing balls, line systems and goals).

V. TECHNICAL MATTERS

Match Organisation

Categories

5.1. The ebt Finals are played in two categories:

- ebt Finals for Men
- ebt Finals for Women

Matches

- 5.2. All matches are played according to the “IHF Beach Handball Rules of the game”, 2014 edition.
- 5.3. The duration of all matches (including placement matches, semi-finals and finals) will be two times 10 minutes with a five-minute half-time break, including change of ends, according to the official IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball.

Match Report

- 5.4. Prior to each match on the playing court, one (1) or two (2) players and one (1) or two (2) officials have to be crossed out on the match report, in case the teams have more than ten (10) players and two (2) officials on the final squad list. The match report must be signed by the responsible person of the team and given to the respective delegate. The team official is solely responsible for the correctness of numbers and names on the match report.
- 5.5. The referees and delegates are solely responsible for the correctness of the match result during and after the match.

Clothing

- 5.6. Reference is made to the applicable IHF Beach Handball Rules of the Game – Athlete Uniform Regulations (p. 90 ff.) that can be found under the following link:

<https://www.eurohandball.com/en/what-we-do/regulations/beach-handball/>

- 5.7. Each team shall have available four (4) different sets of clothing in different colours in European beach handball competitions.
- 5.8. The correctness of playing kits, according to the IHF Beach Handball Rules of the Game (compare rule 4.8. concerning the colour of the shirt – 80% has to be solid colour), and correctness of numbers will be checked by the EHF delegates at the technical meeting together with the delegation lists.

- 5.9. The clothing numbers in the final list presented at the technical meeting must be kept for the entire tournament.
- 5.10. All kits not in line with the IHF BH Rules of the Game will not be permitted.
- 5.11. All court players of a team must wear identical uniforms.
- 5.12. A player who is entering the playing court as a goalkeeper must wear identical (in design and player's number) uniform with his teammates, but in colours that distinguish him from the court players of both teams and the goalkeepers of the opposing team.
- 5.13. The players must wear the kits with the same number throughout the tournament; therefore, all the sets of shirts must include the exact same numbers.
- 5.14. Photos (no graphics) of the playing kits must be submitted to the EHF Office for pre-approval 21 days prior to the tournament.
- 5.15. No exceptions to the team equipment rules will be accepted even upon presentation of a medical certificate.
- 5.16. In case of violation in connection with playing clothing, such as, without limitation, change of numbers after the applicable deadline or use of a wrong kit, sanctions may be imposed in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations.

Change of Clothing

- 5.17. If the referees consider that the clothing of the two teams is likely to cause confusion, the team listed second shall change its clothing to ensure that there is not any confusion. The respective decision will be taken directly at the court prior to the match. For this reason, all the teams are obliged to bring all four sets to every match, in case of violation, a report will be filed by the appointed delegate and a fine may be issued by the competent body.
- 5.18. The same rule shall apply if a request of this kind is made by the TV production staff.

Advertising on Players' Clothing

5.19. Advertising is allowed on players' match and training clothing. The OC shall inform the teams of eventual local law restrictions in terms of advertising (e.g. tobacco, betting companies etc.) with the registration of the teams.

5.20. Advertising related to drugs, pornography or spirits is strictly prohibited on the players' kits.

5.21. The provisions laid down in the IHF Rules of the Game and in the "Regulations on Advertising on Clothing" are an integral part of these Regulations.

Tournament Management

5.22. The ebt Finals will be directed by the Tournament Management. It decides on the match schedule, playing times, results, rankings, and other open questions in connection with the tournament.

5.23. The Tournament Management will be nominated in due time before the tournament and the participants will be informed accordingly.

5.24. Additional members may be nominated by the Tournament Management.

5.25. Based on a proposal made by the EHF Beach Handball Commission and a respective decision by the EHF Executive Committee, the following regulations have been adopted and are consequently effective for the ebt Finals (see also IHF BH Rules of the Game, July 2014 version):

- Twelve (12) players are allowed on the match report – only 10 are eligible to play
- A direct red card leads automatically to a report submitted by the referees
- A direct red card leads automatically to a minimum suspension for the next match

Court Manager

5.26. The court manager is responsible for providing a correct playing court and takes all organisational decisions related to each match; his scope of responsibility includes handling any request in terms of match organisation by the EHF delegate.

5.27. The court manager is responsible for the maintenance of the courts including watering, cleaning, and flattening the sand as well as water supply to the teams and ball recovery during the match. Therefore, a minimum number of eight (8) volunteers per court, in shifts of four (4), are requested.

VI. MATCH SYSTEM

Preliminary Round

6.1. The teams are divided in the preliminary round as follows:

- ebt Finals for Men: A total of 16 teams divided into 4 groups of 4 teams
- ebt Finals for Women: A total of 16 teams divided into 4 groups of 4 teams

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

Ranking

Points are awarded as follows:

- 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

- 6.3. Goal points are awarded according to the official IHF BH Rules of the Game.
- 6.4. Teams are ranked by adding the points gained.
- 6.5. 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
- 6.6. 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.
- 6.7. 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.

Cross matches and placement matches, Places 9 to 16

- 6.8. After the completion of the preliminary round the teams ranked third (3rd) and fourth (4th) in each group play cross matches and placement matches for the places 9 to 16.
- 6.9. The teams ranked third (3rd) in each group play a cross match against the team ranked fourth (4th) of another group (Group A plays against group B and group C plays against group D).
- 6.10. The winners of each cross match play against each other in a second cross match to attribute the places 9 to 12 in the ebt Finals ranking. The winners of these cross matches play against

each other in a placement match to attribute the places 9 and 10 in the ebt Finals ranking. The losing teams play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places 11 and 12 in the ebt Finals ranking. The two other teams play against each other in a second cross match to attribute the places 13 to 16 in the ebt Finals ranking. The winners of these cross matches play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places 13 and 14 in the ebt Finals ranking. The losing teams play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places 15 and 16 in the ebt Finals ranking.

Quarter-finals, cross matches 5–8, semi-finals 1–4, Places 1 to 8

- 6.11. After the completion of the preliminary round the teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) play quarter-finals for the places 1 to 8.
- 6.12. The team ranked first (1st) in each group plays a cross match 5-8 against the team ranked second (2nd) of another group (Group A plays against group B and group C plays against group D).
- 6.13. The winners of each cross match play against each other in the semi-finals 1-4 to attribute the places 1 to 4 in the ebt Finals ranking.
- 6.14. The losing teams play against each other in cross matches to attribute the places 5 to 8 in the ebt Finals ranking

Placement matches and Finals

- 6.15. The winners of the cross matches 5-8 play against each other to attribute the places 5 and 6 in the ebt Finals ranking. The losing teams play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places 7 and 8 in the ebt Finals ranking
- 6.16. The losers of the semi-finals 1-4 play against each other in the bronze final match to define places three (3) and four (4) in the ebt Finals ranking.

- 6.17. The winners of the semi-finals 1-4 play against each other in the finals to define places one (1) and two (2) in the ebt Finals ranking

VII. REGISTRATION AND LIST OF PLAYERS

Preliminary list of players

- 7.1. The preliminary list of players must be submitted to the EHF Office 21 days prior to the beginning of the tournament. This list shall contain a maximum of 28 players and 6 officials. All relevant data must be correctly recorded. The list shall be in electronic format and the provided data sheet must be used.

Final delegation list

- 7.2. The final delegation list for up to 12 players and 4 officials (function to be stated) must be submitted at the technical meeting including the final jersey numbers. The list shall be presented in printed form at the technical meeting and the provided data sheet has to be used. Only players already registered via the preliminary delegation list will be accepted on the final list.
- 7.3. No changes will be allowed for any reason after the technical meeting.
- 7.4. A player is not allowed to be on the players' list of two (2) or more different teams participating in the same category.
- 7.5. A team official is not allowed to be listed on the final squad list as a player in any participating team of the same gender.

VIII. LEGAL PROCEDURES — PROTESTS/DISCIPLINARY

EHF Legal Regulations

- 8.1. The provisions of the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions apply to all legal matters including procedural aspects and disciplinary offences committed by the teams, delegations, individuals and/or EHF Officials at the ebt Finals unless stipulated otherwise in the present chapter.

Competent Bodies

Jurisdiction

- 8.2. Under the provisions defined in the present chapter, the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury are responsible for disciplinary adjudication, punishing violations of applicable regulations including those of an administrative nature falling within the scope of Article 21 of the Legal Regulations, settling dispute including protests and deciding upon any other issues arising from the ebt Finals.

Disciplinary Commission

- 8.3. The Disciplinary Commission is responsible as the body of first instance.
- 8.4. The Disciplinary Commission is composed of EHF delegates nominated for the ebt Finals.

Jury

- 8.5. The Jury is responsible as the body of second instance. It is the highest EHF legal body at the ebt Finals.
- 8.6. The Jury consists of the EHF Court of Appeal acting as an ad hoc body.
- 8.7. Any decision made by the Disciplinary Commission according to the aforementioned provisions may be appealed to the Jury.

Regulations Infringements/Disciplinary Matters

- 8.8. Delegation members (including players and team officials) and EHF Officials agree to comply with the present Regulations as well as all applicable regulations. They must notably:
- respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly
 - refrain from any activity that endangers the integrity of the ebt Finals and bring the sport of beach handball into disrepute
 - refrain from anti-doping violations as defined in the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping
 - observe the EHF Code of Conduct
- 8.9. If deemed appropriate by the EHF to ensure the proper running of the ebt Finals and/or the respect of the applicable regulations during the ebt Finals, violations of the present Regulations and/or any other EHF regulations applicable to the ebt Finals, by any team, delegation, individual and/or EHF Official are examined, decided upon and sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury (in appeal) following an express procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, the present dispositions also apply to direct disqualifications.
- 8.10. The member federations of the respective delegations or teams, individuals and/or the EHF Officials against whom the proceedings are initiated, must have the possibility to provide a statement of defence.
- 8.11. In those cases, the deadlines applicable to protests are not applicable and shall be defined by the competent legal body within the course of the proceedings.
- 8.12. The carrying out of legal/disciplinary proceedings as defined herein is independent of any reporting obligations.

Protests

Definition

8.13. Under the present chapter, “protest” shall mean: any match-related claim which may have an impact on the result of an ebt Finals match.

Exclusion of protests

8.14. With regard to all and any ebt Finals matches, protests shall not be permitted when relating to:

- a) Date, time, venue and draw of the matches
- b) Nomination of referees and delegates
- c) Referees’ decisions on facts in accordance with the Rules of the Game, including those based on EHF delegate’s recommendations.

Procedure

8.15. Protests shall be announced verbally to the EHF delegate of the respective 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 thirty (30) minutes after the end of the relevant match.

8.16. Moreover, a protest fee of €400 shall be paid by the claimant to the EHF. This amount shall be paid directly to the EHF delegate or shall be transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time as the claim is handed over. A written proof of payment of the protest fee in the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.

8.17. If the protest is fully granted, the protest fee is refunded to the claimant; otherwise, it is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.

8.18. The deadlines and fees for protests apply equally for any additional information submitted in connection with the ebt Finals.

8.19. The Disciplinary Commission takes a decision by simple majority. In cases 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.

Appeals

8.20. Unless otherwise provided in the decision of the Disciplinary Commission, an appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Commission shall be received by the EHF Office in writing no later than 20:00 local time the same day the Disciplinary Commission decision is communicated to the parties.

8.21. Besides, an appeal fee of €1,000 shall be paid by the appellant to the EHF. This amount shall be paid directly to the EHF delegate or shall be transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time as the appeal is filed/requested. A written proof of payment of the appeal fee in the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.

8.22. If the appeal is fully granted, the fee shall be refunded; otherwise, the appeal fee is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.

8.23. Such an appeal request is transferred to the Jury. The Jury makes a decision by simple majority following an express procedure. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.

8.24. Appeals during the ebt Finals 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.

Eligibility to play

8.25. The submission of protests concerning eligibility to play is not subject to any mandatory deadline.

European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)

8.26. Any issue decided upon by the Jury may be brought by any of the relevant parties before the ECA. The Rules of Arbitration for the ECA apply.

8.27. The initiation of proceedings before the ECA on a specific issue does not suspend the implementation of the decision taken by Jury on such an issue, unless decided otherwise by the ECA in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration for the ECA.

Arising costs

8.28. In principle, the actual costs for personnel and material arising from the activities of the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury shall be charged in connection with the procedure. Rules governing the apportionment and payment of costs related to the EHF bodies' legal proceedings by and between the parties are stated in article 48 of the EHF Legal Regulations.

Exclusion of liability

8.29. The EHF shall not be liable for any third-party liability claims arising from the execution of single matches or any other events in connection with the ebt Finals.

IX. INSTANT REPLAY TECHNOLOGY AND GOAL–LINE CAMERAS

Instant replay offers the possibility to the referee to immediately watch a situation on a TV screen, if they were not able to see the complete action on the court and if they wish to check again before reaching a decision. The goal-line technology allows referees to utilize several cameras fixed on the goal to check whether the ball crossed the goal-line. Furthermore, the referees can also check if the ball crossed the goal-line before the end of the sets.

These pictures are easily accessible for the referees on a monitor on the support table positioned behind the official table on the court. The system, due to the absence of goal line, provides on screen a virtual goal line for a clear view of the ball position.

The use of both goal-line technology and the instant replay (disqualification and consequences) is exclusively the responsibility of the referees and only the referees can decide to make use of it or not.

This action cannot be taken in any case after awarding the goal. The protocol for this request will be explained during the technical meeting to the teams.

X. IMAGE/PERSONALITY RIGHTS

- 10.1. 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 ebt Finals for non-commercial purposes.
- 10.2. 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.
- 10.3. The EHF has the right to transfer these aforementioned rights of use to a marketing partner for the same purposes.
- 10.4. Each participating team must obtain the consent of the respective players and officials participating in the ebt Finals 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.