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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Scope of Application

The present EHF Beach Handball CHAMPIONSHIP Regulations (“Beach Handball Championship 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 Championship 2026

The competition (including both categories) is hereinafter also referred to as “Beach Handball Championship” (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 Handball Championship Regulations. The Beach Handball Championship Regulations shall apply exclusively to any queries or issues that may arise and are not explicitly addressed in the present Championship 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

Right of Participation – Basis for Entries

- 2.1. The Beach Handball Championship 2026 shall be composed of the teams duly registered within the official registration period established by the EHF for this event.
- 2.2. The basis for all entries is the EHF Beach Handball Championship Regulations together with the applicable information for the Beach Handball Championship.

Registration

- 2.3. All entries for the Beach Handball Championship 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 their acceptance of applicable conditions and regulations for the Beach Handball Championship, duly signed. Concurrently, the registration fee in the amount of €530 (five hundred and thirty euros) per team and a participation deposit of €2,130 (two thousand one hundred and thirty euros) for each category (to be used as a security deposit) will be debited from the respective National Federation's account.

Draw

Preliminary Round

- 2.4. Reliant on 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 as defined by the ranking.

Final Round

- 2.5. Based on the results of the preliminary round, a final round will be played in both categories. The playing schedule for the Beach Handball Championship will be published once the number of participating teams are confirmed.

Withdrawal, Failure to Compete

- 2.6. In any case of withdrawal or failure to compete, the entry fee shall be forfeited, and sanctions shall be imposed in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations and the EHF List of Penalties.
- 2.7. In case of withdrawal before the Beach Handball Championship, the first substitute team will take the place of the withdrawing team.
- 2.8. 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.

Qualification for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027

- 2.9. MEN's teams ranked first (1st) to eighth (8th) of the EHF BH Championship 2026 are directly qualified for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027, if the host for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027 is already among these teams.
- 2.10. MEN's teams ranked first (1st) to seventh (7th) of the EHF BH Championship 2026 are directly qualified for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027, if the host for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027 is not among these teams.
- 2.11. WOMEN's teams ranked first (1st) to nine (9th) of the EHF BH Championship 2026 are directly qualified for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027, if the host for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027 is already among these teams.
- 2.12. WOMEN's teams ranked first (1st) to eighth (8th) of the EHF BH Championship 2026 are directly qualified for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027, if the host for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2027 is not among these teams.

Rhythm and Dates

2.13. The Beach Handball Championship shall be organised as a professional sport event with an emphasis on the principle of fair play.

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2.15. Playing schedules are fixed for both categories after the number of participating teams has been determined.

Medals and Prize Money

2.16. Winners (places 1 to 3)

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

2.17. 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.

2.18. 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.

2.19. Participants

All below ranked teams as well as the appointed EHF Officials, Referees and Members of the organising committee shall receive commemorative medals.

2.20. EHF Office

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

III. ORGANISATION

Application for Organisation

- 3.1. Upon request of the EHF, all EHF Member Federations are invited to apply as organiser of the Beach Handball Championship. All applications shall be based on the applicable regulations and must include the bid documents for the Beach Handball Championship.
- 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 rights to the respective Beach Handball Championship. The organisation framework and accompanying activities that maximise the efforts of event promotion are to be regarded as important criteria for being awarded with the organisation of the Beach Handball Championship.

Venues

- 3.4. After the awarding of the organisation rights to the Beach Handball Championship 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.

IV. FINANCES

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 Handball Championship 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 number of days is calculated from 12pm (noon) on the day of arrival at the venue, which can be no earlier than the day prior to the first match day, to 12pm (noon) on the day of departure, which can be no later than the day after to the last match day. The day of arrival and departure are calculated as one (1) day for 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 Handball Championship and/or leave after the event within a few days before/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 Handball Championship 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 the 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 Handball Championship 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 (€100 per person per day including travel days), match day compensation for referees and delegates (€50 per person per match day), 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. The 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 policy that covers the entire duration of the Event (including the set-up and dismantling period).

Costs to be borne by the EHF

- 4.17. The Champions plates for both categories will be provided by the EHF.
- 4.18. The costs associated with the EHF internal preparation and organisation.
- 4.19. The costs for materials provided by the EHF such as playing balls, line systems and goals.

Event Concept

- 4.20. The Beach Handball Championship shall be organised as a top competitive event framed by various 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 Handball Championship.

V. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 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 Handball Championship.
- 5.2. The EHF holds all international audio-visual rights for the Beach Handball Championship.
- 5.3. The advertising rights are exclusively held by the EHF.
- 5.4. Advertising rights for the shirts of referees and multimedia rights for the Beach Handball Championship are entirely with the EHF.
- 5.5. The EHF is granted the permission to utilize already existing television footage, free of cost, for creating and airing a magazine/programme at a future date, under the utilization of secondary rights.

Guarantees by the National Federation/Organiser

- 5.6. The organiser guarantees the obligatory live streaming of all matches from all courts (conforming to the minimum requirements already shared in the bid documents).

Video Recordings

- 5.7. Pending express request and authorisation by 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 will 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.
- 5.8. 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.

5.9. During the Beach Handball Championship, the organiser shall provide the EHF, free of charge, with video recordings of all matches within the end of each tournament day.

5.10. After the conclusion of the Beach Handball Championship, the organiser shall provide the EHF, free of charge, with video recordings of all matches on a hard disc.

VI. PARTICIPATING PERSONS

Players (Entries and Active Participation)

Beach Handball Championship Entries

- 6.1. The National Federation must add on EHFfamily the preliminary delegation list twenty-one (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. All conventions concerning completion (how the date is written, etc.) must be adhered to.
- 6.2. The final squad list for up to 14 players and 6 officials (function to be stated) must be added in the EHFfamily 1 (one) week before to the first competition day at the latest including the final jersey numbers. Only players already registered via the preliminary delegation list will be accepted on the final squad list.
- 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. At the technical meeting, on the day before the start of the competition, the teams must announce 12 out of 14 players from the final delegation list and 4 out of 6 officials from the final delegation list taking part in the competition.
- a. A maximum of two (2) changes are allowed at any stage of the event from the final players' delegation list; the substituted player(s) may eventually re-join the squad at a later stage, but always respecting the maximum number of two (2) changes.
- b. A maximum of two (2) changes are allowed at any stage of the event from the final officials' delegation list; the substituted official(s) may eventually re-join the squad at a later stage, but always respecting the maximum number of two (2) changes.

6.4. The final jersey numbers cannot be changed.

Late Registration

6.5. If a team has nominated less than 14 players, it may nominate one additional player (from the preliminary list) during the tournament. This registration (+ ID check) has to be conducted 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

6.6. Matches in connection with a Beach Handball Championship are carried out as international matches. Players participating in a Beach Handball Championship must therefore be in possession of the citizenship of the respective nation. Proof of nationality has to be attested by presenting the passport or appropriate 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 Handball Championship must be eligible to play for the country in accordance with the IHF regulations.

Eligibility to Participate

6.7. Players not registered as abovementioned by the announced date shall not be eligible to participate in the tournament.

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

6.8. If a suspended player participates in a match, it will result in a loss of the match, with a minimum score of 0:2 points, 0:2 periods, 0:10 goal points. A monetary fine may be imposed by the competent bodies.

EHF Officials

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

Nomination

6.10. The referees and delegates for a Beach Handball Championship 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

6.11. 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 must be taken, the EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure shall apply.

6.12. The EHF Delegate should endeavour to avoid any protests, but it should be noted that they are not the chief referee. The responsibility for decisions on the playing field rests solely with the referees. However, in the event of a difficult situation arising, the EHF Delegate may recommend that the referees interrupt the match and point out any errors that do not relate to fact decisions, which could lead to a protest. The EHF Delegate does not make any decisions, but instead offers recommendations. While on duty, the EHF Delegate must carry the relevant EHF Regulations and IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball. If the referees refuse to heed the delegate's advice, a report must be filed by the appointed delegate.

6.13. 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.

6.14. The EHF Delegate shall ensure that those involved in Beach Handball Championship matches only wear advertisement on their sports and training clothing which comply with the EHF Regulations for Advertising on Clothing (in case of any doubts, the match shall be played as scheduled and the Disciplinary Commission - DIC - shall be informed for consideration of sanctions). The same applies in case of a violation of the IHF specification on clothing and player's equipment.

VII. TECHNICAL MATTERS

Match Organisation

Matches

- 7.1. The Beach Handball Championship shall be played in accordance with the currently applicable version of the IHF Rules of the Game.

Timekeeping, Scorekeeper

- 7.2. The playing courts for all matches related to Beach Handball Championship 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. The timekeeper must have in their possession two green cards with a capital "T" on them in order to administer the Team Time Out (TTO). At the start of each halftime, these must be handed to the designated team member of each team. A TTO is requested by visibly waving the TTO card in the air and placing it down in the designated substitution area after the TTO has been approved. The card must be visible from the timekeepers table, located at the middle length of the side line.
- 7.6. A sufficient number of orange cards showing the numeral "1" for suspension and red cards showing the numeral "2" for disqualification must be made available at the timekeeper's table.

Match Report

- 7.7. In accordance with the registration at the technical meeting (see Article 6.3.), 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) must be excluded on the match report, provided that the teams declared more than ten (10) players and two (2) officials on the final squad list.
- 7.8. The match report must be signed by the responsible team official and handed to the respective delegate. The team official is the sole responsible for the correctness of names and numbers in the match report. If any injured players sign the match report, there is no option for replacement within the frame of said match.

Sport Information Centre

- 7.9. The local organiser shall establish a Sport Information Centre close to the EHF Office, which shall be equipped with a large information board and accessible to all teams. The Sport Information Centre shall also provide result bulletins and other relevant information collection facilities, among other aspects.
- 7.10. All information in connection to the Beach Handball Championship (results, notices, change of playing time, events, meetings, common activities, etc.) is to be provided via the Sport Information Centre and the information desks inside 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 Handball Championship 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. Each participant team will receive ten (10) balls for training purpose.

Substitution Area

7.14. During the matches only the substitute players, the 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. 59 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 - 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 figures being at least 12 x 10cm high, must be placed on the front and back of the men's tank tops and the women's body fit tank tops.

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 which are 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 the EHF for pre-approval 21 days prior to the competition at the latest.

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. The team listed second must change its equipment if the officials believe that the two teams' attire is likely to lead to confusion. This is done to prevent any confusion from occurring. For this reason, all the teams are obliged to bring all four sets to every match. In case of clothing violations, a report will be filed by the appointed delegate and a fine may be issued by the competent body.

7.25. The above specified rule shall apply if a request of such nature is made by the TV production staff.

Advertising on Players' Clothing

7.26. Advertising is allowed on players' clothing, both for match and training equipment. The OC shall inform the teams of eventual local law restrictions in terms of advertising (e.g. tobacco, betting companies, etc.) upon each team's registration.

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.

Tournament Management

7.29. The Tournament Management shall be responsible for the organisation and direction of the Beach Handball Championship, including but not limited to decision-making regarding the match schedule, playing times, results, rankings, and any other matters that may arise in relation to the tournament.

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

7.31. Additional team members may be nominated by the Tournament Management.

7.32. Following a proposal presented by the EHF Beach Handball Commission and a corresponding decision made by the EHF Executive Committee, the ensuing dispositions have been approved and are therefore applicable to the Beach Handball Championship (as per the IHF BH Rules of the Game, edition, 1 April 2026):

- a) Twelve (12) players are allowed on the match report – only 10 are eligible to play
- b) A direct red card leads automatically to a report submitted by the referees
- c) A direct red card leads automatically to a minimum suspension of one (1) match within the frame of the tournament

Court Manager

7.33. The court manager is responsible for providing a correct playing court and shall take all organisational decisions related to every match; his/her scope of responsibility extends to handling any request related to match organisation by the EHF delegate.

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

VIII. MATCH SYSTEM

8.1. The Beach Handball Championship 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

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

Definitive Schedule

8.3. 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.

Ranking

8.4. 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.

- 8.5. Teams are ranked by adding the points gained.
- 8.6. In the event that two or more teams have same number of points after the completion of the group matches, the following ranking system shall be applied:
- results in points between the concerned teams
 - period difference in the matches between the concerned teams
 - goal point difference in the matches between the concerned teams
 - greater number of plus goal points in the matches between the concerned teams
- 8.7. If a tie still persists, the following system shall be used to decide the ranking of the teams, except when the contested place is the last place within the group:
- results in points between the concerned teams
 - period difference in the matches between the concerned teams
 - goal point difference in the matches between the concerned teams
 - greater number of plus goal points in the matches between the concerned teams
- 8.8. If a ranking is still not possible, a draw shall decide. The EHF shall host the draw, if possible, in the presence of the responsible teams' officials.

Playing System

Men's Competition

Preliminary Round

- 8.9. The Preliminary Round shall be played in two groups (Group A and Group B), each consisting of six (6) teams.
- 8.10. The matches shall be played in a round-robin system within each group, where each team plays against all other teams of the same group.
- 8.11. Upon completion of the Preliminary Round, all teams shall be ranked from first (1st) to sixth (6th) in their respective groups.

Quarter-finals

Places 1 to 8

- 8.12. The teams ranked first (1st) to fourth (4th) in each group shall qualify for the Quarter-finals.
- 8.13. The Quarter-finals shall be played as cross matches as follows:
- 1st Group A vs. 4th Group B

- 1st Group B vs. 4th Group A
- 2nd Group A vs. 3rd Group B
- 2nd Group B vs. 3rd Group A

8.14. The Quarter-finals shall be played in a knock-out system.

Semi-finals, Finals and Cross Matches

8.15. The winners of the Quarter-finals shall advance to the Semi-finals (places 1–4), played in a knock-out format.

8.16. The winners of the Semi-finals shall compete in the final to determine places 1 and 2.

8.17. The losing teams of the Semi-finals shall compete in the bronze match to determine places 3 and 4.

8.18. The teams defeated in the Quarter-finals shall play Cross Matches for places 5 to 8.

8.19. The winners of the Cross Matches shall compete for places 5 and 6, while the losing teams shall compete for places 7 and 8.

Consolation Round

Places 9 to 11

8.20. The teams ranked fifth (5th) in Groups A and B, together with the team ranked sixth (6th) in Group A, shall qualify for the Consolation Round.

8.21. The Consolation Round shall be played in a round-robin format, where each team plays against all other teams.

8.22. Points from the Preliminary Round shall not be carried forward to the Consolation Round.

Placement Matches

Places 9 to 10

8.23. The teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in the Consolation Round standings shall compete in a Placement Match to determine places 9 and 10.

Place 11

8.24. The team ranked third (3rd) in the Consolation Round shall be placed 11th in the final ranking.

Women's Competition

Preliminary Round

- 8.25. The Preliminary Round shall be played in three (3) groups (Group A, Group B and Group C). Group A consists of five (5) teams, while Groups B and C consist of four (4) teams each.
- 8.26. The matches shall be played in a round-robin system within each group, where each team plays against all other teams of the same group.
- 8.27. Upon completion of the Preliminary Round, all teams shall be ranked in their respective groups.

Qualification for Quarter-finals

Places 1 to 8

- 8.28. The teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in each group shall directly qualify for the Quarter-finals (six teams in total).
- 8.29. Additionally, the two (2) best teams ranked third (3rd) across all groups shall qualify for the Quarter-finals.
- 8.30. The remaining third-ranked team, together with all teams ranked fourth (4th) and the team ranked fifth (5th) in Group A, shall qualify for the Consolation Round.

Quarter-finals

- 8.31. The Quarter-finals shall be played as cross matches between the qualified teams (group winners, runners-up and the two best third-ranked teams).
- 8.32. The Quarter-finals shall be played in a knock-out system.

Semi-finals, Finals and Cross Matches

- 8.33. The winners of the Quarter-finals shall advance to the Semi-finals (places 1–4), played in a knock-out format.
- 8.34. The winners of the Semi-finals shall compete in the final match to determine places 1 and 2.
- 8.35. The losing teams of the Semi-finals shall compete in the bronze match to determine places 3 and 4.
- 8.36. The teams defeated in the Quarter-finals shall play Cross Matches to determine places 5 to 8.
- 8.37. The winners of the Cross Matches shall compete for places 5 and 6, while the losing teams shall compete for places 7 and 8.

Consolation Round

Places 9 to 13

- 8.38. The Consolation Round shall consist of five (5) teams (one third-ranked team, all fourth-ranked teams and the fifth-ranked team of Group A).
- 8.39. The matches shall be played in a round-robin system, where each team plays against all other teams.
- 8.40. Points obtained during the Preliminary Round shall not be carried forward to the Consolation Round.

Placement Matches

Places 9 to 10

- 8.41. The teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in the Consolation Round shall play a Placement Match to determine places 9 and 10.

Places 11 to 12

- 8.42. The teams ranked third (3rd) and fourth (4th) in the Consolation Round shall play a Placement Match to determine places 11 and 12.

Place 13

- 8.43. The team ranked fifth (5th) in the Consolation Round shall be ranked 13th in the final standings.

Transmission of Results

- 8.44. It is the daily duty of the organiser to provide all match results (final result, first period, number of spectators, etc.) as well as any other relevant information (match schedule for the next day, etc.) in the Sport Information Centre no later than at the end of the match day.
- 8.45. Match, round, and group results shall be published after their respective completion, provided approval by the EHF.

VIII. 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 teams, delegations, individuals and/or EHF Officials at the Beach Handball Championship unless stipulated otherwise in the present chapter.

Competent Bodies

Jurisdiction

- 9.2. Under the provisions defined in the present chapter, the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury are responsible for disciplinary adjudication, for punishing violations of applicable regulations including those of an administrative nature falling within the scope of Article 21 of the Legal Regulations, settling disputes including protests, competition violations, disciplinary offences, and ultimately for deciding upon any other issues arising from the Beach Handball Championship.

Disciplinary Commission

- 9.3. The Disciplinary Commission is responsible as a first instance disciplinary body. .
- 9.4. The Disciplinary Commission is composed of EHF delegates nominated to the Beach Handball Championship.

Jury

- 9.5. The Jury is responsible as a second instance/appeal disciplinary body. It is the highest EHF legal body at the Beach Handball Championship.
- 9.6. The Jury consists of the EHF Court of Appeal acting as an ad hoc body.
- 9.7. Any decision made by the Disciplinary Commission according to the aforementioned provisions may be appealed to the Jury.

Regulations Infringements/Disciplinary Matters

- 9.8. All registered 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 EURO 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 Code of Conduct
- 9.9. If deemed appropriate by the EHF, for the sake of ensuring the proper running of the Beach Handball Championship and/or the respect of the applicable regulations during the Beach Handball Championship, violations of the present regulations and/or any other EHF regulations applicable to the Beach Handball Championship, by any team, delegation, individual and/or EHF Official are examined, decided upon and sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission and/or the Jury (in appeal) following an express proceeding. For the avoidance of doubt, the present dispositions also apply to direct disqualifications.
- 9.10. All EHF legal proceedings assure a contradictory principle, therefore the Member Federations and respective delegations/teams, individuals and/or the EHF Officials against whom the proceedings are initiated, hold a right to provide a statement of defence.
- 9.11. In such cases, the deadlines for providing a statement of defence shall be defined by the competent legal body within the course of the proceedings.
- 9.12. The carrying out of legal/disciplinary proceedings as defined herein is independent of any reporting obligations.

Protests

Definition

- 9.13. Under the present chapter, “protest” shall mean any match-related claim which may have an impact on the result of a Beach Handball Championship match.

Exclusion of Protests

9.14. With regard to all and any Beach Handball Championship matches, protests shall not be permitted when relating to:

- Date, time, venue and draw of the matches
- Nomination of referees and delegates
- Referees' decisions on facts in accordance with the IHF Rules of the Game, including those based on EHF delegates' recommendations.

Procedure

9.15. 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 of the end of the relevant match.

9.16. Moreover, a protest fee of €430 shall be paid by the claimant to the EHF. This amount shall be paid directly to the EHF Office (at the venue) or transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time as the claim is submitted. A written proof of payment of the protest fee within the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.

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

9.18. The deadlines and fees for protests apply equally for any additional information submitted in connection with the Beach Handball Championship.

9.19. The Disciplinary Commission takes a decision by simple majority. Cases of suspension and/or disqualification of players or teams shall be decided in accordance with 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

9.20. 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 at no later

than 20:00hrs local time on the same day that the Disciplinary Commission decision is communicated to the parties.

9.21. Additionally, an appeal fee of €1.070 shall be paid by the appellant to the EHF. This amount shall be paid directly to the EHF Office (at the venue) 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 within the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.

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

9.23. Appeal requests are transferred to the Jury as second instance. The Jury makes a decision by simple majority following an express procedure. Such decisions shall be announced to the relevant parties.

Eligibility to Play

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

European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)

9.25. 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.

9.26. 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

9.27. 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. The 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

9.28. The EHF shall not be liable for any third-party liability claims that may arise from the execution of single matches or any other events in connection with the Beach Handball Championship.

X. ANTI-DOPING

Doping Control

- 10.1. Doping controls may take place before, during and after each Beach Handball Championship in accordance with the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping.
- 10.2. The EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping, their enclosures and the WADA's Anti-Doping Code including the list of banned substances form an integral part of the present Beach Handball Championship Regulations.
- 10.3. In case of anti-doping rule violations, the 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.
- 10.4. 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 when confirmed by the EHF Anti-Doping Unit will be automatically implemented by the EHF at European level.

EHF Anti-Doping activities

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

XI. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Training Schedule

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

Final Round

- 11.3. All teams must schedule their stay for the entire event period.

Ceremonies

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

XII. INSTANT REPLAY TECHNOLOGY AND GOAL – LINE CAMERAS

- 12.1. On Court 1, Instant replay offers the possibility to the referee to immediately watch a situation after it occurs on a TV screen, if there was not sufficient visibility of the court on behalf of the referee on the match and/or should they wish to confirm the circumstances before reaching a decision. The goal-line technology allows referees to utilise multiple cameras fixed on the goal to verify whether the ball crossed the goal-line. Furthermore, the referees can confirm if the ball crossed the goal-line before the end of the sets.
- 12.2. These pictures are easily accessible for the referees on a monitor on the support table positioned behind the official table on the court. Due to the absence of goal-line, the system produces a virtual goal-line on the screen for a clear view of the ball position.
- 12.3. The responsibility and decision for the use of both goal-line technology and the instant replay (disqualification and consequences) lies exclusively with the referees on the match. 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

- 13.1. 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 Handball Championship for non-commercial purposes.
- 13.2. All participating teams agree to grant EHF the right (royalty-free) to use any photo or material produced for or during the Beach Handball Championship (print material, advertisements, internet, product presentation, video etc.) for the purposes of promoting beach handball and EHF competitions and furthering sports development (training, teaching, etc.).
- 13.3. The EHF has the right to transfer the aforementioned rights of use to a marketing partner for the same purposes described hereinabove.
- 13.4. Each participating team must obtain the consent of the respective players and officials participating in the Beach Handball Championship for the use of their image as aforementioned. Each participating team holds in the act of registration for EHF competitions, the EHF and its partners free from any legal action concerning players' image/personality rights.