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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Scope of Application

The present European Beach Handball Tour Regulations ("ebt season Regulations") govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of the following tournaments organised by the respective organisers having duly registered their tournaments on the dedicated EHF's website:

- The Men and Women European Beach Handball Tour ("ebt") season

These tournaments are hereinafter also referred to as "ebt season".

The ebt season 2026/2027 starts on 1 December 2026 and ends on 31 October 2027.
The registration of the ebt tournaments and the ranking of the teams is initiated at the beginning of each season.

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 specially 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 Rules of the Game and the ebt season Regulations governing the competition.
- Respect all participants (players, officials, spectators, media representatives, etc.).
- Promote the spirit of sportsmanship and pursue the cultural mission.

II. ORGANISERS

2.1. Organisers qualify by providing a certain level of organisational standards and fulfilling the listed EHF requirements.

2.2. The organisers register their tournaments on the respective EHFamily (https://beach.eurohandball.com/ebt/be-part/host-the-event/) by filling in a form sheet containing all required criteria. By fulfilling these criteria, the organiser will be awarded with the recognition as a member of the European Beach Handball Tour and preliminary tournament points. All ebt tournaments must be open for all ebt teams (no limitation to national participants is allowed). Tournaments have to be registered one month in advance at the latest to give all teams the possibility to attend. Registrations at a later stage will not be accepted by the online registration system. Immediately after the registration, the organisers are obliged to inform their National Federations of the event's details.

2.3. Each Organiser must pay a €150 registration fee in order to have the tournament published on the website.

2.4. Starting with the ebt season 2018/19 a **National Beach Handball Team Week** (men and women at the same time) was implemented in the overall European Handball Calendar. This means in the period indicated no ebt tournament shall take place. For the season 2026/2027 the following week is defined: **21 to 27 June 2027.**

Criteria for Organisers

2.5. The EHF awards points to the organisers for fulfilling the following criteria. These points will be:

- awarded in addition to the participating teams
- used for the ranking of the tournament
- criteria marked with an asterisk are explained in Enclosure 1 (p.25)

2.6. Teams

i. Number of participating ebt teams

0 points	0 - 5 ebt teams participating in the competition / gender
5 points	6 - 10 ebt teams participating in the competition / gender
10 points	11 - 15 ebt teams participating in the competition / gender
15 points	16 and more ebt teams participating in the competition / gender

ii. Number of participating European nations in the tournament

5 points	Number of each participating European nations*

2.7. Court setup

iii.	x points	Second row of advertising boards (at least one long side) → 3 points per court*
iv.	x points	LED advertising boards (at least one long side) → 50 points per court*
v.	x points	Branded time-table banner → 5 points per court*
vi.	5 points	Mixed zone with the installation of backdrops*

vii.	x points	Stands for 200-299 spectators → 10 points per court
viii.	x points	Stands for 300-999 spectators → 20 points per court
ix.	30 points	Main court with more than 1,000 seats -> in this case criteria vii., and viii. cannot be calculated for the main court
x.	x points	Digital scoreboards on courts → showing time, teams and score and clearly visible to teams and spectators → 5 points per scoreboard*
xi.	x points	LED scoreboards on courts: showing time, teams and score and clearly visible to teams and spectators → 20 points per scoreboard*
xii.	15 points	Floodlighting used for night matches (min. 1,000 LUX) – only counted, in case matches were played with floodlights
xiii.	x points	Catch nets behind the goals → 5 points per court *

2.8. Tournament Organization

xiv.	x points	Number of match days: 1 point per day. Starting on the first day; not including youth tournaments; a maximum of 5 points.
xv.	x points	Prize money in total: € 0 – 250 → 0 points, € 251 – 999 → 5 points, € 1.000 – 1.999 → 10 points, € 2.000 – 2.999 → 15 points, more than € 3.000 → 20 points. The points are defined by the sum of the prize money for women and men. The money shall only be paid by bank transfer within three 3 days after the tournament and proof of payment shall be submitted to the EHF Head Delegate. No vouchers are accepted in exchange.
xvi.	10 points	Kids day/animation programme during the tournament (minimum one day) *
xvii.	5 points	Wi-fi access points for the teams and officials free of charge
xviii.	5 points	Audio system and music during the whole tournament period
xix.	5 points	DJ and speaker presented during the whole tournament period
xx.	5 points	Two (2) referees officiating in each match
xxi.	10 points	Fan entertainment at least on the final day *
xxii.	10 points	Drinking water by refilling station in terms of sustainability for the whole tournament period *

2.9. Youth tournaments

xxiii.	10 points	Mini beach handball activities: A minimum of four (4) youth teams in total need to be participating in the age category of U10 or younger for mini beach handball. For detailed information see Enclosure 3.
xxiv.	10 points	Ultimate beach handball activities: A minimum of four (4) youth teams in total need to be participating in the age category of U12 for ultimate beach handball. Enclosure 3.
xxv.	x points	Youth tournaments → 5 points per age category (U18, U16, U14). A minimum of four (4) youth teams in total need to be participating per age category.
xxvi.	20 points	Ambassador present in the framework of youth tournaments. The ambassador and the activity must be presented (enclosure 4 – *Explanation of ambassador's presence at ebt tournaments*) to the EHF Office no later than fourteen (14) days before the tournament. The ambassador must be confirmed by EHF.

2.10. Media Coverage and Broadcasting

xxvii.	15 points	Live-ticker -> The URL need to be submitted to the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com and the Head Delegate) fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the tournament. Additionally: 5 points for any additional court with live ticker. *
xxviii.	10 points	Live-streaming with one (1) camera / court for the whole competition(s) -> the URL need to be submitted to the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com and the Head Delegate) fourteen (14) days before the tournament. *
xxix.	20 points	Live-streaming with two (2) camera / court for the whole competition(s) -> the URL need to be submitted to the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com and the Head Delegate) fourteen (14) days before the tournament. *
xxx.	10 points	Commentator in regional language in the live-streaming at least 3 matches / day, with a mandatory commentating in the final matches (men's & women's competitions). For detailed information see Enclosure 2.
xxxi.	20 points	Commentator in English language in the live-streaming at least 3 matches /

		day, with a mandatory commentating on the final matches (men's & women's competitions). For detailed information see Enclosure 2.
xxxii.	20 points	Live TV transmission at least in the final games (men's and women's competition). Information about the live channel, time and screenshots of the transmission shall be provided to the EHF Delegate during the tournament.
xxxiii.	5 points	Ensures the professional quality, provides content for EHF without watermark. Guidelines available in Enclosure 5 point 1.

2.11. EHF Officials

xxxiv.	20 points	EHF Beach Handball Referee from abroad[1] nominated and present; for each additional EHF Beach Handball Referee from abroad nominated and present: 10 points
	10 points	EHF Beach Handball Referee from the host country[2] nominated and present; 5 points for an additional EHF Beach Handball Referee from the host country nominated and present.
xxxv.	20 points	EHF Beach Handball Delegate from abroad[3] nominated and present; for each additional EHF Beach Handball Delegate from abroad nominated and present: 10 points
xxxvi.	10 points	EHF Beach Handball Delegate from the host country[4] nominated and present, 5 points for an additional EHF Beach Handball Delegate from the host country nominated and present.

2.12. **The following criteria are obligatory for each tournament**:

- Competition according to the IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball
- A minimum game / tournament must be guaranteed for each participating team

[1] i.e. not identical nationality as the hosting ebt tournament's

[2] i.e. identical nationality as the hosting ebt tournament's

[3] i.e. not identical nationality as the hosting ebt tournament's

[4] i.e. identical nationality as the hosting ebt tournament's

- One (1) day long tournament – at least three (3) games
- Two (2) days long tournament – at least four (4) games (additionally, at least one game on the final day)
- Three (3) days long tournament – at least six (6) games (additionally, at least one game on the final day)
- Four (4) days long tournament – at least eight (8) games (additionally, at least one game on the final day)

These figures apply to the teams that reach the semi-finals. The overall idea and purpose of the rule is to guarantee the proper number of games for each participating team.

- Free water for the teams
- Upon request by the EHF Office pictures for the promotion of the respective tournament and the ebt season must be provided free of charge. The EHF credits the photographers, but the photos must be provided to the EHF without a watermark.
- The ebt logo (provided by EHF) must be included in all official event communications with teams and on all promotional material.
- The ebt flag and the EHF Beach Handball flag (provided by EHF) must be displayed in a prominent place at the venue. The Delegate is responsible for certifying in the reporting document that all mandatory elements are used during the tournament.
- BH Match report provided by EHF
- ebt_facebook_851x315 provided by EHF
- Template for revealing the groups and the match schedule on social media provided by EHF
- Provided poster and flyer template for the event that they can personalized with their logos/elements
- Live-stream graphics for streaming (when available)

EHF Officials

2.13. EHF Beach Handball Referees nominated shall be accommodated in double rooms, the appointed EHF Delegate/National observer in a single room.

2.14. The daily allowance of €60 per day (travel day included) must be paid to EHF Referees and EHF Delegates nominated. In case the payment is not done, the respective points per official will be deducted. The payment has to be done only via bank transfer three (3) days after the end of the tournament at the latest.

2.15. Tournaments above 350 ebt points must nominate at least one EHF Beach Handball Referee pair from abroad.

2.16. National observers may be nominated to tournaments not exceeding 200 ebt points.

2.17. For tournaments with more than 400 provisional points, the EHF reserves the right to nominate the Head Delegate.

2.18. Nominated EHF Officials must be physically present during the tournament as follows:

a. One (1) day long tournament – at least half day of the tournament
b. Two (2) days long tournament – at least one (1) day of the tournament
c. Three (3) days long tournament – at least two (2) days of the tournament
d. Four (4) days long tournament – at least three (3) days of the tournament

except the Head Delegate. The Head Delegate must be present for the whole tournament period, from the beginning until the end of the tournament.

2.19. EHF Beach Handball Officials must officiate a minimum number of matches as follows:

a. One (1) day long tournament – at least three (3) games
b. Two (2) days long tournament – at least four (4) games
c. Three (3) days long tournament – at least six (6) games
d. Four (4) days long tournament – at least eight (8) games

2.20. The EHF Beach Handball Referees and Delegates have to confirm their participation via the EHF Family portal and points will only be awarded if the nomination is confirmed. In case of any changes (cancellations, etc.) the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) shall be informed immediately. To avoid any delays, it's strongly recommended to contact the EHF Officials (see

the definition in the EHF Legal Regulations) before adding them to the tournament in order to get their confirmation. If the EHF Officials do not confirm the nomination in two weeks, the nomination will be deleted after the reminder by the EHF Office.

2.21. Declaration signed by authorized persons (provided by EHF) conveying the following:

a. Arrival / Departure Day
b. Matches have been officiated
c. Received the €60 daily allowance

Organiser's Points

2.22. All teams, which compete in an EHF approved ebt tournament and finish in the top half (50% of all participating teams), gain organiser points.

2.23. The EHF, according to the quality of the tournament, awards the organiser points. The organiser points will be added to the ranking points of the teams, finishing in the top half.

2.24. **Example:** If the organiser has artificial lighting (15 points), 2 referees per match (5 points), an Audio system and music during the tournament (5 points), and live-ticker on one court (15 points), the EHF will award 45 points as organiser points.

Important: In case the conditions of the tournament do not comply with the information provided on the ebt website, the number of points has to be changed accordingly after the tournament. The organiser has both the right and duty to inform and request the EHF Office to adapt the tournament criteria (e.g. organiser points) prior to the tournament if any change occurs after the EHF's approval.

2.25. **Example:** If the organiser gets 60 organiser points, because he planned to have artificial lighting during matches played at night, but failed to provide it, the organiser points have to be reduced from 60 to 45 points accordingly.

2.26. The calculation of the organiser points follows a 2-way strategy.

2.27. The criteria

- Number of participating ebt teams in women's competition
- Live-streaming with one (1) camera

Can be chosen as tournament criteria but the respective points will only be added to the final organiser points after the respective information is provided to and checked by the ebt observer and the EHF Office.

2.28. Meanwhile, the points for the two above-mentioned criteria will be shown as possible "bonus points" in case they were selected by the organiser.

2.29. The EHF has the right to request an explanation from organisers of tournaments that show a big difference regarding the organiser points prior to and after the tournament.

2.30. In the event of unsatisfactory responses, the EHF reserves the right and in cases where 25% or more of the organiser points have not been fulfilled, is obliged to initiate legal proceedings. This specifically applies when a significant number of organiser-points are promised without genuine intent to meet the stipulated requirements. Such proceedings will result in financial penalties (up to €3000) and could have implications for the organiser's future eligibility to host EHF events.

2.31. It is the responsibility of the organisers to fulfil the criteria as announced via the EHFamily. Any changes prior to the tournament must be communicated to the EHF Office immediately.

2.32. Organiser points can only be awarded to the teams if the respective criteria are fulfilled.

2.33. Each Head Delegate must send an obligatory written report with details and photos a proof of the tournament criteria (e.g. organiser points) within three (3) days after the end of the tournament. The report should also contain the list of the EHF Officials who attended the event, and the list of players per team (first name, last name, nation, birth date) who attended

the tournament, as attachments. The approved results and final organiser points will only be published on the ebt website after the Head Delegate's report is received and checked by the EHF Office.

2.34. An official warning will be issued to the Head Delegate in case of first violation of the 3 days of time limit to share the written report with the EHF Office. Should a second violation occur, the Delegate will be suspended from the EHF Officials list in the current season, therefore she/he cannot be nominated for any other ebt tournament for the current season and will be reactivated only in the following season 2027/28. No exception of the mentioned deadline will be accepted.

III. DRAW

3.1. The draw of the groups at an ebt tournament shall follow the ebt ranking of the previous season, e.g.

3.2. ebt ranking current year

1. Team A
2. Team B
3. Team C
4. Team D

3.3. Draw for ebt tournament in case of 2 groups:

Group A:	**Group B:**
Team A	Team B
Team D	Team C
etc.	etc.

3.4. The correct draw shall be presented to the ebt observer prior to the tournament for his/her confirmation. In case of doubt, the ebt observer may contact the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) for further clarification.

3.5. Foreign teams must be equally divided into different groups after following the draw rules.

IV. DATA EVIDENCE

The delegation list of all participating teams must be made available to the EHF upon request (including the following information: first name, last name, nation, birth date). Moreover, all match reports of ebt matches shall contain the full names of the participating players.

V. INTERVENTION BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

National Federations should have the right to intervene. If a National Federation decides to intervene in order to request the cancelation of a tournament, already registered on the ebt website, it has to provide a written letter giving appropriate reasons for the cancelation to the EHF Office, upon knowledge of the underlying reason, before the start of the tournament. The final decision will be made by the EHF Office.

VI. FINANCIAL CLARIFICATIONS

6.1. Organisers are entitled to ask for pre-payments to avoid late withdrawal by teams.

6.2. Prize money (if announced) has to be paid only via bank transfer within three (3) days after the end of tournament. A proof of payment needs to be sent to the Head Delegate in order to confirm the organiser points.

VII. TEAMS

7.1. A team is a selection of players, playing under the same brand. The brand is the email address, which is managed by the team manager. This person may compete with his team and several players in different tournaments.

7.2. Important: each team manager is allowed to enter only one team per gender (max. one men's and one women's team). They are solely responsible, in the spirit of fair play, to be involved as manager for only one team. Protests will be granted in case the intent to mislead is proven.

7.3. Each team must register via the EHFamily (https://beach.eurohandball.com/ebt/be-part/play-the-tour/) at the start of the ebt season, but not later than 7 days before the start of the competing ebt. Teams not fulfilling this requirement will not receive the respective ebt points after late registration. No exceptions are accepted.

7.4. Important: there is no limitation of the number of players. The players do not need to have the citizenship of the country for which they play. But every player shall play during one tournament only for one team. In the spirit of fair play, the managers of the teams shall control this rule. This rule also applies to ebt Finals.

7.5. Before the start of the tournament, the ebt teams need to share the list of players with the Head Delegate (the players' first name, last name, nation, and date of birth).

7.6. A registered ebt team is not allowed to change its name during the ebt season in progress (name extensions e.g. "origin team name + sponsor" is possible). The official ebt team name must be clearly communicated to the organiser to allow a correct ranking. A published ranking cannot be changed due to change of team names during or after the season.

7.7. One ebt team can only take part in one tournament at the same time.

7.8. Remark: if an organiser does not follow the ebt season Regulations, the teams have the right to demand compliance from the organiser.

7.9. In case of not being able to participate in an ebt tournament although already registered the organiser has to be informed immediately.

7.10. Please pay attention to the players' insurance. Each team is responsible for their own insurance. The EHF and the National Handball Federations shall not be held liable for any costs, loss or other damages suffered by the players or the club due to injuries prior to, during and after the ebt tournament.

7.11. National Federation has the right to intervene and withdraw an ebt team from the current season. Upon to request the National Federation has to provide a written letter giving appropriate reasons for the cancelation to the EHF Office. The final decision will be made by the EHF Office.

Placement Points

7.12. The principle is to award only the top 50% of the participants of an ebt tournament with placement and organisers' points. In case of an odd number of teams participating, it must be rounded down (for instance, with 19 participating teams, the first 9 places get points.)

Example 1: *If a tournament consists of 20 participating teams and the tournament has a total of 100 organisers' points, the ranking will be as follows:*

Place of the final ranking	Achievement points	Organisers' points	Total
1	100	100	200
2	90	95	185
3	80	90	170
4	70	85	155
5	60	80	140
6	50	75	125
7	40	70	110
8	30	65	95
9	20	60	80
10	10	55	65
11	0	0	0
12	0	0	0
13	0	0	0
14	0	0	0
15	0	0	0
16	0	0	0
17	0	0	0
18	0	0	0
19	0	0	0
20	0	0	0

1st place: 100 placement points + (100 organisation points * 20/20) = 200
2nd place : 90 placement points + (100 organisation points * 19/20) = 185
3rd place : 80 placement points + (100 organisation points * 18/20) = 170
4th place : 70 placement points + (100 organisation points * 17/20) = 155
5th place : 60 placement points + (100 organisation points * 16/20) = 140
6th place : 50 placement points + (100 organisation points * 15/20) = 125
7th place : 40 placement points + (100 organisation points * 14/20) = 110
8th place : 30 placement points + (100 organisation points * 13/20) = 95
9th place : 20 placement points + (100 organisation points * 12/20) = 80
10th place : 10 placement points + (100 organisation points * 11/20) = 65

Example 2: *If a tournament consists of 9 participating teams and the tournament has a total of 45 organisers' points, the ranking will be as follows:*

Place of the final ranking	Achievement points	Organisers' points	Total
1	40	45	85
2	30	40	70
3	20	35	55
4	10	30	40
5	0	0	0
6	0	0	0
7	0	0	0
8	0	0	0
9	0	0	0

1st place: 40 placement points + (45 organisation points * 9/9) = 85
2nd place : 30 placement points + (45 organisation points * 8/9) = 70
3rd place : 20 placement points + (45 organisation points * 7/9) = 55
4th place : 10 placement points + (45 organisation points * 6/9) = 40

VIII. EBT OBSERVER

8.1. The following persons are allowed to be ebt observer:

- EHF Beach Handball Delegates
- National observers who are nominated by their respective National Federation. The nomination of National observers is done directly by the respective Federation in case of need. Only National observers from the host country can be nominated.
- In case of the presence of national observers and EHF Delegates at the same tournament, the Head Delegate of the tournament must be chosen among the EHF Delegates.
- In case an ebt observer or Beach Handball Delegate fails to appear or fails to fulfil their duties, a beach handball referee already present can take over the tasks. In case no beach handball referee is present at the tournament, an EHF Beach Handball Commission member, a Beach

Handball Delegate, an EHF Beach Handball Referee, a Beach Handball observer or an EHF Office member can fulfil the tasks.

8.2. The nomination of an official ebt observer (EHF Delegate or national observer) is obligatory for registering as an ebt tournament. Only after the confirmation of the nominated ebt observer the respective tournament will be published on the ebt website.

8.3. In case of a late cancellation or no show upon the start of the tournament the EHF Office shall be contacted immediately (ebt@eurohandball.com) in order to find a solution – if possible.

Tasks and Duties

8.4. The ebt observer shall check the tournament criteria, check the draw of groups according to the ebt final ranking of the previous season and enter the ranking of the tournament via the EHFamily portal. The observer therefore has to check the given criteria carefully and change the selected criteria, if necessary. Furthermore, the ebt observer has to enter the complete tournament ranking to the system. The criteria check and ranking has to be provided three (3) days after the tournament at the latest. The ebt observer shall take a sufficient number of photos proving the realisation of the given tournament criteria and shall save these photos for one season. The photos shall be provided to the EHF together with the obligatory report in the dedicated form after each tournament.

8.5. The ebt observer has to confirm the nomination to the organiser and the EHF Office as soon as possible (confirmation only via the EHFamily portal). If not being able to accept the nomination both (organiser and EHF Office) shall be contacted immediately.

8.6. In case of technical problems before or after the tournament the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) must be contacted immediately in order to avoid any delay in publishing the ranking.

8.7. The organiser is obliged to provide the ebt observer with any information needed to prove the given criteria. Furthermore, the organiser has to provide the complete ranking to the ebt

observer. Any violation of these tasks of the organiser shall be reported and might lead to a ban for the tournament organiser.

8.8. The ebt observer is not allowed to be involved in the tournament in any other function (players, team officials, volunteers, co-organisers). The ebt observer has to be present from the first to the last day of the tournament. All EHF Officials involved in ebt tournaments are not allowed to have any other function (players, team officials, volunteers, co-organisers) in the same tournament. In case this happens, the respective points will be deducted automatically from the organiser points and sanctions may be imposed.

8.9. National observers/EHF Beach Handball Delegates present without any clear assignment, or failing to fulfil their duties, will be reported and a respective proceeding will be initiated in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations, if necessary.

IX. LEGAL PROCEDURES – PROTESTS/DISCIPLINARY

EHF Legal Regulations

9.1. 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 organisers, teams, delegations, individuals and/or EHF Officials during the ebt season unless stipulated otherwise in the present chapter.

9.2. By registering as an ebt team, the team manager and players agree to follow the decisions made by the EHF legal bodies and the European Handball Court of Arbitration.

9.3. By registering an ebt tournament, the organiser agrees to follow the decisions made by the EHF legal bodies and the European Handball Court of Arbitration.

Competent Bodies

9.4. Under the provisions defined in the present chapter, the EHF legal bodies (i.e. Court of Handball in first instance and Court of Appeal in second instance) and the European Handball Court of Arbitration 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 season.

Regulations Infringements/Disciplinary Matters

9.5. Delegation members (including players and team officials) and EHF Officials agree to comply with the present ebt season 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 season and Finals and bring the sport of beach handball into disrepute
- refrain from anti-doping violations as defined in the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping

9.6. ebt observers must report disciplinary cases to the EHF.

9.7. The EHF may request the opening of disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the abovementioned regulations as regards any cheating or misbehaviour by organisers or teams. The same holds true for the acting/decisions of ebt observers.

9.8. The carrying out of legal/disciplinary proceedings is independent of any reporting obligations.

Protests

9.9. Protests against the ranking and criteria of an ebt tournament can only be made within ten (10) days after the ranking has been published.

9.10. Protests during an ebt tournament on a match already played have to be dealt by the respective organiser following the official regulations of the tournament.

Cancellation

9.11. Organisers cancelling the organisation of an ebt tournament after the registration and the publishing on the ebt website, will be responsible for any economic loss (e.g.: flight/train tickets, hotel bookings etc.) of participants already registered at the moment of cancellation.

9.12. A two (2) year ban may be imposed on any organiser cancelling their tournament due to national Federation interference or if a banned organiser is trying to organise another tournament under different name.

European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)

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

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

Exclusion of Liability

9.15. 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 season.

X. FINAL TOURNAMENT

10.1. Teams qualify by good performance (the best 3 results) for the EHF approved final tournament of the European Beach Tour. This final tournament will take place in the middle of the following European Beach Tour season.

10.2. In case of more teams with the same points, the ranking will be fixed through evaluation of the best ranking positions in the three (3) tournaments examined.

10.3. In case of having the same points in the ranking teams achieved the highest number of points at a tournament will qualify to the ebt Finals.

10.4. The EHF determines the organiser of the final tournament. All tournament organisers from the respective season and National Federations are eligible to apply for the right to organise the ebt Finals as defined in the ebt Finals Regulations ("ebt Finals").

10.5. The results of the tour are fixed at beginning of October, the organiser for the ebt Finals will be confirmed in November. The EHF nominates the participating teams for the final tournament according to the ranking list with priority given to one team per nation.

Participation Criteria for the ebt Finals

10.6. 16 men's and 16 women's teams.

10.7. Conditions: the first 14 nations are eligible to play. If the first ranked team of a nation does not use its participation right, the second (third, ...) ranked team of this nation, which has sent its registration will be selected. If less than 14 different nations apply, the next ranked team (according to the ebt ranking) of any nation that provided a registration for the ebt Finals will be selected. In any case, one nation cannot have more than 3 participants in the tournament, even considering the defending champions and the wildcard for the organiser.

10.8. One wildcard team in both the men's and women's competitions are designated to the organiser.

10.9. Defending champions of the previous ebt Finals (if registered for the current ebt season) are automatically qualified but need to register within the given deadline.

10.10. All teams, which qualified for the ebt Finals, will have to pay a participation fee, when registering to ensure their participation in the final tournament.

2.6. Teams

ii. 5 points Number of each participating nations

The number of participating nations is counted.

Example:

An ebt tournament in Austria hosting women's and men's competitions.

The following teams are participating:

	MEN'S COMPETITION	WOMEN'S COMPETITION
AUT ebt	• Austrian team • Italian team • German team	• Austrian team • German team

How to count:

Austrian teams: 5 points*

Italian team: 5 points

German team: 5 points*

TOTAL: 15 points

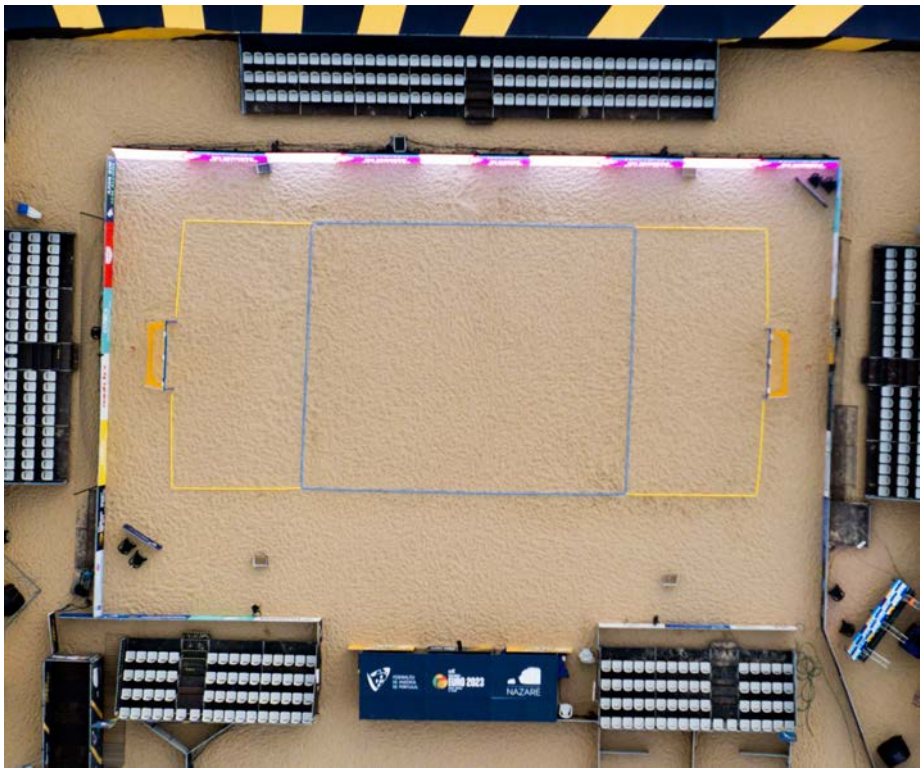
**Note a nation can only be counted once, even if it is listed in both gender's competitions.*

2.7. Court setup

iii. Second row of advertising boards (at least one long side)



iv. LED advertising boards (at least one long side)



v. Branded timetable banner

The front of timetable covered by advertising board with at least 2m width x 1 m height size. The organizer must be using the graphics provided by EHF and might add its own logo.



vi. Mixed zone with the installation of backdrops

With a minimum size of 2000mm width x 1400mm height. The organizer must use the branding material provided by EHF.



x. Digital scoreboards on courts: showing time, teams and score and clearly visible to teams and spectators.

Minimum requirements	
Size	At least 0,5m height x 1,35m width
Controlled	Remotely
Number size	At least 20 cm height
Indicates	Number of sets and playing time (counting from 0 to 100 up)
Beep	Automatic
Position	Elevated at least 1 m from the ground



xi. LED scoreboards on courts: showing time, teams and clearly visible to teams and spectators.

Minimum requirements	
Size	At least 0,5m height x 1,28m width
Controlled	Remotely
Number size	At least 20 cm height
Indicates	Number of sets and playing time (counting from 0 to 100 up)
Beep	Automatic
Position	Elevated at least 1 m from the ground
Resolution	256x192 px

Court

xiii. Catch nets behind the goals

Minimum requirements	
Mesh size	At least 10x10
Placement	Loosely suspended along the playing area
Fixation	The bottom end shall be attached to the adv. boards
Size	5m high x 10 m width

2.8. Tournament Organization

xvi. Kids Day/Animation programme during the tournament (minimum one day)

Example:

Activities for kids that provide fun and develop skills at the same time:

- Handicrafts
- Face painting
- Sport activities (not to be confused with mini/ultimate beach handball)

xxi. Fan entertainment at least on the final day

Example:

- Giveaway
- Speaker entertainment (interview)
- Half-time show (dance, concert, sport-related activities)

xxii. Drinking water by refilling station in terms of sustainability for the whole tournament period

Example:

- Water balloon
- Drinking tap
- Water refilling stations

2.10. Media Coverage and Broadcasting

xxvii. Live-ticker

Minimum requirements	
Mandatory elements	• Team's name • Set • Playing time (from 0 to 10) • Team time-out

	• Suspensions & disqualifications • ebt logo
Availability	• Whole tournament period

xxviii. Live-straming with one (1) camera

Minimum requirements	
Graphics	Provided by EHF
Mandatory elements	• Team's name • Set • Playing time (from 0 to 10) • Team time-out • Suspensions & disqualifications • ebt logo
Amount of cameras	• 1
Position of camera	• TV tower at least 1.5 meters elevated from the ground, middle of one long side
Streaming resolutions	• At least 480p. (standard)
Availability	• Whole tournament period

xxix. Live-streaming with two (2) cameras

Minimum requirements	
Graphics	Provided by EHF
Mandatory elements	• Team's name • Set • Playing time (from 0 to 10) • Team time-out • Suspensions & disqualifications • ebt logo
Amount of cameras	• 2
Position of camera	• 1 main camera on the TV tower at least 1.5 meters elevated from the ground, middle of one long side • 1 camera for close up
Streaming resolutions	• At least 480p. (standard)
Availability	• Whole tournament period

ENCLOSURE 2 – COMMENTARY GUIDELINES (XXXII; XXXIII)

This document provides the ebt commentators with quality requirements as well as dos and don'ts while covering the matches for the European Handball Federation.

Short introduction

The ebt commentators describe the action on the beach handball courts throughout the broadcasts on the tournament streaming / EHF channels. They are necessarily spontaneous or instantaneous in some respects. Many people consider sportscasting to be among the most glamourous jobs in the world. But a life in the sports broadcasters' booth or on the sideline takes more than the ability to dictate what's happening on the court.

The ebt commentator is the primary speaker on the broadcast. Commentators in this role are valued for their articulateness and for their ability to describe each play or event of an often fast-moving beach handball match. The beach handball spirit based on fair-play and the respect of the opponents, and the officials should be always emphasized and integral part of the commentators' behaviours.

Skills for the ebt commentator:

- **Voice and style:** The ebt commentator's most recognizable attributes are his voice and unique approach. He must be relaxed and comfortable with using microphones. He should have a distinctive style and the ability to talk fluidly and cleverly during times of action and inaction. The ebt commentator must be able to speak clearly and expressively, and not garble or slur. He/she must also be able to convey the facts, mood and feeling of the game without overburdening fans with too much detail, or commentating too much – let the game breath sometimes.
- **Quick thinking**: While most games follow a general path or routine, surprises can happen. These surprises can be a sudden turn in momentum from one team to the other, or sudden technical problems at the event area. The ability to think quickly and stay calm and professional when the unexpected happens is a valuable skill for the ebt commentator.

- Game knowledge: The ebt commentator must understand the sport, thoroughly know the rules of the game and be aware of trends and current events in the beach handball world.
- Emotions: The ebt commentator must be able to convey highs and lows of emotion that beach handball can produce. The commentator shapes what we feel about beach handball events. Flare and passion bring the game to life.

Types of information that can be used in a commentary:

- The players' sports background
- Former confrontations' results
- Competitions' schedule
- Recent and relevant beach handball news

Tips and tricks in order to provide fans with the best live stream commentary experience or DOs:

- Be neutral: The ebt commentators must not be seen as biased towards one team,
- Be authoritative: If you have an authoritative voice, people will listen and hang onto every word you say. Be strong, confident and engage the viewer.
- Prepare appropriately: You must prepare to commentate on both teams, not just the side you are familiar with. Having the right stats and knowledge of both teams means you will avoid a situation where your commentary sounds biased,
- Find your pace: sell and reflect the grandness of the event, be balanced, fair and independent.
- Know your teams and players: The ebt commentator must research the correct pronunciation of both teams' and players' names. This can often annoy viewers if delivered incorrectly.
- Remember Voice Control Pace: The faster you talk, the more exciting an event becomes. The deeper you talk, the more important an event becomes.
- Be credible: Develop credibility with the audience.
- Be fair play: Cover the game fairly and accurately while informing and entertaining the audience.
- Be an ambassador: always express the attractiveness of the sport.

- Put the spotlight on beach handball: focus on action and athleticism, not on femininity and appearance
- Be careful: commenting referee decisions is very sensitive, be careful how you phrase your comment
- Connect with audience: Use shared beach handball language and share their passion for the sport

DON'Ts:

- Never mock players and coaches
- Never objectify and eroticize players or supporters in the stands
- Don't always assume the viewer knows the score, or the time, it's nice to hear how long has been played and what the score is
- Avoid usage of "of course". Do not assume what the audience knows. i.e., "Of course, HIR-SAT won the ebt Finals last year."

Countries & nationalities

- It is always North Macedonia and not Macedonia or FYR Macedonia
- Players, coaches, fans are Macedonian not North Macedonian
- It is always Czechia and not Czech Republic
- Use Serbians, Croatians and Bosnians for players, coaches & fans' nationalities and not Serbs, Croats and Bosniaks (ethnicity)
- A full list of countries and nationalities is available in the EHF Style Guide
- Racism: The EHF encourages friendship and mutual understanding among members, does not discriminate on the basis of politics, race, or religion, and rejects any illegitimate practices in sports. In case racist incidents happen in the stands, the commentator is entitled to clearly condemn those and say that anything like this has no place in handball. He/she can also mention that the European Handball Federation initiates legal procedures based on the report of the match Delegate.

Beach Handball Glossary of Terms and Expressions

The specific terminology used in beach handball, naming conventions within the EHF and its competitions and also tips on the correct use of grammar and punctuation. Our hope is that this guide will also help with uncertainties regarding the use of particular words or terminology during your ebt commentaries.

https://beach.eurohandball.com/education-teaching/beach-handball-glossary/

ENCLOSURE 3 – DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN MINI AND ULTIMATE BEACH HANDBALL

	MINI BEACH HANDBALL	ULTIMATE BEACH HANDBALL
AGE CATEGORY	U10 or lower	U12 or U11
GENDER	Can be mixed	
COURT MEASUREMENTS	12 x 8 m	15 x 12 m
GOAL AREA	5 x 12 m	6 x 12 m
PENALTY LINE	max. 5 m from the imaginary goal line	6 m from the imaginary goal line
BALL	Grippy methodic ball (e.g. GOALCHA streetball)	Size 0
PLAYING TIME	2 sets (5 minutes/set) + shootout	2 sets (7 minutes/set) + shootout
SCORING SYSTEM	If a team wins: • 2 sets + shoot out = 2:0 • 1 set + shoot out = 2:1 • 2 sets and loses shoot out = 2:1	
2 POINTS	All spectacular throws: • Spin shot, every successful attempt (shall be flexible with 360) • In-flight, catching the ball is not necessary • Penalty goals • Frog-jump goals • Behind-the-back goals • Coast-to-coast goals	• Spin shot (shall be flexible with 360, but takeoff with both legs is necessary) • In-flight, catching the ball is not necessary • Goalkeeper's / specialist's goal • Penalty goals
FIELD PLAYERS + GOALKEEPER/SPECIALIST	4 against 4 Goalkeeper/Specialist not marked One player is allowed to enter their own goal area	4 against 4 2 players in each team are marked and they act as a goalkeeper **AND** specialist (only one on the field) Only the marked player is allowed to enter their own goal area
SUBSTITUTION	If a team scores a goal, all four players must substitute	If a team scores a goal or loses possession of the ball, all four players must substitute

	If a team consists for example just of 7 seven Players, only three players have to substitute	The marked player is only allowed to substitute with the other marked player
SHOOT OUT	• Mandatory in each game • All players must throw • The ball can touch the sand once (before or after the catch) • The passing player is allowed to start the action on the goal area line	• Mandatory in each game • All players must throw • The ball **cannot** touch the sand • The passing player starts the action in the goal area (must not stand on the goal line)
SUBSTITUTION	After scoring all 4 players of the scoring team must be substituted	After scoring **or losing** the ball all 4 players must be substituted as well as the specialist
AIM	Learn to: • Exploring the play on the sand • Learning the game idea: Scoring points and reconquering the ball as a team • Defending without body contact • Playing fast, creatively, and ingeniously • Preparing for the complex shooting actions and substitution tactics • Becoming familiar with the scoring system and shoot-out	Learn to: • Learning the different game functions of players (field player vs. specialist and goalkeeper) • Defending without body contact • Playing fast, creatively, and ingeniously • Preparing for the complex shooting actions and substitution tactics • Becoming familiar with the scoring system and shoot-out • Playing with first collective tactical principles (e. g. using space, playing with positions)

ENCLOSURE 4 – EXPLANATION OF AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE AT EBT TOURNAMENTS

The purpose of this activity is to raise awareness of beach handball and promote the sport to children and fans. It is a must to create intellectual curiosity among the spectators and youth players by approaching and reaching them out with the right content.

A huge benefit can be inviting ambassadors to the youth tournament for an activity to make the kids interested in beach handball.

Once it comes to include ambassador within the framework of youth tournament, you may ask to provide the following information to the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) fourteen (14) days prior to the tournament. The ambassador must be confirmed by EHF after the ebt organiser's application.

- ebt tournament's name
- ebt tournament's date and venue
- Youth tournament's date and age categories
- ambassador
    - Name
    - Age
    - Email address and phone number
    - Instagram account (if any)
    - Beach handball and handball (if any) background

      Ambassador's testimonial (2-3 sentences) of beach handball could be shared on EHF Beach Handball social media channels
    - picture
- Beach handball activity to be explained

ENCLOSURE 5 – SOCIAL MEDIA RECOMMENDATIONS

All participating tournament organisers are invited to share content from their respective events to support the promotion of the European Beach Tour 2025/26 on the EHF's social media channels.

Photos

We invite you to share high-resolution photos of the tournament matches. The gallery can include:

- Action shots of players during matches (both offensive and defensive plays)
- Close-up shots of standout individual players
- Winners' group photos
- Awarding ceremony
- Fans
- Venue

You can upload photos directly to the link provided below:

UPLOAD LINK

Highlight videos

If you have any video content that captures attractive play, feel free to share it with us, using the same upload link. Those kinds of videos could help us to create engaging social media content and promote EBT. See the examples below:

- In-flight goal
- 360° and 720° goals
- Defensive plays (blocks, saves and interceptions)
- Match-winning moments
- Winning team celebrations

These clips could be between 10 and 30 seconds long. If you are delivering videos, please try to ensure that the video resolution is at least 1080p HD for optimal viewing quality.

UPLOAD LINK

Once you have uploaded photos and/or videos, please send a quick message to ebt@eurohandball.com and additionally to brencic@eurohandball.com and/or vegas@eurohandball.com so that we are aware.

Please note that we try and use as much content as possible, however, the final decision rests with the EHF.

Instagram collaborations: Stories and reels

All clubs are welcome to collaborate with the official EHF Beach Handball Instagram account @ehfbeachhandball. If you have captured exciting moments during the match, winning celebrations or behind-the-scenes footage of the teams' preparing or travelling and would like to share them with the beach handball community, we invite you to send requests for collaboration posts or tag @ehfbeachhandball in Stories.

For any questions regarding our social media coverage, please DM us on Instagram or send an email to brencic@eurohandball.com and/or vegas@eurohandball.com.

ENCLOSURE 6 – EVENT SUSTAINABILITY

For all EHF events emphasis shall be also laid on the sustainability of the Event. Conserving energy, reducing waste, purchasing local products, and simply consuming less can all result in money saved. Despite a partly higher investment of resources (financial or human) to research new systems or invest in new tools, applying sustainability principles can result in immediate savings (for example by printing less material and having less waste to collect). They can also have long-term financial benefits, due to a more efficient use of resources. Promoting the fact that the Organising Committee is hosting a sustainable EHF Beach Handball EURO will raise the profile of the Event, attract partners as well as sponsors that are becoming increasingly aware of sustainability issues. In addition, hosting a sustainable Event will potentially engage the attention of the public and media.

A sustainable event balances environmental, economic and social responsibility as follows: • Environmental responsibilities such as low-emission transport and mobility, waste reduction (especially food and plastic waste), reuse and recycling, water and energy efficiency, exclusion of dangerous and hazardous substances and material, etc. • Economic responsibilities such as savings through increased efficiency, avoidance of corruption, sensible and transparent public procurement, quality of goods, boosting innovation, job creation, profitability, responsible accounting, etc. • Social responsibilities such as fair use of human resources, a healthy and safe workplace for all involved, respecting human rights, complying with international labour rights standards, the inclusion of minorities, respecting diversity, sensitivity to cultural or religious groups encouraging the involvement of the local community, sourcing goods and services locally and employing local people, etc.

The list below represents criteria for the sustainability of an EHF Event. While complying with them will not ensure that the event is completely sustainable, they represent a method of internally benchmarking the sustainability of the event so as to make future EHF Beach Handball EUROs consistently more sustainable. Any initiative and addition to these criteria is highly appreciated and will be promoted.

Based on the abovementioned, an event can be called “sustainable”, only if all the following criteria have been fulfilled:

1. Efforts are made to reduce event-related emissions of greenhouse gases

2. Procedures are implemented to reduce the consumption of water, energy, materials and other resources

3. Measures are in place to reduce the generation of waste and to reuse, recycle and/or repurpose unavoidable waste (e.g. food-waste)

4. When purchasing goods and services for the event, the environmental and social impacts of their lifecycle are included in the purchasing decision

5. Social and environmental principles are applied throughout the implementation of the event, to reduce damage to the environment and to ensure accessibility, inclusion and well-being of all participants and staff

6. Measures are taken to foster economic, social and environmental benefits for the local community, and minimise disruption

7. Efforts are made to increase awareness of, inform and involve relevant stakeholders, in order to comply with and support the principles stated above

8. A monitoring and reporting system is put in place that allows for the communication, assessment and evaluation of sustainable event processes, initiatives and results