

# EHF BEACH HANDBALL

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Regulations

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## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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### Scope of Application

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

- The Men’s and Women’s EHF Beach Handball Championships 2022

The competition (including both categories) is hereinafter also referred to as “Beach Championships” (the singular includes the plural and vice versa).

The application of the European Championship Regulations is reserved for all questions that may arise and not being foreseen in the present Beach Championships Regulations.

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

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### Rhythm and Dates

- 2.1. The Beach Championships takes place in a two-year rhythm as the qualification event for the EHF Beach Handball EURO.
- 2.2. The Beach Championships shall be organised as a professional sport event with an emphasis on the principle of fair play.
- 2.3. the Beach Championships will be carried out in a two-year rhythm for both men and women and consists of a preliminary round and a final round.
- 2.4. Playing modus and schedules are fixed for both categories after the number of participating teams has been determined.

### Medals and Prize Money

#### 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 - European Champion	gold
Second place	silver
Third place	bronze

#### 2.6. *All-star Team*

In the scope of the awarding ceremony for each category 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

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#### Application for Organisation

3.1. Upon request of the EHF, all EHF Member Federations are invited to apply to organising the Beach Championships. All applications shall be based on the applicable regulations and the bid documents for the Beach Championships.

3.2. In addition to the individual presentation of the venue/surroundings (brochures, hotel information, culture, 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.)
- 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 Beach Championships. The organisation framework and accompanying activities that maximise the efforts of event promotion is to be

regarded as an important criterion for being awarded with the organisation of the Beach Championships.

## Venues

3.4. After the awarding of the organisation right for the Beach Championships by the EHF Executive Committee, the playing venue(s) 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. Basis for all entries are the EHF Beach Handball Championships together with the applicable information for the Beach Champions.

## Registration

3.7. Entries for the Beach Championships shall be submitted to the EHF Office within the period fixed in the announcement. Together with the entry for the competition each participant shall express its acceptance of conditions and regulations applicable for the Beach Championships with their signature. At the same time the registration fee in the amount of €500 (five hundred Euro) per team and a participation deposit of €2,000 (two thousand Euro) for each category (will be used as a security deposit) will be debited from the respective National Federation's account.

## Draw

### ***Preliminary Round***

3.8. 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 nation's ranking for beach handball per gender and shall be carried out by the EHF.

The organiser may choose its group after the draw but will stay on the respective position defined by the ranking.

### ***Final Round***

- 3.9. Based on the results of the preliminary round, a final round will be played in both categories. The playing schedule for the Beach Championships will be published after the number of participating teams is fixed.

### ***Withdrawal, Failure to Compete***

- 3.10. 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.
- 3.11. In case of withdrawal before the Beach Championships, the first substitute team will take the place of the withdrawing team.
- 3.12. In case of withdrawal during the tournament, the best ranked team not qualifying for the final round may be nominated by the EHF as substitute nation and take the place of the withdrawing team.

## IV. FINANCES

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### Costs to be borne by the Participants

#### ***Travel Costs***

- 4.1. The travel expenses for the entire delegation of the respective participants are borne by the participating federation/team.

#### ***Visa Costs***

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

#### ***Daily rate***

- 4.3. For the board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the Beach Championships venue for up to sixteen (16) member or less, each Federation must pay a daily rate to the Host Federation.
- 4.4. The daily rate for the sixteen (16) delegation members is announced to the Federations by the Host Federation during the bidding process.
- 4.5. Such rate must be paid to the EHF account within the deadline duly communicated to the participating Federations.
- 4.6. The number of days is the basis for the calculation of the global rate per delegation. The total is calculated from 12pm (noon) on the day of arrival at the venue (the day prior to the first match day at the earliest) to 12pm (noon) on the day of departure (the day after to the last match day at the latest). The day of arrival and of departure are calculated as one (1) day when charging the daily rate (additional meals such as breakfast on the arrival day and lunch on the departure day must be paid separately).
- 4.7. The board, lodging and local transport for additional delegation members can be organised by the Host Federation upon request and payment by the respective Federation of a daily rate within the deadline communicated by the EHF. The daily rate for the additional delegation

members is agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation. The daily rate for the additional delegation members must be paid directly to the Host Federation account.

#### ***Additional days of stays/ Additional persons***

- 4.8. If agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation, a delegation may arrive before the Beach Championships and/or leave after the event a few days after the planned dates.
- 4.9. All costs and expenses related to those additional days at the venue must be borne by the respective Federation. The daily rate per delegation member for each additional day agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation is communicated in due time to the Federations by the Host Federation and must be paid within the deadline set forth by the latter.

#### ***Accident and Health Insurance***

- 4.10. Federations participating in the Beach Championships 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***

- 4.11. All expenses incurred in the host country in connection with the staging and organisation of the Beach Championships shall be borne by the Host Federation. 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)***

- 4.12. 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.

4.13. Travel, transfer, accommodation, and full board for EHF Officials will be arranged in cooperation between the EHF and the organiser.

#### ***Local Transport***

4.14. Local transport (hotel/venue and 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***

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

#### ***Third Party Liability Insurance***

4.16. 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**

4.17. The Championships plates for both categories will be provided by the EHF.

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

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

#### **Event Concept**

4.20. The Beach Championships shall be organised as a top competitive event framed by several different activities for all parties involved (spectators, media representatives, players, accompanying persons, etc.).

4.21. The organiser is obliged to prepare entertainment areas for children.

## Event Area and Infrastructure at the Venue

4.22. The event area and the infrastructure at the venue shall be set up in accordance with the requirements as outlined in the documents provided for the Beach Championships.

## V. MEDIA RIGHTS

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5.1. The EHF shall have the sole right to award television broadcasting rights, radio broadcasting rights, film rights (including video recording) and advertising rights for the Beach Championships.

5.2. The EHF holds all international audio-visual rights for the Beach Championships.

5.3. The advertising rights are with the EHF.

5.4. Advertising rights for the shirts of referees, multimedia rights for the Beach Championships are entirely with the EHF.

### Video Recordings

5.5. Upon application to the EHF, all teams shall be permitted to make video recordings for teaching and training purposes only. Persons wishing to record matches and are unable to show a permit issued by EHF have to be asked to leave the event area. On account of the organisation plan of the event area, restrictions for carrying out video recordings may be imposed upon agreement with the EHF.

5.6. Video recordings, however, may be made by only one person (member of the delegation) using one camera. Such video recordings shall be shown only privately to the teams concerned for study of tactics and shall not be exploited commercially.

## VI. PARTICIPATING PERSONS

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### Players (Entries and Active Participation)

#### *Beach Championships Entries*

- 6.1. The teams must deliver a preliminary delegation list via email 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 has to be used. All conventions concerning completion (how the date is written, etc.) must be adhered to.
- 6.2. The final squad list for up to 12 players and 4 officials (function to be stated) has to be submitted to the EHF via email by **30 June** at the latest. At the Technical Meeting (6 July) the final squad list with up to 12 players and 4 officials must be presented printed, together with the four playing kits and all the delegation members' passport to be checked by EHF Officials. Only players and officials from the preliminary list will be accepted on the final delegation list. The provided data sheet has to be used.
- a. Officials  
Surname, name, date of birth, function within the delegation.
- b. Players  
Player number, surname, name, date of birth, club, height, weight, number of international matches.
- 6.3. The final jersey numbers cannot be changed after the technical meeting.

#### *Late Registration*

- 6.4. If a team has nominated less than 12 players, it may nominate one additional player (from the preliminary list) during the tournament. This registration (+ ID check) has to be done one hour prior to the respective game at the latest, including the presentation of the passport of the player to the EHF delegate responsible for the match.

## Nationality

- 6.5. Matches in connection with a Beach Championships are carried out as international matches. Players participating in a Beach Championships must therefore be in possession of the citizenship of the respective nation. Proof of nationality has to be given by presenting the passport or the proof of citizenship status (presentation of copies of ID cards or passports will not be allowed; only original documents shall be presented at the technical meeting). In addition, every player participating in a Beach Championships shall be eligible to play for the country in accordance with the IHF regulations.

### ***Eligibility to Participate***

- 6.6. Players not registered correctly by the announced date shall not be eligible to participate in the tournament.

### ***Participation of a Suspended Player and/or not Eligible to Participate***

- 6.7. Participation of a suspended player will result in a loss of the match, however, with a minimum of 0:2 points, 0:2 periods, 0:10 goal points. A monetary fine may be imposed by the competent bodies.

## EHF Officials

- 6.8. EHF Officials are representatives, delegates, referees, office staff members as well as any other persons nominated by the EHF.

### ***Nomination***

- 6.9. The referees and delegates for a Beach Championships will be nominated by the EHF and all costs (travel, accommodation, board, daily allowances, etc.) shall be borne by the organiser – see Article 4.6. The nominations will be forwarded to the federations concerned in due time.

### ***Scope of Duties of EHF Delegates***

- 6.10. The main duty of EHF delegates is to ensure a proper conduct of the match. The safety of players, officials, media representatives and spectators must be ensured. Appropriate safety measures have to be taken, the EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure shall apply.

- 6.11. The EHF delegate should try to avoid any protests. An EHF delegate is, however, not a chief referee. The responsibility on the playing field shall be always assigned solely to the referees. However, in case a difficult situation arises, the EHF delegate shall, if necessary, recommend the referees to interrupt the match and point out a mistake made by the referees, which may result in a protest. Mistakes in this context are mistakes which do not refer to fact decisions of the referees. The EHF delegate does not make any decisions, she/he only gives recommendations. When on duty, the EHF delegate shall carry with her/him the respective EHF Regulations as well as the IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball. In case the referees decline the delegate's advice, a report shall be filed by the appointed delegate.
- 6.12. During a match, the nominated delegate shall be seated at the officials' table (close to the timekeeper) in order to have a good view of the substitution area at all times and to be able to intervene if necessary.
- 6.13. The EHF delegate shall ensure that those involved in Beach Championships matches only wear advertisement on their sports and training clothing that is in compliance with the EHF Regulations for Advertising on Clothing (in case of any doubts the match has to be played and the Disciplinary Commission (DC) has to be informed). The same applies in case of a violation of the IHF specification on clothing and player's equipment.

## VII. TECHNICAL MATTERS

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### Match Organisation

#### ***Matches***

- 7.1. The Beach Championships shall be played in accordance with the valid version of the IHF Rules of the Game.

#### ***Timekeeping, Scorekeeper***

- 7.2. The playing courts for all matches related to Beach Championships shall be equipped with electronic timekeeping and scoring devices which can be read without difficulties (by the teams, the spectators, the timekeeper, the officials) specific for outdoor sports and be operated from the timekeeper's/scorekeeper's table. This is the official timekeeping and score taking apparatus and must be in full working order.

#### ***Reserve Clock***

- 7.3. In reserve, a large clock (approx. 25cm in diameter) with minutes and seconds must be available at each timekeeper's/scorekeeper's table as well as a manual scoreboard.

#### ***Responsibility***

- 7.4. The timekeepers, secretaries and event presenter/speaker (main court) shall be appointed by the organiser and all costs (travel, accommodation, board, daily allowances, etc.) shall be borne by the organiser. The EHF may appoint one or more delegates/representatives for each match.
- 7.5. For the Team Time Out (TTO) the timekeeper shall have at least two green cards showing the capital letter "T" at her/his disposal. These shall be handed over to the responsible member of the respective team at the beginning of each half-time. A TTO is requested by clearly holding the TTO card in the air and placing the card in the sand in the respective substitution area ONLY after the TTO has been granted, easy visible from the timekeepers table just outside the middle of the side line.

7.6. A sufficient number of orange cards showing the numeral "1" and red cards showing the numeral "2" (1 for suspension and 2 for disqualification), shall be available at the timekeeper's table.

### ***Match Report***

7.7. In accordance with the registration at the technical meeting (see Article 6.2.), the EHF, in cooperation with the local organiser, shall prepare the match reports with the player names (maximum 12) and the officials (maximum 4) nominated for the competition. Thirty (30) minutes prior to each match one (1) or two (2) official(s) and one (1) or two (2) player(s) 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.

7.8. The match report has to be signed by the responsible person of the team and given to the respective delegate. The team official is the sole responsible for the correctness of names and numbers in the match report. Injured players after signing the match report cannot be replaced for this match.

### **Sport Information Centre**

7.9. A Sport Information Centre equipped with a large information board accessible for teams and collection possibilities for result bulletins, etc. shall be established close to the EHF Office by the local organiser.

7.10. Information (results, notices, change of playing time, events, meetings, common activities, etc.) related to the Beach Championships to be provided via the Sport Information Centre and the information desks in the official teams' hotels. The information points are the official way of distributing information.

7.11. The teams are obliged to check the EHF website and the information points regularly for new updates.

## Playing Courts and Balls

### ***Playing Courts***

- 7.12. Beach Championships matches shall be played on playing areas measuring 27 x 12 meters. The playing sites will be inspected for compliance with the rules in due time prior to the competition by an EHF delegate.

### ***Playing Balls***

- 7.13. The EHF will provide a sufficient number of match and training balls.

### ***Substitution Area***

- 7.14. During the matches only the substitute, suspended players, and two (2) officials of each team are allowed to stay in the substitution area.
- 7.15. In other respects, the substitution area regulations of the IHF shall apply.

## Clothing

- 7.16. All teams shall use playing clothes according to the IHF Beach Handball Rules of the Game – see Athlete Uniform Regulations (p. 90 ff.).
- 7.17. During severe weather conditions, players will be allowed to use a cold weather uniform, which is composed of close fit shirt with long or short sleeves and/or close fit full length trousers (down to the ankle). The decision to allow players to wear such a special uniform is taken by the Tournament Management.
- 7.18. The team must have four (4) sets of playing clothes in different colours for their players (court players and goalkeepers/specialists). In case of multi-coloured shirts, only one of the colours - and not the main colour - may be repeated in the other set of clothing. Players must wear clearly legible numbers, which should range from 1 to 99. The athlete's number (of approx. 12x10 centimetres) must be placed on the front and back of the men's tank tops and the women's body fit tank tops. This information must be printed in a contrasting colour to that

of the tank top / body fit tank top (i.e. light on a dark tank top / body fit tank top, dark on a light tank top / body fit tank top).

7.19. The specialists (goalkeepers) shall wear a complementary colour.

7.20. For the duration of the entire competition, each player must wear the same number, regardless of her/his position (goalkeeper or field player). The jersey numbers in the final squad list presented at the technical meeting must be kept for the entire tournament; therefore, all sets of shirts must include the same numbers.

7.21. A photo of the full playing kits must be submitted to EHF for pre-approval 21 days prior to the competition.

7.22. No exceptions to the team equipment rules will be accepted even upon presentation of a medical certificate.

7.23. In case of violation in connection with playing kits, 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***

7.24. 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.

7.25. The same rule shall apply if a request of this kind is made by the TV production staff.

### ***Advertising on Players' Clothing***

7.26. 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.

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

7.28. 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.

## **Match System**

7.29. The Beach Championships shall be played in the form of a tournament. It shall consist of a preliminary round and a final round at the same venue. The playing schedule will be defined based on the number of entries.

### ***Final Round***

7.30. Based on the results of the preliminary round, a final round will be played in both categories.

### ***Definitive Schedule***

7.31. The EHF shall draw up the definitive match schedule together with the playing times for the actual competition in cooperation with the organiser. The decision of the EHF is final (the playing schedule will be submitted after participating teams are determined).

## **Ranking**

7.32. 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:

- 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.

7.33. Teams are ranked by adding the points gained.

7.34. If, after completion of the group matches, two or more teams have gained the same number of points, the following ranking system will apply:

- a. results in points between the teams concerned
- b. period difference in the matches between the teams concerned
- c. goal point difference in the matches between the teams concerned
- d. greater number of plus goal points in the matches between the teams concerned

7.35. 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:

- a. period difference is subtracted in all matches.
- b. greater number of plus periods in all matches.
- c. goal point difference is subtracted in all matches
- d. greater number of plus goal points in all matches.

7.36. 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.

## Transmission of Results

7.37. It is the daily duty of the organiser to provide all results (final result, first period, spectators, etc.) as well as any other news (match schedule for the next day, etc.) to the Sport Information Centre at the end of the match day (at the latest).

7.38. Tables showing results after the completion of matches of a round or group may be published only after approved by the EHF.

## VIII. LEGAL PROCEDURES — PROTESTS/DISCIPLINARY

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### 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 Beach Championships 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 Beach Championships.

#### *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 to the Beach Championships.

#### *Jury*

- 8.5. The Jury is responsible as the body of second instance. It is the highest EHF legal body at the Beach Championships.
- 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 Beach Championships and brings the sport of handball into disrepute
- refrain from anti-doping violations as defined in the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping
- observe the EHF Codes of Conduct

8.9. If deemed appropriate by the EHF to ensure the proper running of the Beach Championships and/or the respect of the applicable regulations during the Beach Championships, violations of the present regulations and/or any other EHF regulations applicable to the Beach Championships, 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 a Beach Championships match.

### ***Exclusion of Protests***

8.14. With regard to all and any Beach Championships 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 IHF 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 submitted in writing and in English to the EHF office 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 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 Beach Championships.

8.19. The Disciplinary Commission takes a decision by simple majority. Cases of 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 20:00hrs 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 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.

## Eligibility to Play

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

## European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)

8.25. 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.

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

### Arising Costs

8.27. 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

8.28. 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 Beach Championships.

## IX. ANTI-DOPING

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### Doping Control

- 9.1. Doping controls may take place before, during and after each Beach Championships in accordance with the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. As of the registration of their teams of the Beach Championships, the participating Member Federations must fill in the official “whereabouts” forms and send them to the EHF and the EHF Anti-Doping Official/Unit (EAU). The “whereabouts” forms must be regularly updated by the participating Member Federations and communicated accordingly to the EHF and the EHF Anti-Doping Official/Unit (EAU) prior and during the Beach Championships.
- 9.2. The EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping, their enclosures and the WADA’s Anti-Doping Code including the list of banned substances are an integral part of these Beach Championships Regulations.
- 9.3. In case of anti-doping rule violations, EHF will initiate disciplinary proceedings against the perpetrators and take the appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.
- 9.4. Member Federations must immediately inform the EHF of any decision at national level sanctioning a player for doping (including interim measures of protection/temporary injunction). A copy of the decision must be sent to the EHF Office. Decisions of Member Federations concerning doping confirmed by the EHF Anti-Doping Unit will be automatically implemented by the EHF at European level.

### EHF Anti-Doping activities

- 9.5. Delegation members (including players and team officials) shall participate in the Anti-Doping activities organized by the EHF within the frame of the Beach Championships.



## X. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

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### Training Schedule

- 10.1. The organiser is responsible for providing appropriate training facilities.
- 10.2. Upon request, teams playing in the Beach Championships shall have the possibility to train at the official competition courts at least once prior to their first match.

### Final Round

- 10.3. All teams should schedule their stay for the entire event period.

### Ceremonies

- 10.4. The organiser might arrange an opening ceremony on the court, an awarding ceremony (obligatory) and a farewell party inviting all parties involved with the collaboration of local officials.
- 10.5. Participation at the opening and awarding ceremonies is obligatory for all teams and EHF Officials in the name of courtesy and as a gesture of friendship.

## **XI. INSTANT REPLAY TECHNOLOGY AND GOAL–LINE CAMERAS**

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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.

## **XII. IMAGE/PERSONALITY RIGHTS**

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- 12.1. All participating members grant EHF the right (royalty-free) to use photos and images of players and officials as well as team names, emblems and players uniforms within the framework of the Beach Championships for non-commercial purposes.
- 12.2. All participating teams grant EHF the right (royalty-free) to use any photo, any material (print material, advertisements, internet, product presentation, video etc.) produced for/at the Beach Championships for beach handball/EHF competitions promotions and sport development (training, teaching, etc.) purposes.
- 12.3. The EHF has the right to transfer these aforementioned rights of use to a marketing partner for the same purposes.
- 12.4. Each participating team must obtain the consent of the respective players and officials participating in the Beach Championships to the use of their image as defined here above. Each participating team must hold EHF and its partners free from any legal action from a player concerning the player's image/personality rights.