

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEEDING LIST
and
DATES**

2008/2009 ID numbers

Whenever payment is sent to the EHF, this number and the reason for payment must be stated "CL participation fee – Round X"

2008/09 Women's Champions League

AUT	Hypo Niederösterreich	1079
CRO	HC Podravka Vegeta	1072
DEN	FCK Handbold A/S	5215
DEN	Ikast-Bording EH	1687
DEN	Viborg HK A/S	1069
ESP	Orsan Elda Prestigio	3199
ESP	S.D. Itxako	6978
FRA	Metz Handball	1655
GER	1. FC Nürnberg Handball	7009
GER	HC Leipzig	2640
GRE	AC Ormi-Loux Patras	6104
HUN	Dunaferr NK	1056
HUN	Györi AUDI ETO KC	2145
ITA	HC Sassari	6410
MKD	Kometal Gjorce Petrov	1987
MNE	Buducnost T-Mobile	1677
NED	VOC Amsterdam	5211
NOR	Byasen HE	1709
NOR	Larvik HK	1042
POL	SPR SAFO Lublin	1743
POR	Madeira Andebol SAD	5909
ROU	C.S. Oltchim Rm. Valcea	1669
ROU	C.S. Rulmentul-Urban Brasov	1711
RUS	HC Dinamo	3799
RUS	HC Lada	5880
RUS	Zvezda Zvenigorod	10989
SLO	RK Krim Mercator	1095
SRB	HC Naisa-Nis	4496
SUI	LC Brühl Handball	5020
SVK	SKP Bratislava	11717
TUR	Milli Piyango SK	11703
UKR	HC Motor	1994

EHF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

REGULATIONS

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 GENERAL

In accordance with the EHF Statutes, the following Regulations and Manuals shall form an integral part of these Regulations:

- the EHF Regulations for Advertising on Clothing
- the EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure
- the EHF Arbitration Regulations
- the IHF Anti-Doping Regulations
- the Floor Installation Manual
- the Corporate Identity Manual

In accordance with its Statutes, the European Handball Federation (EHF) conducts an EHF Champions League for men's and women's club teams within the framework of its European Cup competitions.

The EHF Member Federations are legally and financially accountable towards the EHF in respect of the clubs entering the EHF Champions League.

The official name for the EHF Champions League is EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE (short CL). In any case of subsequently talking about Champions League in handball, the EHF Champions League is meant.

In the case of a "presenting sponsor" the official name for the EHF Champions League will be EHF Champions League presented by "name of the sponsor" and it must be called in accordance with the instructions by the EHF.

The EHF transfers the use of the complete media and advertising rights for the 2008/09 season to EHF Marketing GmbH. (short EHF Marketing) and entitles it to undertake the respective organisational measures with regards to the usage of these rights.

2 FAIR PLAY

The principles of fair play shall be observed by the EHF Member Federations and their clubs in all matches. This includes not only the treatment of the guest team but also the handling of the referees and delegates as well as the behavior of the spectators towards the teams.

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

The EHF Fair play statement is to be read by the announcer prior to each game in the language of the home team as well as in English:

“To ensure fair conditions for all players, officials and referees and in the interest of the sport of handball we kindly request you, the spectators, to support your team in a fair manner and to show a positive attitude towards all participants and spectators. Thank you.”

3 AWARDS

The winner of the EHF Champions League shall receive the EHF Champions League trophy. Engraving on the trophy shall include the name of the competition and the season as well as the winners of previous years.

The winner of the EHF Champions League shall receive the EHF Champions League trophy for the period of one year. The original trophy must be returned to the EHF in due time prior to the finals of the next season. At the same time, the club will receive a copy of the trophy.

In case of any club winning the competition 5 times in total or 3 times in a row, the original trophy will remain in possession of the club.

4 GENERAL TIMETABLE

December 2007	Announcement EHF competitions The National Federations are provided with the 2008/2009 ranking list
June 2008	EHF Information (mailing of the following documents): Inscription form 2008/2009 Regulations in digital version EHF Information (mailing of the following documents): Venue/Hall information form Marketing/Sponsor information form Player information form
16.06.2008	Deadline for final registration By returning the completed and signed inscription form as well as the requested information sheets, the club agrees to the Regulations and the implementation of the Event Guidelines established.
June 2008	Site inspection (1) Site inspections can be carried out at clubs already qualified for the 2008/2009 EHF Champions League as well as at clubs playing the qualification round upon a decision of the EHF and will be announced by the EHF in written form at least 10 days prior to the inspection.
04.07.2008	Draw of the 2008/2009 EHF Champions League Group Matches The draw will be carried out in form of an official event, which will take place in Gothenburg.
August 2008	EHF Information 2008/2009 EHF Women's Champions League Regulations in printed version

	2008/2009 Corporate Identity Manual
	2008/2009 Floor Installation Manual
	2008/2009 Host Broadcaster Manual (for TV partners and clubs)
Aug./Sept. 2008	Site inspection (2)/Audit (optional) Following the official reports the progress and implementation of the recommendations from the 1st inspection is assessed in a second audit.
06.-07.09.2008	Qualification Round 1 (Tournaments)
13.-14.09.2008	Women's Champions' Trophy
04.-05.10.2008	Qualification Round 2 (Tournaments)
01.-02.11.2008	Group Matches Round 1
08.-09.11.2008	Group Matches Round 2
15.-16.11.2008	Group Matches Round 3
03.-04.01.2009	Group Matches Round 4
10.-11.01.2009	Group Matches Round 5
17.-18.01.2009	Group Matches Round 6
20.01.2009	Draw for the EHF Champions League Main Round
05.-08.02.2009	Main Round 1
14.-15.02.2009	Main Round 2
21.-22.02.2009	Main Round 3
28.02.-01.03.2009	Main Round 4
14.-15.03.2009	Main Round 5
21.-22.03.2009	Main Round 6
24.03.2009	Draw for the EHF Champions League Semi-Finals
11.-12.04.2009	EHF Champions League Semi-Finals – 1st leg
18.-19.04.2009	EHF Champions League Semi-Finals – 2nd leg

21.04.2009 Draw for the EHF Champions League Finals

09.-10.05.2009 EHF Champions League Finals – 1st leg

16.-17.05.2009 EHF Champions League Finals – 2nd leg

5 EHF EVENTS

5.1 EHF Champions League Draw

All clubs are obliged to be present at each draw of the competition phase in which the club is participating.

5.2 Participation in Workshops

Clubs taking part in the EHF Champions League are obliged to participate (at least one representative per club) in coordination meetings and workshops relating to the competition organised by the EHF.

5.3 Availability of delegation members

Delegation members (players and team officials) shall be available for activities relating to CL events (TV interviews, reportages, autograph sessions, internet chat, charity events, etc.) upon a respective request by the EHF.

II. COMPETITION

1 STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITION

1.1 Frequency

The EHF Champions League shall be played on an annual basis. The season shall start on 1 July and end on 30 June of the subsequent year.

1.2 Announcement and deadlines

1.2.1 Playing periods

All playing periods for EHF Champions League matches shall be specified by the EHF and notified to the participating teams and National Federations with the announcement of the EHF Champions League.

1.2.2 Individual fixtures

The playing date of each round is fixed by the EHF-calendar. The exact playing day and the hour of each game is subject for a co-ordination between the EHF, both participating clubs and the TV-stations involved.

Matches can be played during the week.

All final decision lie with the EHF.

Playing dates as well as the exact playing time of any match are only valid after the official announcement by e-mail by the EHF resp. EHFM.

2 ENTRY CONDITIONS

2.1 Eligibility to enter

2.1.1 National Champion

Eligibility to enter the EHF Champions League is limited to the national champion of the EHF Member Federations and, in addition, teams eligible to enter in accordance with a respective EHF decision.

2.1.2 Recognition by EHF

The participation in the EHF Champions League is restricted to those clubs that participate exclusively in national and international competitions that are recognized by the EHF.

2.1.3 Ranking List

The participating teams in the EHF Champions League are determined by the EHF-Ranking list, which is drawn up prior to each season. According to this ranking-list the National Federations ranked 1 to 24 are entitled to participate in the EHF Champions League with the respective number of teams.

2.1.4 Winner of the EHF Champions League

The winner of the EHF Champions League shall be qualified automatically to enter the same competition in the subsequent season.

2.1.5 Additional Teams

In addition, the National Federation of the EHF Champions League winner has got the right to register an additional team in the following season. Nations in ranks 1 to 7 of the EHF Ranking List shall have the right to enter a second (or, in the case of the nation of the EHF Champions League winner, a third) team into the competition. However, should the respective National Federation already have the right to register 2 or more teams, the EHF will take a separate decision about the allocation of this place.

2.1.6 Registration (National Federations)

The National Federations have the right to register their team(s) for the 2008/2009 EHF Champions League season according to the EHF-Ranking list which is enclosed to the present Regulations.

2.1.7 Restrictions

Per club only one team of the same gender is entitled to participate in the European Cup. It is the responsibility of the Member Federations to take this into consideration during the registration process.

2.1.8 Registration (Clubs)

After the closing date for entries, the participating clubs are assigned by the EHF to the EHF Champions League in accordance with the Ranking List. If one or several teams fail to register, the EHF has the right to enter the next teams on the Ranking List or to award "wild cards" for free places.

2.2 Non-admittance of clubs to the EHF Champions League

The EHF is entitled not to admit clubs to International competitions which do not fulfil the respective technical or organisational and administrative requirements. The competence for decision taking relating to such matters shall be with the EHF Competitions Commission regarding technical questions and with the EHF Office regarding organisational, administrative and financial issues.

2.3 Pledge of commitment

By registering for entry, all entrants in the EHF Champions League (clubs) take note of the conditions governing the competition and expressly undertake to observe applicable Rules and Regulations. On request by the EHF an acknowledgement and pledge of commitment in this regard, signed by the manager/authorized signatory of the club (official form), shall be sent to the EHF Office. A copy of the paper shall be provided to the competent National Federation.

2.4 Registration system

2.4.1 The teams' registrations for entry in the 2008/2009 EHF Champions League and the signed arbitration agreement shall be received by the EHF Office not later than

16 June 2008.

2.4.2 The original players lists as well as the player's information sheet shall be received by the EHF Office not later than

Qualification round 1	1 August 2008
Qualification round 2	1 September 2008
Group Matches	1 September 2008

2.4.3 Registrations shall be made by the Member Federations using exclusively the official entry forms circulated by the EHF with the announcement of the competitions.

2.4.4 Clubs shall be entered by their National Member Federation by name, on the basis of their performance in the competitions of the past season. Their qualification to enter the competition shall be officially documented.

2.4.5 After the closing date for entries, the EHF Office shall draw up a list of all teams entered and communicate this list to the clubs and their National Federations.

2.5 Entry fees

2.5.1 The amount of the entry fees for the respective phases and the due dates for the payments are set out in the table below:

	WOMEN'S COMPETITIONS	
	Amount	Date
Qualification round 1	EUR 375,--	31.07.2008
Qualification round 2	EUR 375,--	30.09.2008
Group Matches (total)	EUR 3.750,--	20.10.2008
Main Round (total)	EUR 3.750,--	30.01.2009
Semifinal	EUR 1.500,--	30.03.2009
Final	EUR 3.000,--	30.04.2009

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Each team will receive an individual ID number. Whenever payment is sent to the EHF, this number and the reason for payment must be stated "CL participation fee – Round X"

2.5.2 If payment is not received by the due date, the entry fee will be doubled automatically.

2.5.3 If payment for round 1 has not been received on the EHF account by 15 August, the entry will be cancelled automatically, which will be deemed a forfeit (withdrawal) and, in accordance with the EHF's List of Penalties, carry a fine of EUR 5,000. This clause shall apply to all rounds analogously, in each case 15 days after the deadline for payment has passed.

2.6 Withdrawal (forfeit)

2.6.1 By entering the EHF Champions League, a club agrees to enter all rounds resulting from the match system as well as the Champions Trophy.

2.6.1.1 Any withdrawal after the official publication of the competition (June 23 at the latest) is to be regarded as a forfeit and shall carry the following sanctions:

- a) The club shall pay a fine of EUR 10,000.
- b) The club shall be banned from entering any European Cup competitions in the two subsequent seasons.

2.6.2 Failure to play a match or late arrival at the venue of a match through a team's provable fault shall render the defaulting team liable for damages and payment of all costs arising therefrom to its opponent as well as the EHF and in particular their contractual partners.

2.7 Drawing

2.7.1 The draw for each round shall be held at the venue named by the EHF on the date scheduled in the announcement.

2.7.2 Seeding

Teams shall be seeded based on the EHF-seeding list for the EHF Champions League. This is valid for the draw of the qualification (2 rounds) as well as for the draw of the Group Matches. In the Champions League qualification rounds as well as in the Champions League Group Matches teams from the same country shall not play against each other.

Teams from the same country which won their group in the Group Matches, shall not play against each other in the Main Round except if a country participates with three teams and all three teams win their group.

If a current European Cup Champion in the following season participates in the EHF Champions League, it will be seeded after the top-seeded teams except if the National Federation is placed higher in accordance with the EHF seeding list.

The right to organise the groups in qualification round 1 and 2 will be decided by a draw of lots. The use of the right to organise a group includes the fulfillment of the respective requirements set by the EHF.

2.8 Playing system for the EHF Champions League

2.8.1 Qualification round 1

2.8.1.1 Round 1 of the Champions League qualification shall be played in a group system. Each group shall comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 teams (depending on the number of entrants).

The matches of this round shall be played in tournament format at one venue on one weekend (with each team playing all others).

2.8.1.2 The teams ranked first and second after the qualification round 1 qualify for the qualification round 2.

The lower ranked teams after the qualification round 1 are entitled to participate in the EHF Cup round 2 (played according to the EC regulations).

2.8.2 Qualification round 2

2.8.2.1 Round 2 of the Champions League qualification shall be played in a group system. Each group shall comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 teams (depending on the number of entrants).

The matches of this round shall be played in tournament format at one venue on one weekend (with each team playing all others).

2.8.2.2 The first ranked team after each group of the qualification round 2 qualifies for the Group Matches.

The teams ranked 2 to 4 of the qualification round 2 are entitled to participate in the EHF Cup round 3 (played according to the EC regulations).

2.8.3 Group Matches

2.8.3.1 The Group Matches shall be played in four groups of four teams each, with each team playing each of the other teams once at home and once away.

2.8.3.2 Basically the Group Matches of the EHF Champions League shall be played in accordance with the schedule set out below.

Round 1:	4 – 1	and	3 – 2
Round 2:	2 – 4	and	1 – 3
Round 3:	2 – 1	and	4 – 3
Round 4:	4 – 2	and	3 – 1
Round 5:	1 – 4	and	2 – 3
Round 6:	1 – 2	and	3 – 4

Following the draw of the groups the EHF adapts the schedule in each group individually by taking into consideration the respective requirements mainly from the TV-partners. The schedule may vary in the different groups. All final decisions lie with the EHF.

2.8.3.3 Those teams ranked 1st and 2nd in each group after the completion of the Group Matches qualify for the Main Round.

Those teams ranked 3rd in each group after the completion of the Group Matches are entitled to participate in the Cup Winners' Cup. They enter the Cup Winners' Cup in Round 4 (played according to European Cup Regulations).

2.8.4 Main Round

2.8.4.1 The Main Round shall be played in two groups of four teams each, with each team playing each of the other teams once at home and once away.

2.8.4.2 Basically the Main Round of the EHF Champions League shall be played in accordance with the schedule set out below.

Round 1:	4 – 1	and	3 – 2
Round 2:	2 – 4	and	1 – 3
Round 3:	2 – 1	and	4 – 3
Round 4:	4 – 2	and	3 – 1
Round 5:	1 – 4	and	2 – 3
Round 6:	1 – 2	and	3 – 4

Following the draw of the groups the EHF adapts the schedule in each group individually by taking into consideration the respective requirements mainly from the TV-partners. The schedule may vary in the different groups. All final decisions lie with the EHF.

2.8.5 Semi finals and finals

2.8.5.1 Semi finals and finals shall be played as first and second leg matches.

2.8.5.2 The matches for the semi-finals and finals shall be drawn by lots. There is neither any seeding nor any protection from the teams playing against each other.

2.8.5.3 Playing both matches in only one country is not permitted for any matches of the EHF Champions League starting from the Group Matches.

2.9 Home right in the final

A team that had the home right in the second game of its last appearance in a Champions League final will automatically have the home right at the first leg at its next appearance in a Champions League final by considering the order of the years.

For the Champions League finals of the 2008/09 season, the seasons 2007/08 (Zvenigorod-Hypo NÖ), 2006/07 (Lada Togliatti-Slagelse DT) and 2005/06 (Krim Ljubljana-Viborg HK) are taken into consideration in this respect in this particular order.

The home right shall be drawn by lot in all cases, in which the home right is not defined after having put into practice this regulation point.

2.10 Entry in the Champions Trophy

By entering the EHF Champions League, the winning team of the EHF Champions Leagues undertake (as also provided in the EC Regulations for the winners of the Cup Winners' Cup and the EHF Cup) to also enter the Champions Trophy. This duty includes that the line-up has to be adequate to the team's normal line-up at the time of the event.

The participation in the Champions Trophy is based on a sporting qualification and the invitation by the EHF.

2.11 Players List

2.11.1 The National Federation of each EHF Champions League entrant shall communicate to the EHF Office a players list (using the official EHF form), signed and stamped by the National Federation, by the dates specified in 2.4.2. (chapter II.) of these Regulations.

2.11.2 The official form shall be completed with all the required details and information.

2.11.3 The participating teams in the EHF Champions League have the duty to provide the player's information sheets (form prepared by EHF) to the EHF by the respective deadline.

2.12 Participation in the match

2.12.1 Players are eligible to play in the EHF Champions League if they are eligible to play for the participating club in the national championship at the time of the match.

2.12.2 Those players for whom the National Federation is not entitled to issue a national eligibility to play at the time the players list is drawn up and communicated (transfer procedure pending/not completed) are banned from being registered for entering the EHF Champions League (from being named on the players list) at the respective point of time.

2.13 Late entries

2.13.1 In cases in which a player is not recorded on the players list submitted within the prescribed deadline (see 2.11.1, chapter II) but should become eligible to play in the EHF Champions League at a later date, the player may be named as a late entry only if point 2.13.1 (chapter II) is not applicable.

2.13.2 Each late entry shall be communicated to the EHF only through the National Federation and shall be confirmed on the official EHF late entry form by the National Federation. For each player entered late a fee of EUR 75 shall be payable to the EHF. Evidence of payment shall be enclosed with the late entry

2.13.3 Late entries of players are not possible during the playing period of each individual phase of the competition. The following deadlines apply for the late entry of a player for the respective phase:

Qualification Round 1:	Wednesday, September 3, 2008
Qualification Round 2:	Wednesday, October 1, 2008
Group Matches:	Tuesday, October 28, 2008
Main Round:	Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Semifinal:	Tuesday, April 7, 2009
Final:	Tuesday, May 5, 2009

2.13.4 After October 28, 2008 (deadline for the late entry for the Group Matches), a late entry of a player is not possible, in the case of the player affected participated in a match during the running competition with another club participating in the EHF Champions League excluding the qualification rounds.

2.13.5 If a player changes the club after 02 February 2009 - national or international transfer - she shall be able to get eligibility to play for the new club in the EHF Champions League via a late entry only if she has not played in any official club match (national or international) for another club between 02 February 2009 and the date on which she changed the club. Points 2.13.1 to 2.13.4 (chapter II) of these Regulations is to be observed.

2.14 Suspended players

The use of a player who has been suspended and/or is not eligible to play will result in the match being scored as lost with the same result, but in any case with 0:10 goals and 0:2 points, as decided by the EHF Competitions Commission.

In cases in which the use of a player being not eligible to participate is regarded as a serious unsportsmanlike behaviour, further punishments including a monetary fine up to EUR 15,000 (cf. clauses 1.1. and 1.5. of List of Penalties) and a suspension of the club until the end of the running season may be awarded.

3 PLAYERS' CLOTHING

3.1 Sets of players clothing

Each team shall have two sets of playing clothing in different colours (one dark colour and one light colour). These shall be in conformity with the EHF's current Regulations for Advertising on Clothing. A photo of both sets of playing dresses (front and back side) has to be sent to the EHF office , by 1 October 2008 (championsleague@eurohandball.com).

3.2 Players shirts

Each player has the obligation to have printed her name on the back of the shirt above or under the number. The minimum dimension is of 10 cm height, the type of writing has to be Latin letters, in order to make the names clearly visible for the spectators in the playing hall as well as on TV.

The players must wear numbers that are at least 20 cm high in the back of the shirt and at least 10 cm in the front. The numbers used must be from 1 to 99. The colour of the numbers must contrast clearly with the colours of the shirts.

A player must wear the same number during all Champions League matches of the entire season.

3.3 Change of players clothing /official clothing

If the referees believe that the two teams' playing clothing may cause confusion, the visiting team shall change its playing clothing.

At the request of EHF Officials (Delegate, Referees) the team officials A-D must change the colour of his/her clothing.

3.4 Reserve uniform

If the playing clothing of the travelling team should get lost, the home club shall offer reserve uniforms.

3.5 Thermo trousers

The wearing of thermo-trousers is permitted provided they are of a matching colour.

3.6 Advertising on clothing

Advertising on players' match and training clothes is allowed in EHF Champions League matches in accordance with the "Regulations for Advertising on Clothing".

3.7 Information of players clothing

The home club shall inform its opponents in good time of any restrictions or bans regarding advertising on players' playing clothing.

4 SCORING OF MATCHES AND RANKING

4.1 General

4.1.1 All matches of the EHF Champions League shall be played in 2 x 30 minutes with a half-time break of 10 minutes.

The EHF reserves the right to extend the half-time break in special circumstances to 15 minutes.

4.1.2 The matches shall be scored as follows:

- a) win = 2 points
- b) draw = 1 point
- c) loss = 0 points

4.1.3 Teams' rankings are obtained by adding up the number of points won.

4.2 Qualification rounds 1 and 2 played as tournaments

4.2.1 If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

4.2.1.1 During the matches of this group :

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

4.2.1.2 After completion of the matches of this group:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) greater number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) greater number of plus goals in all matches of the group;

If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.

4.3 Group Matches and Main Round

4.3.1 If two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

4.3.1.1 During the matches of the group:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;

4.3.1.2 After completion of the matches of the group:

- a) number of points in matches of all teams directly involved;
- b) goal difference in matches of all teams directly involved;
- c) greater number of plus goals in matches of all teams directly involved;
- d) goal difference in all matches of the group;
- e) greater number of plus goals in all matches of the group;
- f) higher ranking in Group Matches (Main Round only)
- g) greater number of points in Group Matches (Main Round only)

4.3.1.3 If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.

4.4 Semi finals and finals

If, after completion of the two matches, both teams have won the same number of points (no extra time will be played), the teams' standings shall be determined by the following criteria:

- a) goal difference
- b) greater number of plus goals scored in away match
- c) penalty throws

4.5 Rules for Execution of Penalty Throws

- a) Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.
- b) The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the match report and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as goalkeepers.
- c) The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- d) If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- e) In the second round, a decision is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each.
- f) Eligible players are players entered in the match report who have not been disqualified, excluded or suspended at the time of the final whistle.

- g) Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.
- h) While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.
- i) If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

5 MATCH ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Rules of the game

EHF Champions League matches shall be played in accordance with the IHF's current Rules of the Game (valid since 1 August 2005).

5.2 Transmission of the match result and the match report

- 5.2.1 The home club has the obligation to arrange for the match result (including halftime and number of spectators) to be transmitted to the EHF Office in Vienna not later than 5 minutes after the end of the match by SMS (to mobile phone +43-664-4105243).
- 5.2.2 The home club has the obligation to arrange for the match report to be transmitted to the EHF Office in Vienna not later than one hour after the end of the match by telefax (No. +43-1-80151/149).
- 5.2.3 The 2008/09 Champions League will be played with on-line match reports, the respective duties as defined in the instructions for the on-line match report are within the duties of the home club.

III. THE VENUE

1 REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Availability of the playing hall

It is the responsibility of the participating clubs to make a reservation of the playing hall for all playing periods indicated by the EHF. This includes all 6 dates of the Group Matches and the Main Round as long as the final playing schedule is not fixed.

1.2 Availability of floor set-up

In case the EHF makes use of the right to introduce a unique EHF Champions League floor in all venues the playing hall must be available at least 24 hours before the beginning of the match. Exceptions to this duty are subject for approval by the EHF.

1.3 Availability for training of the guest club

- 1.3.1 The home club shall provide the visiting team the opportunity to hold a training session of at least one hour at a reasonable time on the match day in the playing hall. In addition, the home club shall provide the visiting team the opportunity to hold a training session of at least one hour on the day before the match, again preferably in the playing hall.
- 1.3.2 If the playing hall should not be available for this purpose on the day before the playing day, the home club shall offer another playing hall within a distance of not more than 25km / 45 min from the playing hall of the match. These training facilities shall be offered free of charge.
- 1.3.3 Training facilities for a training session on the day before the match shall be requested by the visiting team not later than 10 days before the day of the match.
In the case a team does not request this training session within the time period stipulated, training on the day prior to the match can be granted only on mutual consent.

1.4 Availability of playing court

60 minutes prior to the start of the match the playing area shall be made available to the two teams for warm-up and play practice.

1.5 Equipment

1.5.1 Timekeeper's desk

The time-keeper's desk shall not exceed a maximum length of 4 m and shall be positioned at least 0.5 m away from the edge of the playing area. It should be placed on a level 30 to 40 cm above the playing area, to ensure clear visibility.

1.5.2 Timekeeping

In all EHF Champions League matches, an electric clock shall be available that is easy to read from the timekeeper's desk and can be operated by the time-keeper; it should run, if possible, from 0 to 30 minutes. If in full working order, this device shall be authoritative for official time-keeping.

1.5.3 Reserve clock

For reserve purposes, a large table clock (with a diameter of about 25 cm) displaying seconds and minutes shall be available on the timekeeper's desk.

1.6 Requirements for final matches

The playing hall for final matches is subject for an individual approval by the EHF. The following items are being considered in this issue:

- Floor (handball lines only)
- Capacity of the hall: minimum of 3.000 spectators
- Working places for media (see under point 3, Chapter V)
- Rooms for VIP/Hospitality
- Capability of organizing the event (availability of the staff, observing EHF procedures and protocols, etc.)

2 GENERAL CONDITIONS

2.1 Sports facilities / Playing halls

Eligibility to enter the competition is conditional upon the availability of sports facilities conforming to the Rules of the Game. Responsibility in this regard rests with the respective Member Federation.

2.2 Appearance of the playing hall

The playing halls are subject to approval by the EHF. Each participating team has to observe the following points in relation to the appearance of the playing halls:

- hall floor
- hall capacity
 - o to be defined adequately from the Group Matches to the semi finals
 - o Minimum of a capacity of 3.000 spectators for the Champions League final matches
- working space for the media/ press seats on tribune
- VIP / Hospitality area
- organisational ability (observing the EHF protocols, adherence to procedures, etc.)
- medical service (first aid and stretcher)

2.3 Access

The local organiser/home club shall grant the EHF and/or its marketing partners free access as required (not exceeding 20 persons) to the premises and outdoor areas of the competition venue (working accreditation).

3 THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FLOOR

3.1 General

Starting with the qualification round 2, all matches of the Women's Champions League shall be played on floors with handball lines only.

The EHF has the right to order the installation of a EHF Champions League floor in the playing halls for matches within all phases of the EHF Champions League. The home club will be informed in due time accordingly and has to communicate a floor responsible within the club to EHF (name, phone number, email address).

3.2 Rent or purchase model

In case a club does not have an existing playing field with handball lines only, the EHFM will offer two possibilities for Champions League participants to acquire an official Champions League floor: the rent and the purchase model.

3.2.1 The rent model

EHFM provides the official floor to the home club for a rental fee of €2.500 for each EHF Champions League match played on the floor. The floor stays in EHFM property. Material and shipment costs are covered by the rental fee. Material order and shipment are organized by EHFM in good time prior to the event. Cleaning products are within the club's responsibility.

3.2.2 The purchase model

EHFM gives the home club the opportunity to either buy a new or a used official floor. The floor price depends on shipment costs and the condition of the floor. Payment conditions are worked out by EHFM in close cooperation with the home club. The buying price of the floor includes material and technical support during the first installation (no installation tools included). Thereafter it is the home club's responsibility to organize appropriate material in time (recommendations are given in the Floor Installation Manual). EHFM does not take on material orders, but will of course support the home club with relevant information.

3.3 Production and transport

The official EHF Champions League floor is produced by the EHF floor partner Gerflor and transported to the home club in good time prior to the match. The cost for production and first installation assistance is borne by the EHFM.

In case the home club is located outside of the European Union, EHFM will prepare a proforma invoice for custom clearance and send this proforma invoice to the home club. After having received the official Champions League floor, the club is obliged to fax all existing custom documents to EHFM, especially in case the club rents the floor from EHFM.

3.4 Floor installation

Each installation has to be carried out by at least 6 persons of the home club. Detailed technical instructions will be provided to the home club before the beginning of the 2008/2009 EHF Champions League by the EHFM respectively the official floor supplier. On the occasion of the 1st installation a technical formation is carried out by the floor supplier. The cost for this

activity is covered by the EHFM. The arising cost for further installations and maintenance has to be covered by the home club.

All necessary information and installation guidelines will be provided in the “EHF Champions League Floor Installation Manual” published by the EHF and its floor partner.

The first installation is generally done with double-sided tape. In case the home club decides to install the floor with single-sided tape, EHFM does not take the responsibility for the stability of the floor. EHFM advises the home club against the use of single-side tape for the installation, especially if the floor is installed for more than one match.

3.5 Floor maintenance

The home club agrees to keep the floor clean and in good condition (valid for rent and purchase model). In case damages occur, the home club has to record the defective areas and communicate this information to EHFM as soon as possible. Maintenance costs have to be covered by the home club.

3.6 Storage

If the floor is in EHFM property, the home club is responsible to store the official EHF Champions League floor carefully following the instruction given by the floor supplier (also recommended if the floor belongs to the home club).

Floor stickers have to be removed and the floor has to be cleaned before storage.

If the home club is eliminated from the EHF Champions League, a possible storage solution (close to the home club) has to be communicated to EHFM. The final decision of the storage location will be taken by EHFM after having analyzed each case individually.

3.7 Further use

The official EHF Champions League floor shall not be used for other handball matches.

Exceptions are subject for approval by the EHF.

3.8 EHFM floor contact

EHFM contact for information and requests concerning floor matters:

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4 VENUE INSPECTIONS AND AUDITING

The basic venue requirements set-up by the EHF shall be adhered to. The EHF has the right to inspect the playing hall of a participating club in order to make sure that these minimum requirements in terms of technical, organisational and marketing matters are fulfilled by the home club.

The combined effort of the EHF and the home clubs in ensuring high quality standards is indispensable to meet the expectations of spectators in the playing hall, spectators on TV and sponsor partners. A first check before the season as well as a further check during the event ensures the smooth running of the operations in each area of the organisation. A reporting system guarantees a steady improvement for forthcoming seasons.

4.1 Duties of the home club

The home club has to be represented by the club's EHF Champions League responsible involved in the club's business. In case of no fluent English knowledge a translator has to be present. Furthermore, the club is responsible for organising local transport and (eventually) accommodation for the inspecting EHF official. In the 1st site-inspection the cost for travel expenses as well as the daily allowance of the inspection is borne by the EHF, the cost for local transport and board and lodging (if necessary) of the EHF official has to be borne by the home club. In case of a 2nd inspection (audit) all cost are to be borne by the home club. Moreover, the presence of local persons in charge for the individual topics (playing hall, press/TV and marketing) within the complete duration of the inspection has to be secured by the club.

4.2 Site inspection (1)

The site inspection is normally carried out in one day, in case of necessity the duration can be of 2 days. After the site inspection a meeting with all parties involved will be held to summarise the feedback of the EHF representative(s). An official report (see enclosures) which decides if the venue can be accepted for EHF Champions League matches will be signed by the venue inspector and the home club responsible. Three possible results can be achieved:

- **Approved:** the venue facilities are in good condition and can be accepted without further remark by the EHF.
- **Approved under condition:** some of the venue facilities do not correspond to the standards set for EHF Champions League and have to be improved. Amendments and possible solutions are presented by the EHF. A timetable for implementation is set up by the parties involved and a date for a 2nd inspection (audit) is agreed upon.
- **Not approved:** there is an important lack of technical standards, facilities or security standards. An improvement of the situation cannot be achieved due to the time factor or budgetary problems of the club. The venue cannot be accepted for EHF Champions League matches. As a consequence the club has to propose another venue able to meet the standards without any further delay. A timetable is set up by the parties involved and a date for an inspection of the new venue is agreed upon.

4.3 Site inspection (2) – Audit (optional)

There are the same requirements with regards to the organisation as for the 1st inspection.

The result of this inspection can be:

- **Approved:** which means that the venue is accepted or
- **Not approved:** in case the amendments stated in the 1st inspection have not been implemented. As a consequence the club has to propose another venue able to meet the standards without any further delay. In case a club cannot meet the venue standards set up by the EHF its participation in the EHF Champions League can be rejected.

IV. ORGANISATION OF THE EVENT

1 MATCH DATES / TIMES

Within the given period the playing day as well as the throw-off time are fixed by the EHF in co-ordination with the TV-partners and clubs. The information about playing day, throw-off time, venue etc. will be provided to all parties (guest teams, EHF-officials etc.) by the EHF.

2 TICKETS AND ACCREDITATIONS

2.1 Accreditations and invitations guest club

Home clubs shall make available to the visiting clubs 10% of the admission tickets (a minimum of 200 tickets) against payment of the customary local price. At least 10 of those tickets must be VIP-tickets, however, the guest team must name the recipients of the VIP tickets no later than the day prior to the match at the Technical Meeting. The complete number of tickets have to be ordered by the visiting club in writing no later than 10 days before the match. If no order for tickets is received by that date, the tickets may be sold by the home club without any restrictions.

The exact seating of the guest club's ticketholders (VIP and others) must be fixed at the Technical Meeting.

2.2 Accreditations and invitations of VIPs, EHF, etc.

2.2.1 For each group match, Main Round match and semi-final match, an allocation of max. 50 admission tickets (thereof max. 25 VIP tickets) shall be made available to the EHF on request (not later than 10 days prior to the respective match), free of charge. For final matches an allocation of max. 100 admission tickets (thereof max. 50 VIP tickets, the rest at least premium category) is valid.

2.2.2 In addition, the EHF shall have the right, on request, to buy 10% of all admission tickets at the customary local price. The request shall be made within a reasonable period of time after the respective draw (not later than 10 days before the respective match).

- 2.2.3 The EHF and/or its marketing partners shall have the right to organise events, banquets, sponsor and hospitality receptions, etc. at the venue in connection with EHF Champions League matches. Any rooms and resources required for this purpose shall be made available by the organiser / home club against payment of any additional costs that may occur. Some parking spaces right next to the playing hall should be available for these partners/sponsors.
- 2.2.4 The EHF and/or its marketing partners shall have the right to integrate guests into VIP events, other events / receptions (including food service) organised by the local organiser / home club on the occasion of EHF Champions League matches, etc. and/or to expand the scope of such events against payment of the additional costs occurred.
- 2.2.5 The EHF and/or its marketing partners shall have the right to organise incentive and hospitality trips along with on-site services in connection with EHF Champions League matches. Available options and requirements have to be discussed with the home club.
- 2.2.6 Any additional events to be held locally shall also be announced to the organiser / home club in good time; any additional costs incurred in that respect shall be borne by the EHF and/or its partners.

3 TRANSPORT

3.1 Duties of the guest Club

The guest club is responsible for the organisation and the payment of its trip including all respective extra costs like visa, insurance, etc. to and from the airport, that is chosen by the guest club.

The guest club is liable and must bear all costs incurred should the home club have a right for compensation in reference to the compulsory guarantees stated in chapter IV, point 3.2.

The local transport starting and ending at this airport is covered by a bus, which is provided by the home club.

Airports of arrival and departure, that are unusually far away from the venue of the match, are subject for approval by the EHF.

The guest club is obliged to inform the home club and the EHF upon its travel arrangement four (4) days prior to the arrival at the latest.

3.2 Duties of the home club (visa, welcome and local transport)

The home club is obligated, upon issuance of an invitation for a required visa for the EHF officials as well as for the guest team, to grant all compulsory guarantees of the respective embassies. Furthermore, the home club is obligated to send, within 48 hours after the receipt of the request, the respective invitation. The home club is obliged to provide a bus of an international standard for a minimum of 40 persons for the local transport of the guest team. The bus must be equipped with a heating resp. an aircondition. The bus must be at the disposal of the guest team starting with the moment of arrival at the respective airport and finishing with the moment of departure at the respective airport, however, for a maximum of 96 hours only.

The bus must be arranged by the home club in a way, that there is a bus driver available for the complete duration of the stay including all usual transports that are connected with the stay of the guest team.

A representative of the home club is obliged to be present at the moment of arrival at the respective airport. It is his/her duty to welcome the guest team and to assist the guest team in any difficulties at the airport (customs, luggage, meeting the bus etc.).

In case the guest club travels by bus, the home club is free from the obligation to provide a bus arrangement. No costs are to be refunded as a consequence.

In case of unusual difficulties of the guest club during its stay , the home club is expected to provide appropriate assistance within the framework of a sportsmanlike co-operation.

3.3 EHF Officials

Appropriate transportation for the EHF officials between the airport, the hotel and the playing hall has to be organised by the home club during the competition's period. The arising costs are covered by the home club.

3.4 EHF President

Whenever the EHF President or an Executive Committee member representing the EHF attends the EHF Champions League competition an adequate car with an English speaking chauffeur has to be at his disposal during the duration of the stay. The EHF will inform in good time prior to the event about the attendance of an official EHF representative. The arising cost is covered by the home club.

4 BOARD AND LODGING

4.1 Guest club

4.1.1 The guest club is responsible for the organisation and the payment of its stay at the away match. This includes all aspects of accommodation, food as well as additional activities of the guest team.

The guest club is therefore free to define the number of persons in the delegation, the duration of its stay, the level of accommodation and food as well as the complete programme during its stay etc.

Upon a mutual consent between the two clubs, other arrangements regarding board and lodging are possible. The EHF cannot be hold responsible for any dispute or discussions about financial issues between the clubs resulting from individual agreements between clubs.

4.2 EHF Delegate / EHF Referees / EHF Representatives

Single rooms in a hotel at international level (minimum 3 stars) have to be booked for the EHF referees, the EHF delegate, the marketing supervisor as well as for any other EHF representatives nominated. The delegate/referee(s)/etc. pay any further cost related to personal matters (phone calls from hotel, mini bar, pay TV, etc.)

Breakfast, lunch and dinner have to be provided in the hotel restaurant or a restaurant close to the hotel. The cost for lodging and boarding of all EHF representatives is borne by the home club.

The delegation of the EHF is to be accommodated in a separate hotel independent from the guest club and the fans of the guest club.

4.3 EHF President

A Single room in a 4-star hotel has to be booked for the EHF President.

Depending on the individual timetable breakfast, lunch and dinner have to be provided in the hotel restaurant or a respective restaurant by the home club. The cost for lodging and boarding is borne by the home club.

4.4 EHF Sponsor Partners and Media Representatives

On EHF request single rooms in a 4-star hotel have to be booked for the EHF sponsor partner and media representatives.

Depending on the individual timetable breakfast, lunch and dinner have to be provided in the hotel restaurant or any first class restaurant by the home club. The cost for lodging and boarding of the EHF Sponsor partners and Media representatives is borne by the parties themselves respectively the EHF.

In case a sightseeing tour is requested by the EHF for the EHF sponsor partners, the home club shall support the organisation. The cost is covered by the EHF. The EHF informs the home club about this request 10 days in advance at the latest in order to secure a correct planning and organisation.

5 ORGANISER'S STAFF

5.1 Scorekeeper and timekeeper

The scorekeeper and the timekeeper shall be appointed by the National Federation in whose territory the venue of the match is located. It is in the responsibility of the home club, that the score keeper and time keeper are present at the playing hall.

The scorekeeper, the timekeeper and the official announcer shall be provided by the organiser with the necessary technical equipment. The EHF may appoint one or several delegates and representatives to a match.

The timekeeper shall have at his disposal a sufficient number of cards (sized A4) matching the EHF sample design for noting the numbers of players suspended and the end of their suspension periods. These cards shall be placed visibly on the timekeeper's desk, in vertical position, for easy legible for both teams.

For team time-out signalling, the timekeeper shall have at his disposal a minimum of two green cards marked with a capital letter "T", which are handed over to each team's manager at the beginning of each half-time of the regular playing time. A team manager requests the team time-out by presenting the green card in a correct way at the timekeeper's table.

The home club shall pay the cost of the timekeeper and the scorekeeper.

5.1.1 Timekeeper's desk

The following persons shall be seated at the timekeeper's desk in the following order: EHF delegate, time-keeper, score-taker, official announcer.

A representative who the EHF may delegate for doping control shall be assigned a seat in the substitution area.

5.2 Technical equipment and personnel

5.2.1 Technical equipment and personnel shall be made available by the local organiser/home club in accordance with the requirements defined by the EHF and/or the EHF's marketing partners / the local TV host broadcaster.

5.2.2 The announcer provided by the local organiser shall be selected with due regard for the need to make all announcements also in the English language. Moreover the instructions of EHF officials must be followed by the announcer.

5.2.3 Security staff, first-aid teams, etc. shall be provided in accordance with the standards set by the EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure.

5.2.4 In case of an introduction of a EHF Champions League statistic the home club must make available the necessary technical support as well as personnel (1-2 people). Some knowledge of the English language is a requirement for these people.

6 SECURITY

6.1 Guarantees by the local organiser

- 6.1.1 The clubs and National Federations are responsible for the conduct of their players, officials, members (any persons exercising a function on their behalf at a match), and fans.
- 6.1.2 The clubs and National Federations undertake to observe the provisions of the EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure before, during and after all matches. All safety and security measures shall be co-ordinated with the persons in charge of specific services and with the EHF delegate / EHF security delegate.
- 6.1.3 The local organiser / home club is responsible for maintaining good order and safety and security before, during and after the match. It may be held responsible for incidents of any kind. The relevant provisions of IHF and EHF Regulations shall apply.

7 VIDEO RECORDINGS

Upon request to the EHF, using an official form designed for this purpose, any participating team shall be allowed to make video recordings of EHF Champions League matches for teaching and coaching purposes. Persons making video recordings of a match on video who are unable to produce an EHF permit may be asked to leave the playing hall. Due to space limitations in a playing hall, restrictions may have to be imposed. Such restrictions shall be agreed with the EHF.

All clubs participating in the EHF Champions League shall be permitted to make video recordings for teaching and training purposes from official home matches (also in national competitions) of other clubs which participate in the EHF Champions League. Such recordings, however, shall be made by only one person 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.

V. MEDIA

1 PRESS

1.1 Media room / work room

- 1.1.1 The home clubs shall provide to the EHF and/or the holders of rights the technical support required as well as access for technical staff.
- 1.1.2 A sufficient number of workplaces shall be made available for press and media representatives as well as equipment in accordance with common standards for international sports events (phone and modem outlets, internet connections, etc.).
- 1.1.3 The home club shall create good working conditions for media representatives (TV, radio, printed media) by providing a media room with tables and chairs, internet access, telephone and telefax. Media information such as player lists, match reports, statistics as well as additional team and player information should also be made available. Upon written request by the visiting team, an appropriate number of seats shall be reserved for accredited journalists and an appropriate number of power outlets as well as telephone and telefax lines made available.
- The journalists accompanying the guest club must apply for official accreditation 3 days prior to the match at the latest and are to be supported with regard to hotel reservations and visa problems in accordance with international practice.
- An accreditation can only be refused by the home club after a discussion with the EHF.

1.2 Press seats on the tribune

Seats for accredited media representatives and journalists shall be separated from those of spectators. In addition the seats of the media representatives and journalists shall be additionally protected.

1.3 Mixed zone

The home club shall communicate team line-ups to all media representatives in good time before the start of the match. Information about the press conference and the mixed zone shall be provided to all media representatives prior to the match.

Media representatives shall be offered the opportunity to make interviews of both teams in the mixed zone equipped with a backdrop.

1.4 Press conference

Beginning with the EHF Champions League Main Round the home club shall arrange a post match press conference 15 minutes after each EHF Champions League match. The coach and a player should participate in the press conference. The press conference shall be equipped with a backdrop.

The EHF reserves the right up to 15 days prior to the playing day in co-operation with the clubs and by considering the clubs' sponsors to install a backdrop presenting the EHF Champions Logo resp. the EHF Champions League sponsor(s).

1.4.1 Press conference – Finals

A press conference is to be organised by the home club on the evening prior to the match as well as after the awarding ceremony.

2 PHOTOGRAPHERS

2.1 Basic guidelines

The photographers shall be accredited and shall have access to the playing court as well as the press facilities. They must be allowed to do his/her job without obstructing play or the advertising boards, to avoid devaluation of the sponsors. As of the semi-finals the photographers should be provided with a bib for ease of recognition, which will help the work of the security staff. Each photographer must receive a copy of the EHF Rules for Photographers and sign a list that he/she will adhere to the rules. This should be completed when the accreditation is collected from the press officer.

Here are the basic guidelines:

- Photos can be taken during the line-up. An area must be defined prior to the match. The photographer may stand in this position until the pre-match procedure is over. After the line-up, the photographer must go to the seats behind the advertising boards

at the end of the court. The photographer (other than the official photographer of the club or EHF) is not permitted to access the court at any other time.

- The accreditation must be worn at all times.
- During the match, all photographers should be at the end of the court where seats are available behind the advertising boards.
- It is not allowed to change ends during the playing half. This has to be done at the half time or at the end of the match. If a photographer wishes to change ends during the half, he/she must follow the routing system.
- Photographers are not allowed behind the player seats or on the opposite side of the court.
- Photographers should remain seated and can not change seat during play.
- Photographers are allowed to sit in front of the nets after the point where it is fixed to the advertising borders.
- Photographers are not allowed to obstruct the view of the advertising boards.
- No strobe light photography is permitted

2.2 EHF photographer

A professional photographer is a necessity for providing high quality pictures of the EHF Champions League matches. The press/TV/statistics officer has to provide the EHF with the contact to a local photographer. After the event, the photographer/club is obliged to send 5 pictures to the EHF Office (championsleague@ehfmarketing.com) for immediate use on the official EHF Champions League website. The costs have to be borne by the club.

On request a CD-ROM with at least 50 pictures must be sent to EHF one day after the event by post. The costs have to be borne by the EHF. These should be of print quality with DPI of 300. The pictures will be used on the EHF Champions League website (photo gallery and articles) as well for EHF Champions League and EHF promotional purposes.

The photographers taking pictures for use by the EHF should be aware that the following scenes are of interest for promotional purposes:

- Match (action) pictures with the ball being involved (single players, groups, goalkeepers, etc.)
- Atmosphere in the arena (spectators, team celebrations, etc.)
- Fair Play Acting (support to players of opposing team, support spectators)

- Moving moments (happy, unhappy)
- Team Time-Out
- Referees in Action
- Coaches in Action
- Delegates/Table in Action
- Team line-up
- EHF Champions League CI (as background)
- Flags in and outside the arena
- Ceremonies (EHF representatives + VIPs)
- Opening, Awarding Ceremony
- Photos of the arena, the surrounding area
- Various pictures with ball
- Children

3 EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL

Clubs reaching the final matches have to take into consideration the dimension of the event and undergo special preparations and regulations. In all instances, final arrangements have to be defined and approved by the EHF in agreement with the parties involved. Generally all mentioned standards have to be adapted to the fact that more people will be involved in the media process, before, during and after a final match.

The most important points to be aware of are:

- All media arrangements have to be arranged in cooperation with the EHF
- Media / working room for at least 30 media representatives (written press and photographers) with all requirements mentioned in point 1.1 (chapter V)
- Press room shall have a minimum of 80 m² (appropriate facilities such as more work stations)
- Special media service – media support
- In the playing hall a minimum of 40 work stations for press and media representatives has to be guaranteed. The places should have access to electricity and internet access should be available upon request.

- Mixed zone and flash zone (situated in the hall next to the players exit; the flash zone is kept separate from the mixed zone and is reserved exclusively for the TV right holders. The necessary security should be provided to ensure the safety of the players and the TV right holders).
- Media room, press conference room, mixed and flash zone shall be branded with the EHF Champions League CI (see chapter VI).
- Official press releases before and immediately after the final match
- Official EHF TV crews and Official EHF photographers will be appointed which will have the exclusive right to enter in the ceremony area and other essential areas (EHF media officials will be provided with special badges).
- Additional press activities and the option of a press conference one or two days prior to the match.
- The post match press conference will take place after the awarding ceremony of the final match.

4 TELEVISION AND RADIO

4.1 General

Joint marketing of the rights of the EHF Champions League in connection with television, radio, internet, film, video and advertising shall be carried out on the behalf of the clubs / National Federations by the EHF in accordance with the principles set out below.

4.2 TV rights

The EHF transfers the use of the complete media rights for the 2008/09 season to EHF Marketing and entitles it to undertake the respective measures with regards to the usage of these rights.

4.2.1 Qualification round 1

The television-, radio-, film-, internet-, video- and advertising rights for qualification round 1 shall be marketed directly by each home club.

4.2.2 TV signal in qualification round 2

In qualification round 2, the organiser of the qualification tournament has the TV rights for its territory and must guarantee the production of the TV signal of all matches according to the EHF TV Hostbroadcaster Manual. The news rights as well as the international media rights of all matches shall belong to the EHF.

The EHF is the exclusive owner of the International Media Rights and shall have the right to exploit them (utilisation of secondary and third party rights). Local Media Partners have to be informed by the club about the media rights situation.

If the EHF is able to find broadcasting partners (which are not the local (home team) host broadcasters) in the territory which is not the home territory, the minimum broadcasting requirements have to be secured by the club or the respective TV Partner and the EHF Champions League TV Manual has to be followed (production standards).

Media rights are divided into TV, radio and multimedia rights.

TV rights include all distribution channels including satellite, cable and terrestrial broadcast. Multimedia rights means internet, digital television, SMS portals, MMS, 3G Mobile Phone Service and include any present or future distribution platform (incl. internet and any wireless wide-area communications network) capable of delivering a continuous stream of audiovisual signals, whether digital or analogue, for display on a visually perceptible screen or monitor, including, without limitation, free television, pay television, pay-per-view television, pay-per-channel, broadband internet, video-on-demand, near live-video-on-demand, closed circuit television (e.g. in hotels, airplanes etc.), public viewing. Streaming is media coverage in the internet of the event: exclusive live-streaming in extract or full length, non-exclusive, delayed streaming in extract or full length, non-exclusive live-clips and non-exclusive magazine.

The club or the respective home TV Partner has to provide to the EHF or to the respective EHF TV Partners the TV signal free of charge (at OB van), if the match will be produced. EHF shall have the right to choose a signal distribution partner at any time.

Furthermore, the EHF has the right to market the complete (home and International) media rights of the matches where the home club makes no use of its media rights. The home club is obliged to inform the EHF respectively the EHF Marketing GmbH (championsleague@ehfmarketing.com) after the respective draw if the club will make use of these rights.

EHF shall be allowed to use, free of charge, existing television footage/match footage for production and broadcasting matters at a later time (utilisation of secondary and third party rights). The club or the respective TV Partner has to provide a beta tape/DVD to the EHF immediately after the match if requested.

- 4.2.3 TV Signal / Guarantee of the production beginning with the Group Matches - Final
- Each club has to guarantee the production of each home match from the Group Matches to the finals of a TV-signal on an appropriate international level. This signal must be made available to the EHF (or for its partners) free of charge (at OB van). Production of the TV signal does not include any media rights. All the facilities required for the installation of requisite TV equipment (cameras) shall be made available. Clubs can find all necessary requirements of the host broadcaster in the EHF Host Broadcaster Manual which is a part of this regulation booklet.
- Clubs interested in using TV footage or any match action on their homepage or on any club related media platform shall inform the EHF Marketing in due time. All media rights belong to the EHF and further usage by the club has to be communicated to the EHF to receive final approval.
- If the club intends to reproduce match action on their hall screens the EHF Marketing has to be informed. It is not allowed to reproduce match action at any time during a match.
- Reproduction of match action is not allowed at any time during a match.
- 4.2.4 A club will be released from this duty by the EHF, if a respective agreement with a TV partner is reached.
- 4.2.5 Should there be no TV-agreement until 30 days prior to the Group Matches, the EHF is responsible for the organisation of the production of the TV-signal and the costs of this are to be borne by the club.
- 4.2.6 In all Group Matches, Main Round matches and semi-final matches played within the framework of the EHF Champions League, the rights relating to television recordings, internet recordings, radio recordings and film recordings (including video recordings) along with multimedia rights shall be marketed by the EHF.

The EHF has the option of using existing television and film footage for the production and broadcasting of a news magazine at a later date (exploitation of secondary and third party rights) free of charge.

4.2.7 The option of using additional cameras, microphones, etc. for broadcasting matters during the match (using microphones during time-outs) shall be decided by the EHF. Clubs interested in using TV footage or any match action on their homepage or on any club related media platforms have to inform the EHF Marketing in due time. All media rights belong to the EHF and further usage by the club has to be communicated to the EHF.

4.3 Final matches - TV-and advertising rights

At the finals matches of the EHF Champions League, the rights relating to television recordings, internet recordings, radio recordings and film recordings (including video recordings) along with multimedia rights as well as advertising in the arenas (complete advertising positioned in the playing hall) shall be marketed by the EHF. For this purpose, the halls in which the finals are played shall be provided free from any advertisement.

4.4 TV Meeting

One hour prior to the start of the match a TV-meeting should be held in the playing hall with the participation of the responsible person from the TV-station, the EHF delegate and a representative from both teams. The following points are to be discussed during this meeting (see also enclosures - check list for TV-meeting or the TV host broadcaster manual):

- Pre-match run down (entry ceremony - exact timings; awarding ceremony in case of the final - to be prepared in written form by the home club)
- Detailed event schedule (before the match, half-time programme, after the match, expected number of spectators, side events, etc.) - to be prepared in written form by the home club
- Team line-ups (to be prepared in written form by the home club) have to be provided to all media representatives and have to be sent to transmitting TV channels before the match via fax or e-mail
- Information regarding Injuries/come backs/new players, etc.
- Information about position of the mixed zone (for interviews before/after the match)

- TV set-up, interest in interviews, TV schedule, implementation of EHF Champions League intro/outro/graphics (information given by the TV representative)
- Names of EHF officials/ referees (information given by the EHF delegate)

4.5 On-site support

The local organiser / home club shall provide, to the extent required and requested, the preconditions specified by the EHF, the marketing partner and/or the host broadcaster and requisite resources as well as the personnel and material needed to produce, make available and transmit a standard quality TV signal.

VI. PRODUCT AND BRANDING

1 THE EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE BRANDING

A unique EHF Champions League branding throughout Europe is one of the main requirements to successfully promote and develop a product. The Corporate Identity (CI) manual has therefore to be studied carefully and the necessary arrangements have to be made by the home club. The usage of the official EHF Champions League CI is binding and has to be implemented in all tools described in this chapter with exception of the tickets where the implementation of the EHF Champions League design is recommended but not obligatory.

The material will be provided in digital form together with the CI manual in September 2008. The official EHF Champions League layout must not be changed or re-designed in any way. The home club must strictly comply with the layout and respect the panel's size. Panels must be of rigid material and shall be easy to clean. In cooperation with a local advertising agency or specialists at the disposal of the club the implementation has to be carried out. Before the branding material is going to be produced, samples of the different materials have to be sent by email at least 2 weeks before the beginning of the respective competition phase. Within 3 working days the EHF will approve the layout or make comments for revision.

In case changes in the layout have to be made, a new sample has to be sent within 3 working days by the club. The final confirmation of the basic layout is given by the EHF accordingly. For instructions, dimensions, etc. see the CI manual and the corresponding Corporate Design CD.

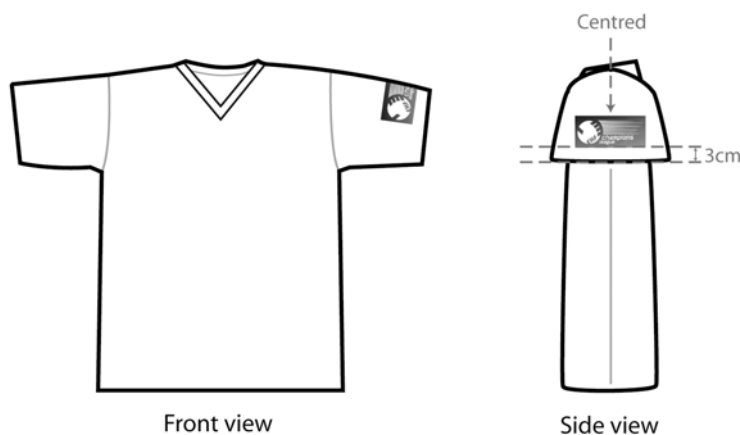
1.1 Playing hall

One table banner in accordance with the EHF Champions League CI has to be affixed to the timekeeper's desk.

EHF Champions League banners have to be positioned in the 2nd row areas, on the tribunes, in the substitution areas, etc.. The exact positions/areas will be defined by the EHF respective to the different competitions stages.

1.2 Player's shirts

The EHF will provide all clubs participating in the Group Matches of the EHF Champions League with the layout of the EHF Champions League t-shirt badges (15x7cm) in digital form which is ready to be printed on the shirts. The fixing of this logo is an obligation, the exact position is defined as follows. Nevertheless, the badge has to be fixed only on the left arm.



1.3 Press conference

1.3.1 Panels

Two panels are to be positioned on the left and right hand of the table.

1.3.2 Table banner

One table banner has to be put on the front side of the table.

1.4 Mixed zone / Flash zone

One interview backdrop has to be positioned where the mixed or flash zone in the playing hall is foreseen.

1.5 Press information / official information sheets

All information handed out to the local press (line-ups, player information, etc.) as well as information sheets (Technical meeting, TV meeting, etc.) have to be branded with the EHF Champions League header.

1.6 Accreditations

The accreditations for the official sectors (playing court, media, VIP, etc.) have to be designed in accordance with the EHF Champions League CI.

1.7 Tickets

Normal tickets for spectators are recommended to be in EHF Champions League design if the used printing method makes it possible. However, this is not obligatory.

1.8 Official programme

The design of the official programme has to follow the EHF Champions League CI. The EHF Champions League advertisement has to be positioned on the foreseen area in the inner of the programme.

1.9 Flags

All flags mentioned under point 4 (chapter X) have to be positioned in the playing hall.

1.10 EHF & team hotels

One large flag has to be positioned outside the hotels.

1.11 Podium / Winner's banner

The winners' podium provided by the home club has to be branded.

For the awarding ceremony of the EHF Champions League final, a banner situated in front of the podium has to be produced in EHF Champions League CI. The EHF Champions League winner shall position behind this banner when the winner's pictures are taken.

1.12 Production Obligations

The following chart gives an overview about the production obligations of all branding items:

	Group Matches	Main Round - finals
Playing hall (1 timekeeper's table banner)	Home club	Home club
Playing hall (2nd row banner, spectator's area banner, etc.)	Home club	EHF
Player's shirts (badges)	Home club	Home club
Press conference (2 panels)	EHF	EHF
Press conference (1 table banner)	Home club	Home club
Mixed / Flash zone (1 backdrop)	Home club	EHF
Press information	Home club	Home club
Accreditations	Home club	Home club
Tickets (recommended)	Home club	Home club
Official programme	Home club	Home club
CL winner's board	-	EHF
Podium	-	EHF/home club

2 THE OFFICIAL EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE BALL

Adidas as the "Official match ball supplier of the EHF Champions League" will provide the official ball for all matches of the 2008/09 EHF Champions League. Starting with the Group Matches participating clubs



are obliged to use the official adidas ball in all matches as well as during the warm up of the 2008/09 EHF Champions League. The EHF partner adidas will make available 20 balls to each club participating in the Group Matches of the 2008/09 EHF Champions League for training purposes. In addition adidas provides each club with 2 match balls per home game

which must be made available without prior use on the occasion of each home game accordingly.

3 THE OFFICIAL EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MUSIC

The European Handball Federation will provide each team participating in the Group Matches of the 2008/09 EHF Champions League with at least 1 CD including the official CL-music.

VII. MARKETING AND ORGANISATION

1 USE OF AVERTISING

The EHF transfers the use of the TV and advertsing rights for the 2008/09 season to EHF Marketing and entitles it to undertake the respective measures with regards to the usage of these rights.

1.1 Limitation of floor advertisements

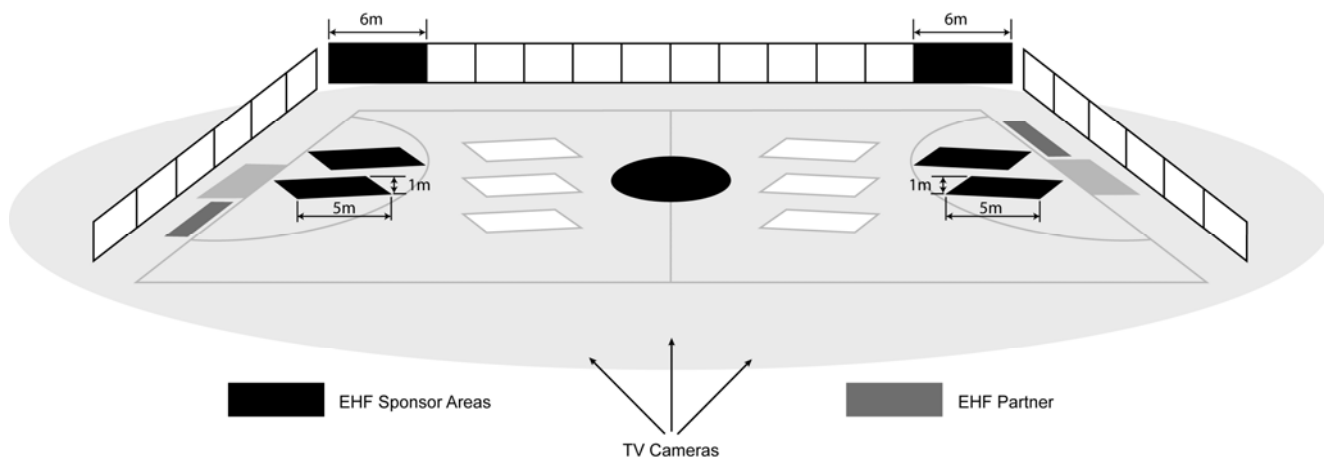
With the beginning of the qualification round 2 the number of floor advertisements is limited to 11 floor stickers (including the centre circle).

Additionally, 2 floor stickers of the official EHF Champions League floor provider may be positioned next to the goals outside the playing court.

1.2 Qualification, Group Matches, Main Round and semi-finals

1.2.1 The following advertising rights from the qualification to the semi-finals are to be marketed directly by each home club: entire board advertising (except point 1.3.2, chapter VII) as well as 6 floor advertisements on the playing court. The advertisements are to be positioned on the height of the 9m line and have to have the dimensions 5m x 1m (see chart – white positions).

1.2.2 The EHF will market the right to advertise on two 6m x 1m barrier boards on each corner of the long side barrier, within the range covered by the main TV cameras. (see chart – black positions).



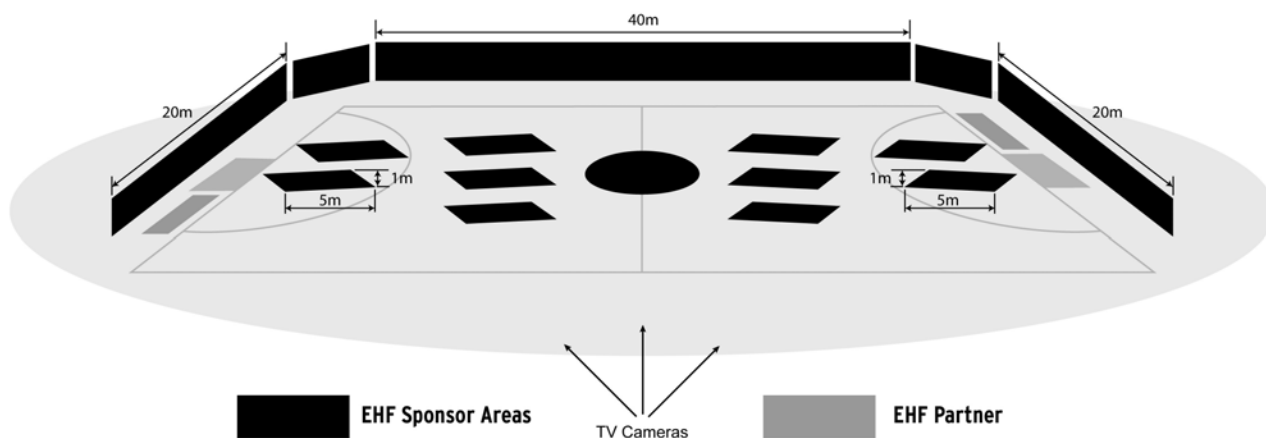
- 1.2.3 Furthermore the EHF has the right to exclusively use the goal areas and the centre circle, no club sponsor advertisement may be positioned in the said areas. The number of advertisements allocated in the goal areas will be of maximal 2, the dimensions are 5m x 1m. The centre circle will have a diameter of 5m.
- 1.2.4 The EHF has the right to promote, on behalf of the clubs, marketing of additional board advertising for all qualification rounds, Group Matches, Main Round matches and semi-final matches played within the framework of the EHF Champions League. For the 2008/2009 season and in case of a respective agreement by the EHF for the marketing of additional advertising spaces, the clubs concerned must be informed accordingly in writing in good time prior to the respective matches.
- 1.2.5 The local organiser / home club shall take care for the proper fixing of the means of advertising (barrier board and floor advertisement, etc.). Specification will be fixed, as far as necessary.

1.3 Finals

- 1.3.1 The advertising rights for the finals shall be marketed centrally by the EHF. For this purpose, the halls in which these matches are played shall be provided free from any advertisement 24 hours before the match. Exceptions are subject to approval by the EHF.
- 1.3.2 The room where the press conference takes place shall be free from any advertisement.
- 1.3.3 The VIP shall be free from any advertisement.
- 1.3.4 The rights include board advertising on the length side of the playing court (42m x 1m) as well as board advertising on the goal sides (20m x 1m behind each goal), within the range covered by the main TV cameras. (see chart)

1.3.5 Furthermore the EHF has the exclusive right to market the floor.

1.3.6 It is the duty of the club to provide the EHF Marketing GmbH with a static board system with the dimensions 42m x 1m on the length side of the playing court and 20m x 1m on both short sides of the playing court.



1.4 Placing of advertisement

In connection with the TV agreement reached between the European Handball Federation and the TV host broadcasters it was agreed that the following items should be considered at matches of the EHF Champions League.

1.4.1 The quality of advertisements used must not damage the quality of TV coverage and TV production.

1.4.2 The size of the boards and the placing of the advertisements should follow the EHF guidelines and also should allow a full visibility of the event from all angles on the TV screen.

1.4.3 Advertisements which damage the quality of TV coverage and TV production can be ordered to be removed or covered.

1.4.4 It goes with the responsibility of the home club to make sure that the advertisements used are in conformity with the given guidelines.

- 1.4.5 Advertisement, which is 3-dimensional, luminescent or fluorescent is subject for approval by the EHF.
- 1.4.6 The first row of advertising on the long side, opposite the main TV camera, should have a height of 100 cm above normal floor level.
- 1.4.7 The second row of advertising on the long side, opposite the main TV camera, should have a maximum height of 60 cm. This row should be placed at least 10 cm above the first row of advertisements, so that the two rows appear separated, especially when seen from the master-camera.
- 1.4.8 The first row of advertising on the goal lines (short sides) should have a height of 100 cm above normal floor level.
- 1.4.9 In case of rotating advertisements all advertisements should rotate at the same time and only vertically. Every rotation frequency should have a duration of minimum 30 seconds.

1.5 Securing of advertising

- 1.5.1 The advertisements placed by the EHF respectively their marketing partners must not be covered by spectators or materials and the clear visibility on the TV screen must not be impeded by any obstacle. The responsibility is with the home club.

2 PRODUCT EXCLUSIVITY

In respect of the advertising rights managed within the framework of these Regulations the EHF has the right to industry exclusivity for two partners put on boards resp. floor advertising areas within the complete range of the TV cameras. The respective sponsors shall be announced by the EHF to the clubs concerned in writing in good time prior the respective matches.

Any advertising at the competition venue that violates industry exclusivity shall be removed if requested by the EHF. Industry exclusivity does not apply to the players' clothing.

3 OTHER ADVERTISEMENT FORMS

3.1 Referees' / Officials' advertising

Advertising on the clothing of referees and EHF officials shall be reserved to the EHF. Any industry-related exclusivity shall be excluded.

3.2 Advertisement on player's clothing

3.2.1 Qualification rounds

In conformity with point 3.2.2 of this regulation and notwithstanding the Regulations on Advertising on Players' Clothing, in the 2008/2009 season, the rights relating to sleeve advertising shall belong to the respective clubs.

3.2.2 Group Matches, Main Round and semi-finals

Notwithstanding the Regulations on Advertising on Players' Clothing, in the 2008/2009 season, the rights relating to sleeve advertising shall belong to the respective clubs in all Group Matches, Main Round matches, semi-final matches and final matches.

VIII. VIP AND HOSPITALITY

1 HOSPITALITY AND BANQUET

In all matches relating to the EHF Champions League, the home club shall organise a lunch reception on the day before the match or on the day of the match to which it shall invite both teams' delegation heads, EHF officials, representatives of EHF partners, representatives of local authorities as well as other VIP guests that may be present.

In addition, the respective home club may organise a banquet after the completion of a match, hospitality programme, etc.

IX. TECHNICAL SERVICES

1 STATISTICS

The implementation of statistics within the EHF Champions League matches is planned and will be carried out in cooperation with the participating clubs and TV stations involved. The club shall be in charge for providing the necessary personnel free of charge.

2 PHOTOS / FILM / VIDEO

The EHF shall have the right to use photos and graphical material of players and officials as well as club names, emblems and team uniforms within the framework of the competition for non-commercial purposes. On request, the clubs / local organisers shall provide such material and any information required free of charge.

The teams taking part in the EHF Champions League from the Group Matches onwards shall provide the EHF (championsleague@eurohandball.com) with a minimum of 5 photographs taken by a professional photographer from each home game (TIF or JPG format – high resolution, 300 DPI). The photographs shall be used for promotional, purposes for EHF publications/website only. The photographs shall be provided by the clubs free of charge.

At the point of registration, it is the responsibility of each club to exempt the EHF, in the case of legal action from the player, in regards to the player' s image rights.

2.1 Film footage rights

The EHF has the option of using existing television and film footage for the production and broadcasting of a news magazine/programme at a later date (exploitation of secondary rights) free of charge.

X. PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL

1 OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

The official ceremonies are an important symbol for every sports event. The EHF Champions League competition has to be able to be identified due to their official ceremonies.

1.1 Pre-match procedure

- 1.1.1 As the entry ceremony gives the first impression of the event for TV spectators and spectators in the playing hall it is important that all players of both teams respect and strictly stick to the timings fixed in the technical meeting for the entry ceremony and throw off.
- 1.1.2 During the entry ceremony the players must wear identical clothing: either with the player's clothes (short shirts and trousers) or tracksuits.
- 1.1.3 The players can be accompanied by children during the entry ceremony
- 1.1.4 Beginning with the Group Matches the following flags should be available in the playing hall at each Champions League match: flag of the nation of the clubs, flag of the clubs, flag of the nations of the referees and the delegate, flag of the EHF(1x2m) and EHF Champions League flag (1x2m).
- 1.1.5 **Entry ceremony**

The official EHF Champions League ceremony shall start exactly 3 minutes before the match. (starting of the international clean TV feed)

Till this time individual team presentations have to be carried out and finished.

Presentations (individual player presentations) of the teams shall be carried out in the same time way and in the same procedure without favouring someone.

The referees have to stand in the middle of the playing court. The EHF flag has to be positioned on the left side of the referees carried by at least four persons (young players/cheerleaders). The EHF Champions League flag has to be carried on the right side of the referees.

1.1.6 Both teams have to line up in one line with the referees facing the main TV camera. This part of the official ceremony shall be accompanied by the official CL music and the fair play text. After this part the teams approach the middle line (hand shake). The club flags shall leave the court in the same way in which they entered during the march in. At the same time the EHF and CL flags prepare to leave the playing court.

1.1.7 Detailed run down

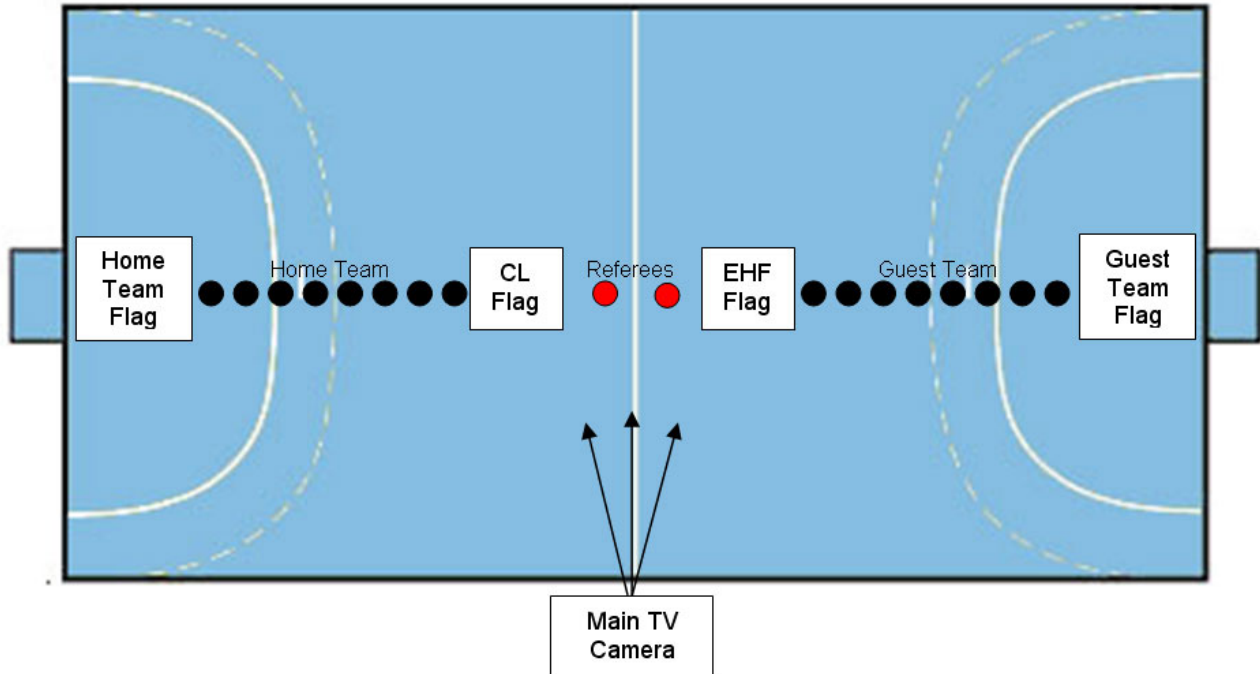
A detailed run down of the entry ceremony as well as the exact timings have to be set-up by the home club before each match and shall be handed out to all parties involved in the Technical meeting (delegate, opponent team, security, announcer, ceremony staff, etc.).

The following basic run down which starts 10 minutes before the throw off can be completed due to local arrangements during the entry ceremony:

10:00-03:00	End of warm up → Individual presentation (referee presentation/delegate presentation)
03:00	Beginning of the official ceremony / Playing of the official Champions League anthem, players line up
01:00	Ending of opening ceremony (handshake); Fair play text (in local and English version by announcer)
00:30	Players get ready for the throw-off;
00:00	Throw-off (start-up signal of EHF delegate)

1.1.8 Chart entry ceremony

The following chart is to be seen as demonstrative sketch of the run down of the official entry ceremony in case of there being only one entrance to the playing court. During the site-inspection the detailed run down adapted to the local situation will be discussed.



1.2 Post match procedure

1.2.1 At the end of the match the teams shall line-up and shake hands.

1.2.2 Players are available for interviews (TV, written press and radio) in the mixed zone. Interviews shall be made in front of the official EHF Champions League backdrop.

1.2.3 Fifteen minutes after the end of the match, a press conference shall be held in the press room (post match press conference); see point 1.4, chapter V. The press/TV/statistics responsible is in charge for the attendance of the press conference participants as well as the proper implementation of the press conference.

2 FINAL MATCHES

In final matches the same pre-match procedure as in previous matches shall be carried out. The entry ceremony will be adapted together with the organiser.

2.1 Awarding ceremony

The awarding ceremony is to be organised by the home club in co-operation with the EHF at the playing hall immediately after the end of the match. A maximum of 30 persons from each of the two participating teams as well as the referees and EHF delegate will receive commemorative medals from the EHF.

The materials for the awarding ceremony (except the medals and the trophy) must be organised by the home club in accordance with the EHF Office. In the same way the run down and tasks for each participating party have to be planned carefully and needs a detailed briefing with the personnel (rehearsal the day before the match). The following material is needed for the awarding ceremony:

- CL winners' banner
- podium (enough space for the entire team)
- Poles and cordon (to secure the photographer's area)
- Cushions/trays for positioning the medals
- Bouquets of flowers
- Music arrangement (band, DJ, etc.)

Approximately 3-4 hostesses (2 women – medals, 2 women - trophy) have to be present during the entire awarding ceremony in order to assist the EHF President/EHF representative when awarding the players. Security staff has to secure that photographer's stay in their area.

2.2 Protocol

The seating plan of the VIP tribune has to be prepared by the floor/protocol procedures responsible together with the marketing supervisor. The EHF protocol prevails and therefore the EHF President respectively the from the EHF officially nominated person is the highest ranking representative at the venue. In close cooperation with the home club the local authorities will be taken into account.

In the entire VIP area the seats are to be allocated following the position/function of the respective guest. The correct implementation of the seating plan has to be secured by the floor/protocol procedures responsible.

2.3 Official reception

In both final matches relating to the EHF Champions League, the home club shall organise an official reception before the match (evening reception the day before or lunch reception on the match day) to which it shall invite both teams' delegation heads, EHF officials, representatives of EHF partners, representatives of local authorities as well as other VIP guests that may be present.

After the match the home club may organise a banquet for the teams, team delegations, EHF officials, representatives of EHF partners, representatives of local authorities as well as other VIP guests that may be present.

3 TECHNICAL MEETING

The Technical Meeting has to be carried out in a meeting room at the playing hall at 10.00 hrs. on the day of the match. In case, the match is played before 13.00 hrs. the Technical Meeting shall take place on the evening before the match.

At this technical meeting, both teams shall enter all players they intend to use (not more than 16) and officials (not more than 6), in the match report. One hour before the beginning of the match, the team manager shall reduce the list to the number of players (maximum 14) and officials (maximum 4) actually participating.

If one of these players should be injured, she may be exchanged before the start of the match.

3.1 Additional matters for the Technical Meeting

- Technical matters of the game
- Security concept of the complete event (security inside and outside the playing hall, separation of the opposing fan sectors, medical emergency resources, etc.)
- Press conference (time, place, participants) / mixed zone
- Pre-match and post-match procedure (match in, players' presentation etc.)
- Side events (banquette, etc.)
- Organisational matters (VIP guests of opponent team, etc.)

4 FLAGS

Beginning with the Group Matches the following flags should be available in the playing hall at each Champions League match: flag of the nation of the clubs, flag of the clubs, flag of the nations of the referees and the delegate, flag of the EHF, Champions League flag.

XI. EHF

1 REFEREES

Referees and other officials shall be appointed by the EHF. The EHF Office shall communicate appointments to the referees via National Federation as well as to the teams concerned and their National Federations.

1.1 Nomination

The referees and/or their National Federation shall acknowledge appointments to the Office without delay.

1.2 Substitution

If the referees appointed are unable to accept their appointments for important reasons, the EHF shall appoint a suitable substitute pair of referees.

1.3 Non appearance

If one or more referees fail to appear, the EHF delegate shall be informed and any further action shall be co-ordinated with the EHF delegate. The following steps shall be considered:

1.3.1 The EHF delegate has the obligation to immediately contact the EHF (phone: +43-1-80151140, mobile phone +43-664-4105243) with a report of the situation. The EHF shall take a decision in consultation with the EHF-delegate.

1.3.2 If the situation cannot be resolved by such a move, the EHF shall reschedule the match on the next day with newly appointed referees.

2 OFFICIALS

EHF officials are representatives, delegates, referees, office staff and any other persons nominated by the EHF.

2.1 Nomination

The EHF is entitled to appoint EHF delegates to EHF Champions League matches. In final matches and matches of particular significance additional EHF officials may be appointed.

2.2 Responsibilities / duties

2.2.1 The EHF delegate shall verify and ensure the orderly conduct of the event before, during and after the match and prevent any occurrences that may lead to a protest or a repetition of the match. The safety and security of players, referees, delegates and spectators shall be ensured. All measures shall be taken that are necessary to maintain safety and security. The provisions of the Rules on Safety and Security Procedure shall be implemented.

2.2.2 The EHF delegate shall observe and assess the referees' performance. A delegate is not a chief referee. Responsibility on the playing area rests solely with the referees. Nonetheless, the delegate shall interrupt the match if necessary and bring errors that may lead to a protest to the referees' attention. Errors in this context do not mean decisions made by the referees on the basis of their observation of facts. The delegate shall not take decisions but only make recommendations. When on duty, the delegate shall always carry a copy of EHF and IHF Regulations as well as the Rules of the Game.

2.2.3 The officially appointed delegate shall always sit at the time-keeper's desk to have a good view of the substitution area at any time and to be able to intervene if necessary (see IHF Substitution Regulations).

3 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The EHF handles the travel arrangements of all officials appointed to Champions League matches. This handling shall not result in higher costs for the participating clubs.

3.1 Travel costs

The cost of officials (representatives, delegates, referees, office staff, etc.) appointed by the EHF in the qualification rounds 1 and 2 shall be borne by the EHF.

The cost of officials (representatives, delegates, referees, office staff, etc.) appointed by the EHF starting from the Group Matches shall be borne equally by the clubs as follows:

Travel by train/bus/boat:

Reimbursement of the cost of one first-class ticket each for travel to and from the venue by train/bus/boat,

Air Travel:

Reimbursement for the cost of one economy class ticket each;

Travel by car (allowed up to a maximum distance of 600 km one way):

Reimbursement of the cost of one first-class ticket each for travel to and from the venue by train/bus/boat or economy ticket by plane,

Expenses for taxi during the trip:

(E.g. home-airport-home, between airports, etc.) to be reimbursed against receipt;

Travelling by car (e.g. home-airport-home, etc.): reimbursement may be claimed at a rate of EUR 0,50 per kilometre.

Any costs incurred outside or inside the host country in connection with the matches

The cost of accommodation, meals and transport during the stay at the venue.

All additional expenses during the trip (parking, visa, etc.) are to be reimbursed against receipt

3.2 Compensation

3.2.1 Qualification rounds 1 and 2

The cost of officials (representatives, delegates, referees, office staff, etc.) appointed by the EHF in the qualification rounds 1 and 2 shall be borne by the EHF.

Each referee gets a compensation of a total amount of € 500,-.

All other persons appointed by the EHF get a compensation of a total amount of € 300,-.

3.2.2 Group Matches, Main Round, semi final and final

Each referee gets a compensation of € 400,-- for each match starting with the Group Matches.

All other persons appointed by the EHF get a compensation of € 200,- for each match starting with the Group Matches.

4 INSURANCE

4.1 Accident and health insurance

4.1.1 Teams entering the competition shall arrange accident, health and other insurance for their players and officials at their own expense. Neither the EHF as the administrator nor the respective home clubs can be held liable in this regard.

4.1.2 Health and accident insurance for the appointed EHF officials for the duration of their nominations is arranged by the EHF.

4.2 Exclusion of liability

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 EHF Champions League.

XII. FINANCES

1 DISBURSEMENT OF EHF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MARKETING PROCEEDS

1.1 Allocation

After material and administrative expenses as well as investments relating to the further development of the product EHF Champions League have been deducted from the proceeds, 80% of the total proceeds from marketing activities - consisting of TV and use of additional advertising - shall be paid to the participating clubs on the basis of figures calculated by the EHF.

1.2 Taxes

The payment of the disbursements will be done according to the valid Austrian fiscal regulations and existing double taxation treatments between the countries concerned. The clubs have to provide the necessary fiscal documents (certificates of residence).

Taxes which have to be borne by the recipient, due to double taxation treaties or the non-submitting of the requested fiscal documents, will be deducted from the amounts to be paid and transferred to the fiscal authorities. Respective documentation will be sent to the clubs concerned for further use.

1.3 Granted disbursements

The following amounts will be disbursed to the teams per team and per points gained:

- Group Matches: (total of three matches)	€ 10.000,-
- Main Round:	
Fix basis	€ 10.000,-
Bonus per point	€ 2.500,-
- Semi-final:	
Fix basis	€ 20.000,-
Bonus per point	€ 5.000,-

- Final:	
Fix Basis	€ 30.000,-
Bonus per point	€ 10.000,-
Winner bonus	€ 50.000,-

1.4 Dates of payments

The marketing proceeds specified in connection with the joint marketing of the EHF Champions League shall be disbursed to the participating clubs after the completion of the respective phase at the following dates at the latest:

Group Matches	December 31, 2008
Main Round & Finals	June 15, 2009

1.5 Additional advertising arrangements

1.5.1 Any income from the sale of admission tickets, advertising on barrier boards and other types of advertising or from sponsors that is not managed by the EHF or its marketing partners shall not be subject to the distribution principle and shall belong directly to the respective home club.

1.5.2 The disbursements from proceeds from advertisement areas that are marketed by the EHF according to 1.3.4 (chapter VII) of the present Regulations are to be met based on individual talks between the EHF and the club concerned.

XIII. LEGAL MATTERS

1 PROTESTS, DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND APPEALS

In none of the EHF Champions League matches, protests shall be allowed against:

- a) scheduling of and drawing for matches;
- b) nomination of referees and delegates;
- c) referee decisions on facts in accordance with the Rules of the Game;

1.1 Settlements

During the Qualification tournaments 1 and 2, the EHF delegate has the right and the obligation to act as the body of 1st instance.

All administrative matters shall be settled in the first instance by the EHF Office.

Written appeals against administrative decisions shall be settled by the EHF Arbitration Tribunal. Any written appeals shall be received by the EHF Office not later than three (3) days after serving or announcement of the decision with the transfer of a fee of EUR 1.000,-- to be made at the same time.

All protests shall be settled by the EHF Arbitration Tribunal as the body of first instance against payment of a fee of EUR 1.000,--. The written protest and the fee shall be received by the EHF office within 48 hours after the end of the match. Presentation of a copy of the payment receipt is sufficient.

1.2 Final match

Protests concerning the final match shall be delivered to the EHF delegate in writing within one hour after the end of the match together with the payment (confirmation) of the protest fee and shall be noted by the EHF delegate in the match report.

1.3 Deadlines

Written information of any kind communicated to the EHF shall be subject to the same deadlines and fees as protests. No binding deadlines and fees are in force for the submission of written information concerning eligibility to play. Exclusion of a team from a current competition is possible only if there is a period of not less than two weeks between the EHF

Arbitration Tribunal's ruling and the date of the match in the next playing round. The 2-week period is required to ensure the proper conduct of the next round of the competition.

1.4 Sanctions

Violations of the duties of the local organiser / home club shall carry a fine of not exceeding EUR 7.500,-- in accordance with applicable clauses of the List of Penalties relating to EHF Arbitration Regulations.

1.5 Other issues

Issues in connection with handball competitions, including activities related thereto and persons involved therein, that do not directly lead to the institution of legal proceedings under applicable regulations are subject to examination and investigation by the initiator of proceedings. The initiator of proceedings is entitled to institute legal proceedings before the competent legal bodies within the EHF on the basis of his/her own and/or other parties' observations (including media, digital or electronic recordings) after having conducted a preliminary investigation of the facts of the case. In addition, the initiator of proceedings has the right to appeal against decisions taken by the body of first instance.

1.6 Court of Arbitration

Appeals in writing against rulings by the EHF Arbitration Tribunal may be filed with the EHF's Court of Arbitration.

1.7 Procedure

A written appeal against a ruling by the EHF Arbitration Tribunal shall be received by the EHF Office not later than three days after the delivery or announcement of the ruling together with a transfer of a fee of EUR 5.000,--. The proceedings are governed by the Rules of Arbitration of the EHF Court of Arbitration. The unsuccessful party shall bear the costs of the arbitral proceedings.

1.8 Final rule

The ruling by the EHF's Court of Arbitration shall be final.

1.9 Arising costs

Regarding the costs arising in connection with the activities of EHF arbitration bodies as well as the EHF Court of Arbitration reference is made to the applicable clauses in the Arbitration Regulations (Annex).

XIV. ANTI DOPING

Doping controls may be conducted by members of the EHF or by other persons or institutions so authorized by the EHF.

All anti-doping activities are co-ordinated and carried out according to the IHF Anti-Doping Regulations, which are an integral part of the 2008/2009 Women's Champions League Regulations.

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Regulations on Advertising on Clothing

These regulations are binding guidelines on the nature of clothes for players and EHF officials of all teams as well as referees within the scope of the European Handball Federation.

1 GENERAL REMARKS

- 1.1 Advertising is allowed on the playing clothes and also on the sports and training clothes used by players and team officials at competitions.
- 1.2 Advertising is allowed on playing clothes and also on the sports and training clothes used by referees and EHF officials at competitions.
- 1.3 Advertising on clothing in accordance with 1.1 and 1.2 shall not be associated with any material benefits for individual persons.
- 1.4 Every team of a member federation or club can carry its own advertising.
- 1.5 The EHF has the right to conduct its own advertising or display additional advertising at European Championships and all European Cup matches.
- 1.6 If the EHF has a general sponsor, that sponsor's advertising shall be accorded precedence. Any branch related exclusiveness that may be required by a sponsor shall be excluded.
- 1.7 Advertising contracts concluded by member federations or EC clubs affecting the EHF's prerogative, particularly concerning the positioning of advertising on sports clothing, shall be invalid.

2 TYPE OF ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The use of company and product names as well as brand names and product groups is allowed as long as they are not contrary to public morality. Advertising must not be of a political, religious, racist or ideological nature.
- 2.2 Restrictions based on national legislation shall be duly observed.
- 2.3 The use of fluorescent paints is not permitted. This rule applies not only to advertising but also generally to the material from which sports and training clothes are made.

3 ADVERTISING AREA

- 3.1 Player's playing clothes must comply with the provisions of rule of the game 4:7.
- 3.2 Advertising on playing clothes must not impair legibility of the players' numbers on shirts.
- 3.3 Players wearing irregular clothing must not be allowed access to match.
- 3.4 Players' playing clothes
 - 3.4.1 Advertising on playing and training clothes (with the exception of advertising on sleeves) shall be reserved for EHF member federations and EC clubs (without any financial participation by the EHF). Any branch-related exclusiveness that may be required by a sponsor shall be excluded.
 - 3.4.2 Sleeves shall be reserved for EHF advertising (without financial participation by the EHF member federations or EC clubs). Any branch-related exclusiveness that may be required by a sponsor shall be executed
- 3.5 Advertising on clothes of referees and EHF officials shall be reserved for the EHF (without financial participation by EHF member federations or EC clubs). Any branch-related exclusiveness that may be required by a sponsor shall be excluded.
- 3.6 The provisions of item 3.4.1 and 3.4.2 also apply analogously to sports clothing used by team officials.

4 SPECIAL REGULATIONS

- 4.1 Contracts between EHF member federations or clubs and the advertising company must not contain agreements restricting the advertising rights of the EHF.
- 4.2 The EHF is neither responsible nor liable for any disputes which may arise from advertising contracts between EHF member federations or EC clubs on the one hand and advertising companies or sponsors on the other.
Nor shall EHF be made liable for any loss of revenue resulting from restrictions under 2.2.
- 4.3 Non-compliance with these regulations will be dealt with by the EHF ExeC and penalized by a ban on advertising as well as a fine and/or forfeit.
- 4.4 These Regulations is enter into force upon adoption by the EHF Congress
30.4./1.5.1993.

SAFETY AND SECURITY PROCEDURE

1 PREAMBLE

The EHF promotes the development and the spreading of handball in Europe. In addition to facilitating the discussion of interests and experience, a core objective at all levels is the promotion of FAIR PLAY in all international handball competitions/events (hereinafter called competitions).

In view of the objectives pursued by the EHF and in the interest of conducting competitions under equal and fair conditions, the protection of those participating in competitions, including specifically players, coaches, team managers, media workers, officials, spectators, etc. is a key concern.

Safety and security measures are adopted by the local organiser as necessary in each case to address local hazards. The measures are approved and supplemented, if required, by the EHF.

The minimum standards laid down in the Rules on Safety and Security Procedure are to be understood as additions to local regulations. They are binding for all parties involved (clubs, federations, security services) as well as participants and spectators and shall be complied with in any circumstances in order to ensure the safe and controlled conduct of each competition.

These Regulations are intended to help raise the awareness of all involved parties of the need for an active approach to the issue of safety and security in and around playing halls.

All home clubs have full responsibility for the conduct of the competition including all the safety and security measures required and the deployment of security staff. Every effort shall be undertaken well before a competition to avoid incidents in connection with the competition as far as possible.

Designed to foster a culture of fairness in handball and to create the best possible conditions for everyone, the following Regulations represent another step in making the sport of handball even more attractive.

2 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 The home club

The local organiser (club, federation, etc.) shall organize competitions on its own account and on its own responsibility within its scope of operation in compliance with national legislation.

2.2 Indemnification and right of recourse

Any claims for damages arising from losses sustained in connection with competitions shall be addressed to the local organiser (club, federation, etc.) and any legal action brought before a court at its place of jurisdiction. If an award is issued against the EHF in the above-mentioned context by a national or international court or under other proceedings ordering or obligating the EHF to provide indemnification, the EHF shall be entitled to full recourse against the local organiser.

2.3 EHF Statutes and Regulations

All organizational measures and operating plans shall be in accordance with EHF Statutes and Regulations unless such Statutes and Regulations are in conflict with national legislation. In addition, further arrangements and instructions shall be observed as may be made or issued from time to time by the EHF security delegate on site.

2.4 Violations of Rules on Safety and Security Procedure

Violations of the minimum standards specified in these Regulations shall be subject to penalties imposed by the competent EHF bodies.

2.5 Objections against administrative acts

Administrative acts performed under these Rules on Safety and Security Procedure shall not be subject to the EHF's internal appeal procedures.

3 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE EHF

3.1 Risk categories

The EHF classifies its competitions into two risk categories.

CATEGORIES IA + IB: low-risk competitions

3.1.1 CATEGORY IA: competitions without additional safety and security measures:

Low-risk competitions are competitions in which incidents have neither occurred to date nor are expected to occur in the future given the nature of the parties involved and local circumstances.

3.1.2 CATEGORY IB: competitions with additional safety and security measures:

Competitions with additional safety and security measures are competitions in which the EHF delegate or the referees reported safety or security hazards in the past.

CATEGORY II: high-risk competitions

High-risk competitions are competitions in which

1. incidents have occurred in the past,
2. incidents may be expected to occur in the future given the nature of the parties involved and local circumstances,
3. in which the risk to safety and security is higher due to the spatial arrangements in the playing hall and/or the lack of facilities for separating spectator seating areas.

3.2 Classification of Competitions into Risk Categories

The EHF has the right and the obligation to classify all competitions into one of the two risk categories. As long as not classified otherwise, any competition shall be deemed to be a risk category IA competition (competition without additional safety and security measures). If a competition is rated by the EHF as falling into risk category IB or II, the teams concerned and the local organiser shall be notified of the decision without delay.

The EHF may change the risk classification of a competition at any time.

3.3 The Rights and Obligations of an EHF Delegate (other than the EHF Security Delegate)

Regardless of the risk classification of a competition, the EHF delegate present on site shall have the right and the duty to carry out any safety and security inspections that are required. In the event of unforeseen occurrences the EHF delegate shall take or order measures to be taken that are required to avert any hazard or damage and prepare a report to the EHF. In each competition, the EHF delegate shall include in the agenda of the technical meeting an item on safety and security measures. Visiting team managers shall also be consulted as necessary.

3.4 Administration

Approval/assessment of the safety and security plan presented; Nomination of a security delegate and additional personnel as necessary; Development and maintenance of a database of all incidents and special circumstances; Organization of education and training courses for security delegates; Development of education plans (including job profiles) for security delegates; Analysis of security reports and conclusions; Annual safety and security status report (to all clubs and federations).

3.5 Playing halls

Playing halls shall be classified by the EHF into three categories:

3.5.1 CATEGORY I: unrestricted approval

Playing halls that fully satisfy the catalogue of criteria shall be approved for competitions without any restrictions for an unlimited period of time. Regular inspections of playing halls by the EHF are obligatory.

3.5.2 CATEGORY II: unrestricted approval subject to certain conditions

Playing halls that do not fully satisfy the catalogue of criteria may be given approval provided that certain conditions are met (reduced number of spectators, removal of a number of rows of seats, etc.). Such an unrestricted approval may be given for an unlimited period of time. Compliance with the conditions imposed shall be verified by the EHF on a regular basis. Approval may be revoked by the EHF at any time.

3.5.3 CATEGORY III: approval for a limited period of time:

Playing halls that do not satisfy the catalogue of criteria may be approved for competitions for a limited period of time. The imposition of certain conditions is possible. Any approval given for a limited period of time ends automatically upon expiry of the specified period.

4 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE LOCAL ORGANISER

The local organiser (club, federation, etc.) shall organize competitions on its own account and on its own responsibility within its scope of operation in compliance with national legislation. Beyond that, the local organiser (club, federation, etc.) shall be responsible for ensuring that EHF and IHF Regulations are complied with and all required safety and security measures are taken.

4.1 Measures to be taken based on risk classification (see 3.1)

4.1.1 Category IA competitions without additional safety and security measures

Additional safety and security measures may be called for by the EHF or the EHF Delegate present on site.

4.1.2 Category IB competitions with additional safety and security measures

The local organiser draws up a safety and security plan and communicates it to the EHF.

4.1.3 Category II competitions

The home club shall prepare a safety and security plan and communicate it to the EHF in good time before the competition or by a specified date.

Concerns expressed by the visiting delegation shall be taken into account in the safety and security plan. The home club shall implement safety and security measures in co-operation with the police, the security service, the paramedical service, the official announcer, etc.

This shall include:

the organization of the security briefing with the parties present on the evening before the match in accordance with 4.4.2 below; supporting the work of the EHF security delegate and of all persons nominated by the EHF; the independent implementation of all required safety and security measures; provision of all personnel for the required services; provision of support to the visiting team; execution of instructions issued by the security delegate; provision of all the rooms required;

4.2 Playing halls

In all competitions, playing halls shall be in compliance with national legislation and in conformity with the standards common in sporting events.

4.2.1 Playing hall details

Playing hall details shall be documented in writing in the form of general information provided by clubs and/or federations as well as data recorded in the hall form and in the Security Questionnaire. If necessary, the EHF may order an inspection of a playing hall prior to the conduct of competitions.

The cost of the inspection shall be borne by the club/federation concerned.

4.2.2 Hall form

The hall form is an integral part of these Rules on Safety and Security Procedure. It shall be completed by the respective federation/club and transmitted to the EHF General Secretariat. When a playing hall is approved for competitions it is classified into one of the three categories (see 3.5 above).

4.2.3 Security Questionnaire

The Security Questionnaire is an integral part of these Rules on Safety and Security Procedure. It shall be completed by the respective federation/club and transmitted to the EHF General Secretariat.

4.2.4 Approval by the national delegate

Each national federation shall nominate one of its national delegates as the officer in charge of playing halls. All playing halls of a federation in which competitions are held shall be subject to acceptance by the officer in charge of playing halls. All information provided in respect of specific playing halls (hall form, hall questionnaire) shall be verified by the officer in charge of playing halls. The validity of the information shall be confirmed by his/her signature.

4.3 Safety and Security Plan

For all risk category II matches, a safety and security plan shall be prepared by the local organiser in consultation with the EHF in good time, taking into account any concerns expressed by the visiting team.

4.3.1 The safety and security plan shall be presented by the local organiser at the security briefing. The EHF security officer may demand modifications to be made to the plan.

4.4 General Safety and Security Measures

The general safety and security measures shall apply to all competitions in all risk categories.

Escape routes, passageways and stairs

Escape routes, passageways and stairs shall be kept free of any obstacles and spectators. Entrances and exits as well as escape routes shall be clearly marked.

Tickets

The local organiser (club, federation, etc.) is responsible for ensuring that the approved capacity of the playing hall is not exceeded in any case.

Media workplaces

The local organiser shall make workplaces available to media workers the safety and security of which is assured before, during and after the match.

4.4.1 VIP area

The local organiser shall separate the area for guests of honour in such a way that it cannot be accessed by other spectators if such separation is demanded by the EHF/the EHF security officer. In such a case, security staff shall be positioned at entry points to control access.

Announcer

The announcer shall make all announcements that are required for an orderly conduct of the event. This shall comprise information about the location of first aid facilities, general safety and security measures, instructions regarding the orderly entry of and exit from spectators' stands, etc.

The announcer shall comply with instructions issued by the EHF (security) delegate. The announcer shall be available at all times before, during and after the match.

Only announcements of neutral content may be made. The announcer shall speak one of the official EHF languages.

First aid

An adequate number of first-aid staff shall be available relative to the number of spectators present. First aid personnel shall be easy to identify.

Public address system

Each playing hall shall be equipped with a public address system producing intelligible sound in the playing hall.

Smoking ban

A smoking ban shall be enforced in the playing hall without any exceptions.

Identifiability of security staff

Security staff shall be easily and clearly identifiable.

4.5 Safety and Security Measures for Specific Events

Special safety and security measures are required and shall be specified in the safety and security plan only for risk category II competitions.

4.5.1 Segregation of spectators

Tickets issued to the visiting team and its fans shall be specially marked. The area assigned to fans of the visiting team shall be segregated clearly from the area of the home team's fans. These arrangements shall be taken into account in assigning ticket quotas. The home club shall implement strict controls on ticket sales. If necessary, the first rows of spectator seats shall be kept free.

4.5.2 Security checks

Security checks shall be performed to ensure that spectators enter that section of the spectators' stands that has been allocated to the respective group of spectators; spectators do not carry any objects that may inflict

injury including lighters, pyrotechnical articles, pocket knives, glass bottles, nail files, laser pens, water pistols, etc. violent persons as well as persons being under the influence of drugs or alcohol are denied access to the playing hall.

4.5.3 Ban on alcohol

If deemed necessary, a ban shall be implemented on the selling and serving of alcohol in and around the playing hall.

4.5.4 Surveillance

The home club shall arrange for video surveillance of specified stands if demanded by the EHF/the EHF delegate.

4.5.5 Personal protection

In cases in which there is reason to believe that the safety of individual persons or groups of persons is at risk, the local organiser shall provide personal protection (security guards, police, stewards) if this is demanded by the EHF/the EHF security officer.

5 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE VISITING DELEGATION

- 5.1 The visiting team shall report any safety and security concerns in good time, not later than by the date scheduled by the EHF, naming potential risks to safety and security.
- 5.2 In risk category II matches, the visiting team shall automatically have the right to choose an end at the beginning of the match. Throw-off is determined by drawing.
- 5.3 The visiting team may be held responsible for the conduct of those of its fans who are seated in the visitors' seating area organized by the visiting team. The EHF may take action and impose sanctions.

6 THE EHF SECURITY DELEGATE

6.1 Qualifications

Persons appointed as EHF security delegates shall have completed suitable training and shall be deemed to be qualified for this activity on account of their personality, international experience and language skills.

6.2 Rights and Obligations

6.2.1 Any instructions or orders given by the EHF security delegate shall be followed by all persons on site provided such instructions or orders are not contrary to national or international legislation or public policy. The EHF security delegate's work shall be supported in every conceivable manner.

6.2.2 The EHF security delegate shall attend the Technical Meeting.

6.2.3 The EHF security delegate shall take any action that is required to guarantee and maintain the safety and security of all parties before, during and after the match and shall issue any instructions required for this purpose.

6.2.4 Prior to each match, the EHF security delegate shall obtain full information about potential safety and security hazards and problems that occurred in the past.

6.2.5 The EHF security delegate shall conduct a security briefing on the evening before the match.

6.2.6 The EHF security delegate shall perform a security check in the playing hall immediately after his/her arrival at the venue.

6.2.7 The EHF security delegate shall chair the security briefing and fix the time and the place for it (if possible, in the playing hall following the visiting team's training session). The EHF security delegate may put additional items on the agenda and ask specified persons to attend.

The EHF security delegate shall discuss all measures planned with the responsible officers (federation, club, delegations, stewards, police, fire fighters, etc.).

6.2.8 The EHF security delegate shall arrive in the playing hall not later than two hours before the beginning of the match.

- 6.2.9 The EHF delegate shall escort the visiting team from the bus to the changing room and back again.
- 6.2.10 The EHF security delegate has the right to re-schedule throw-off of a match and, in case of imminent danger, instruct the referees to interrupt or terminate a match.
- 6.2.11 After the end of a match, the EHF security delegate shall remain in the playing hall until the general situation may be regarded as being in good order.
- 6.2.12 The EHF security delegate shall escort the visiting team if this is deemed necessary in view of the general circumstances (hotel, bus, changing room, etc.).
- 6.2.13 The EHF security delegate shall deliver a security report after each match (conditions, operational details, co-operation, risks, proposals for the future, etc.).

6.3 Security Briefing

A security briefing shall be held for all matches in risk category II.

6.3.1 Purpose

The planned proceedings shall be discussed in detail based on the safety and security plan prepared in advance plus the proposed operating plan and the resulting assignment of duties.

The procedures to be followed in each area shall be explained by the officers in charge of the respective services. Any adaptations of the operating plan and/or the assignment of duties that may be required shall be made and recorded in the minutes. Communication and the means of communication used shall be discussed. A list of responsibilities shall be handed out and passed on by service leaders to staff working in their respective areas of operation. In addition, an emergency team shall be set up and a common strategy agreed for a “worst case scenario/emergency plan”.

6.3.2 Participants

EHF delegate – chair

EHF referees (if required)

Home club responsible

Guest club representative

Playing hall responsible

Press/TV/Statistics responsible

Announcer

Security/tickets responsible in charge of security service

Other persons named by the security/tickets responsible

Interpreter(s) (if necessary)

6.3.3 Assignment of duties and operating plan

Both the operating plan and the list of assigned duties shall be drawn up by the officers responsible for the respective services in good time before the match and communicated to the local organiser, the EHF security delegate, the visiting team, and the EHF. Any adjustments or modifications that may be needed shall be made at the security briefing.

The security delegate shall take the minutes of the security briefing.

7 OTHER

7.1 Costs

Any costs arising as a result of an increased security risk and/or the need for additional security measures shall be borne by the local organiser.

7.2 Protests/Interpretation

7.2.1 Any disputes arising from these Rules on Safety and Security Procedure shall be dealt with by the EHF's internal appeals system.

7.2.2 In addition, and for the purpose of interpretation, EHF and IHF Regulations as well as Austrian law shall be taken into account.

7.3 Entry into force

7.3.1 The EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure shall enter into force upon their adoption by the EHF Executive Committee and publication, but not later than 1 July 2001.

7.3.2 During any transition phase that may arise, the necessary preparatory activities shall be started and decisions taken in the spirit of these Rules on Safety and Security Procedure.

CATALOGUE OF PENALTIES

1. Non-compliance with instructions issued by the security delegate shall be punishable by a suspension not exceeding two years plus a fine not exceeding EUR 22,500 (depending on the consequences or the hazard).
2. Unsportsmanlike conduct of the public towards players, coaches, officials, fans, spectators, etc. shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding EUR 15,000.
3. Encouraging rioting among the public shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding EUR 15,000.
4. Throwing objects not presenting any hazard shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding EUR 7,500; throwing objects that may inflict injury shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding EUR 30,000 plus a ban on spectators in up to four home matches.
5. Endangering spectators, officials, players, etc. in any other manner shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding EUR 15,000; if the incident causes an interruption of the match, by a fine not exceeding EUR 22,500 plus a ban on spectators in up to two home matches; if the incident causes early termination of the match, by a fine not exceeding EUR 30,000 plus a ban on spectators in up to

five home matches.

6. If an incident causes bodily injury, a fine not exceeding EUR 37,500 shall be imposed plus a ban on spectators in between one and ten home matches.
7. Invasion of the playing court by an unauthorized person shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding EUR 7,500; aggressive behaviour on the part of the invading person may raise the fine up to EUR 15,000 and lead to the imposition of a ban on spectators in up to four home matches.
8. Unsatisfactory organization of a match as well as the provision of unsatisfactory technical equipment shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding EUR 7,500; if the unsatisfactory performance is related to security personnel or safety and security measures, the fine may amount to up to EUR 15,000 and a ban may be imposed on the venue.
9. Any recurrence of an infringement shall be punishable by double the penalty specified.
10. The provisions of the EHF Arbitration Regulations including the Catalogue of Penalties may be applied cumulatively.

CLOSING PROVISIONS

These Rules on Safety and Security Procedure complement the EHF and IHF Regulations currently in effect. The following attachment is an integral part of these Rules on Safety and Security Procedure:

Arbitration Regulations

1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1 Supplementary to the provisions of the Statutes and other Regulations, arbitration activities within the EHF shall be governed by these Regulations.
- 1.2 Infringements of Regulations, unsportsmanlike conduct as well as violent behaviour in and around playing halls by players, officials, referees and members of clubs or Federations of EHF Member Federations are subject to penalty.
- 1.3 Member Federations and clubs are accountable for the conduct of their players, officials and any other persons exercising a function at a match on behalf of the Federation or club.
- 1.4 This shall apply both to general arbitration activities and disciplinary measures. Any arbitration measures that do not involve sanctions nor constitute a reaction to infringements of the Statutes or Regulations shall be regarded as acts of general arbitration.
- 1.5 Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted to penalise infringements of Regulations committed prior to, during or after a game or while travelling to or from a venue or staying at a venue, particularly if such incidents and actions are likely to bring the sport of handball and the EHF into disrepute.

2 MATTERS SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION

- 2.1 Matters of ongoing arbitration activities
Matters stated in IHF and EHF Regulations.

2.2 Penal provisions

The List of Penalties given in the Annex shall form an integral part of these Regulations; in addition, the penal provisions contained in the various Regulations shall also apply.

3 PENALTIES/MEASURES

The EHF may impose the following penalties:

- warning;
- temporary suspensions;
- fines; administrative penalties;
- cancellation of matches;
- deduction of some or all points scored in the competitions concerned; forfeiture;
- exclusion from current or future competitions;
- ban on the venue or supervision of matches;

4 ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES AND EFFECTS OF DECISIONS

4.1 The penalties named above may be imposed individually or cumulatively.

4.2 Temporary suspensions are pronounced to penalise in particular:

- a) serious unsportsmanlike conduct;
- b) assault or insult directed against referees, officials, players or spectators;
- c) use of players not eligible to play or suspended;
- d) unsportsmanlike conduct of teams, officials or other persons involved in the game.

4.3 Suspensions imposed in the course of disciplinary proceedings may be suspended for reasons to be named and for a probation period to be specified, provided that the aim to be achieved by the decision can also be reached in this manner.

4.4 International suspensions of players, functionaries, officials and referees shall apply, during the period for which they were pronounced, in respect of participation in competitions both at the club and at the national team level.

- 4.5 Any delay or failure in making reports or payments to the EHF shall be subject to administrative penalties of up to EUR 2,250 unless regulated otherwise in applicable regulations.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

5 LEVELS OF JURISDICTION

- 5.1 Unless otherwise provided in applicable regulations (specifically in the European Championships Regulations and Regulations for European Cup Competitions), primary arbitration in matters regarding the Rules of the Game and in matters concerning bilateral disputes in connection with competitions between Member Federations shall be exercised by the Arbitration Tribunal, in administrative matters by the EHF Office, and in all other cases by the Executive Committee.
- 5.2 Appeals against administrative decisions shall be submitted to the Arbitration Tribunal.
- 5.3 The Executive Committee may delegate the pronouncement of administrative penalties and doubling of fines in cases of non-payment to the EHF Office.
- 5.4 To hear cases and pass decisions, the Arbitration Tribunal shall be constituted of three persons. It shall be chaired by the President, a Vice-President or, if necessary, a Member. The Chairman and the Members shall be appointed by the President on a case-by-case basis.
- 5.5 Unless proceedings before the EHF bodies of arbitration have been closed earlier, parties to legal disputes shall not have recourse to the EHF Court of Arbitration before a period of six months has passed since the matter was brought before the EHF bodies.

6 ORGANISATION - PROCEDURAL PRINCIPLES

- 6.1 The Arbitration Tribunal shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents and five Members elected by the Congress.
- 6.2 The participation in proceedings of administrative staff having no authority to pass decisions is permitted at both levels of authority.
- 6.3 The arbitration bodies and their members are independent and not bound by any instructions.
- 6.4 A member of an arbitration body shall be deemed prejudiced in any case in which that member's own federation or a club or an official or a player of the member's own federation is involved.

7 INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS

- 7.1 Proceedings are initiated by submissions or protests by teams and federations concerned as well as by match or special reports submitted by referees and EHF officials.
- 7.2 EHF officials and referees have the duty to report relevant incidents and actions to the EHF Office in writing.
- 7.3 If the EHF is alerted by third parties of circumstances that may be of significance with regard to the initiation of proceedings, such cases shall be reviewed for their relevance and the required action may be taken, if deemed appropriate (this shall also apply to cases arising in non-EHF competitions).
- 7.4 Issues in connection with handball competitions, including activities related thereto and persons involved therein, that do not directly lead to the institution of legal proceedings under applicable regulations are subject to examination and investigation by the initiator of proceedings. In performing the duties within the EHF's legal system, the initiator of proceedings is independent and not bound to any instructions. Any acting within this assignment shall have due

regard to the interests of the sport handball in Europe and shall proceed in conformity with regulations and the law.

- 7.5 The initiator of proceedings is entitled to institute legal proceedings before the competent legal bodies within the EHF on the basis of his/her own and/or other parties' observations (including media, digital or electronic recordings) after having conducted a preliminary investigation of the facts of the case. In addition, the initiator of proceedings has the right to appeal against decisions taken by the body of first instance.
- 7.6 Upon a petition by those involved/the parties, the EHF arbitration bodies shall settle disputes between National Federations as well as disputes between a National Federation and its club/player if such action appears indicated.
- 7.7 In cases in which a National Federation / club / player induces, through misrepresentations, another federation / club / player to commit actions being of relevance within the framework of EHF Regulations, a National Federation / club / player shall have the right to submit a petition requesting that the EHF clarify the situation and pass a decision.
- 7.8 The parties shall be notified of the initiation of proceedings in writing.

8 PROCEDURES

- 8.1 The members of the arbitration bodies shall pass their decisions on the basis of documents in hand. If no decision can be taken on the basis of such documents, other pertinent evidence (television footage, video recordings, etc.) shall be used and, in addition, further evidence obtained by the members of the arbitration bodies and/or those involved/the parties requested to provide a written or oral statement of their positions.
- 8.2 Decisions and actions taken by the referees on the playing court are factual decisions and shall be final. The right to make adjustments that may prove necessary as a result of corrections of the referees' report or, in the case of

obvious error revealed by means of pertinent evidence such as reports by EHF officials, television footage or video recordings, shall be reserved.

- 8.3 In cases in which an act of violence was committed but not detected which would have resulted in the exclusion of the offending player, pertinent evidence as named above in paragraph 1 may be used as a basis for penalisation by the members of the arbitration bodies at a later date.
- 8.4 In appeal proceedings, the parties as well as the arbitration body shall have the right to request to conduct proceedings orally, or to conduct hearings in writing or orally.

9 DECISIONS

- 9.1 The arbitration bodies shall take decisions by a simple majority of votes.
- 9.2 At all levels of jurisdiction decisions shall be passed in writing, as a matter of principle, unless the parties apply for oral proceedings in accordance with Article 8.4 or such oral proceedings are deemed necessary by the competent arbitration body.
- 9.3 Decisions concerning ordinary business operations may be judgements on the merits of a case or decisions to dismiss the case.
- 9.4 Financial claims / liabilities between parties resulting from final decisions may be settled and enforced by the EHF.
- 9.5 If a party is not found guilty, the proceedings shall be dismissed.
- 9.6 When the decision-making process is conducted in writing, a proposed decision will be presented to the Members.

9.7 When proceedings are conducted orally, deliberations may be held and decisions passed in the absence of the persons involved, after the parties have been heard and witnesses questioned, if applicable.

9.8 Except in the case of administrative penalties (item 3 (c)), decisions shall include the following points:

- a) the composition of the body passing the decision;
- b) the subject matter of the proceedings;
- c) the parties' names;
- d) a brief statement of the facts;
- e) the award;
- f) the order for payment of costs;
- g) the reasons;
- h) the signatures of the members of the arbitration bodies, given, if necessary, on their behalf by the person executing the document;
- i) information of right to appeal.

9.9 Decisions shall be served by the EHF Office. Decisions concerning clubs and physical persons shall be served to the respective National Federations but may, in cases in which this is deemed necessary or has been requested, also be served direct to the club or the person concerned.

9.10 Decisions may be pronounced orally in the parties' presence. As a matter of principle, decisions shall be pronounced and served by telefax or registered letter. A decision shall be deemed delivered as soon as it has been received in the party's area of responsibility or authority.

10 TEMPORARY INJUNCTION

10.1 Temporary injunctions may be issued to preserve and protect the parties' rights to the extent to which this is deemed necessary by the competent arbitration bodies.

10.2 In the case of serious disciplinary offences, the person conducting the proceedings may impose a preliminary temporary suspension of not exceeding two months.

11 COSTS

11.1 All costs of the proceedings, including travel and living expenses of the members of the arbitration bodies and the cost of questioning witnesses, shall be borne fully or in part by the losing party or the party found guilty.

11.2 If, in appeal proceedings, the parties request oral proceedings/a public hearing, the costs of such proceedings shall be borne by the requesting parties unless costs are to be borne by the losing party pursuant to Article 11.1.

12 CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES

Damage sustained as a result of infringements of regulations, including the withdrawal of teams or replays, may be recovered from the offending party by claiming damages. Such claims shall be decided upon in the ordinary procedure.

13 PARTIES

Parties may be all physical persons or legal entities able to demonstrate a prima facie legal or factual interest in a matter.

14 LEGAL REMEDIES/APPEAL

14.1 Unless otherwise provided, any written appeal against an administrative decision passed by the EHF Office shall be received by the EHF Office no later than seven days after its service, with a fee of EUR 1.000 being transferred at the same time. The fee shall be paid within the time limit, or else the appeal is not filed in due time and shall be deemed withdrawn. Evidence that payment was made (payment order) shall be submitted. If the fee is not received within the time-limit, the appeal shall be deemed withdrawn. Appeals may be transmitted by fax

- 14.2 If an appeal is dismissed, the appeal fee shall be forwarded to the EHF. If the appeal is allowed, the fee shall be refunded.
- 14.3 Provided that these Regulations and the List of Penalties do not provide otherwise, an appeal shall suspend the effects of the underlying decision.
- 14.4 Appeals filed in transfer matters shall not have any suspensory effect.
- 14.5 In the event of disagreement on whether the conditions for an exclusion of suspensory effects are met, the matter shall be decided by the Chairman.
- 14.6 Decisions that may be passed in appeal proceedings include re-affirmation, revocation and remission to the body of first instance or amendment. The appellate body shall not be bound by the parties' petitions.
- 14.7 If the basis on which a decision was made was affected by grave errors including the submission of incorrect or forged documents, a revocation of the decision by which the matter was settled (reopening of the case) may be sought by the parties or initiated by the EHF.

15 EHF COURT OF ARBITRATION (ECA)

After all internal channels have been exhausted appeals may be made against final decisions passed by EHF's legal bodies. The statement of claim shall be lodged with the ECA Office within 21 days of written notification of the decision in question. The claim shall not have suspensive effect. The appropriate EHF body or, alternatively, the ECA may order the appeal to have suspensive effect. The proceedings shall be conducted according to the Rules of Arbitration for the ECA. Recourse to ordinary courts of law is prohibited.

16 ENFORCEMENT

- 16.1 The EHF Office shall enforce the decisions passed by the arbitration bodies.

- 16.2 Unless otherwise provided in the award, pecuniary fines and administrative penalties shall be paid within two months after the decision has been served.
- 16.3 Failure to pay a pecuniary fine or administrative penalty within two months after its service shall be penalised, up to a fine or penalty of EUR 750, by doubling of the amount and, in the case of higher penalties, in accordance with 2.6. of the List of Penalties. If payment is still not made within another two months, the rights of the defaulting federation / club / player shall be suspended and it/he/she shall be excluded from competitions at national and European levels until payment is made. The federation to which the defaulting club / player is affiliated shall not have the right to vote at the EHF Congress but may attend it.
- 16.4 The National Federation shall be liable subsidiarily, with the consequences named in Point 3, in respect of pecuniary fines, administrative penalties, the cost of proceedings and claims for damages imposed on or brought against players, functionaries, or clubs.

17 DEFINITIONS/SUPPLEMENTS

- 17.1 The person chairing the Arbitration Tribunal shall be designated as President. When a President, a Vice President or a Member chairs an arbitration body in a specific case, this person shall be designated as Chairman.
- 17.2 EHF Officials are persons acting on behalf of the EHF at official events.

18 DEADLINES

- 18.1 The deadlines specified in the Regulations cannot be extended as a matter of principle unless reasons for an extension of such deadlines are specifically given therein.
- 18.2 A deadline is deemed to have been met if evidence is produced demonstrating that dispatch (postmark, fax receipt) was made by 24:00 hours on the last day of the period allowed.

18.3 If a party is prevented from meeting a deadline by an event that is beyond its control and/or non-deferrable, the period allowed in case the impediment can be satisfactorily explained shall begin at the time the impediment named has been removed. Satisfaction of these conditions shall be verified by the competent arbitration body.

19 LIMITATION OF ACTIONS

19.1 The prosecution and enforcement of disciplinary matters as well as general business matters shall be subject to a limitation period of two years. Matters relating to compensation for the cost of education shall be exempt from this rule, with the limitation period being reduced to six months.

19.2 The point of time determining the beginning of the period of limitation for the prosecution of an infraction of the Regulations shall be the time when the action was committed; the point of time relevant for limitation of a penalty shall be the time the penalty was pronounced.

19.3 The period of limitation shall be interrupted by the initiation of proceedings.

20 OTHER

20.1 The EHF Office shall be at the disposal of the arbitration bodies for the performance of administrative and organizational tasks.

20.2 The List of Penalties in the Annex shall form an integral part of the Arbitration Regulations.

21 ENTRY INTO EFFECT

The subject Arbitration Regulations were adopted by the EHF Congress convening on 6/7 April 2000 and last amended at the extraordinary EHF Congress in Rome on 13th October 2007 and at the extraordinary EHF Congress in Lillehammer on 26th January 2008. The amendments entered into force in accordance with the respective resolutions.

Vienna, March 2008/ca

LIST OF PENALTIES

relating to the Arbitration Regulations of the EHF
(pursuant to item. 2.2.)

Guidelines for the imposition of administrative penalties and fines except where otherwise provided for by the applicable Regulations.

1 GENERAL PENALTIES

- 1.1 For administrative or disciplinary offences committed before, during or after a match: EUR 150 to EUR 7,500.
- 1.2 Improper conduct by a team or a player (e.g. leaving the playing court in protest or refusal to leave the playing court, etc.), by officials or coaches: EUR 150 to EUR 7,500.
- 1.3 Abandonment of a match through a fault attributable to a team or club: EUR 3,750 to EUR 15,000 plus compensation for provable expenses, suspension from participation in EHF competitions during the next two seasons as well as exclusion from the next EHF competition.
- 1.4 Failure to maintain discipline on the playing court or inadequate protection of referees, officials or the visiting team: EUR 750 to EUR 15,000. In addition, bans may be imposed on venues.
- 1.5 Fundamental violations of EHF Statutes and Regulations: EUR 150) to EUR 15,000.
- 1.6 Unsporting conduct before, during and/or within a period of one month after an EHF activity: up to € 15,000. In case of recurrence, the amount of the fine may be doubled.
In addition, damages may be claimed for any damage or costs caused by the unsporting conduct.

2 PENALTIES IMPOSED ON NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

- 2.1 Forging of documents by a Federation: up to EUR 7,500. Suspension of up to 3 years optional.
- 2.2 Illegal issuing of playing permits: up to EUR 7,500. Suspension of up to 3 years optional.
- 2.3 Intentional provision of incorrect information about players' personal data in transfer cases: up to EUR 7,500; in recurring cases: up to EUR 22,500. Suspension of up to 2 years optional.
- 2.4 Non-observance of the 30-day period in the case of transfer inquiries; first infringement: up to EUR 750; first recurrence of infringement: up to EUR 2,250; any further recurrences: up to EUR 7,500.
- 2.5 Failure to report completed transfers to the EHF (penalty imposed on receiving federation); first infringement: up to EUR 750; first recurrence of infringement: up to EUR 2,250; any further recurrences: up to EUR 7,500.
- 2.6 Failure to make payments to the EHF by the due dates (of amounts exceeding EUR 3,750); first infringement: up to EUR 750; first recurrence of infringement: up to EUR 2,250; any further recurrences: up to EUR 7,500 plus exclusion from EHF competitions.

3 PENALTIES IMPOSED ON PLAYERS

- 3.1 Intentional provision of incorrect information by a player about himself/herself: EUR 3,750 to EUR 30,000 plus suspension of up to 2 years.
- 3.2 Signing two or more contracts for the same period: EUR 3,750 to EUR 30,000 plus suspension of up to 2 years.

4 PENALTIES IMPOSED ON CLUBS

Intentional provision of incorrect information about players; first infringement: EUR 3,750 plus suspension for up to 2 years; recurring infringement: EUR 7,500 and suspension of up to 3 years.

5 PENALTIES FOR DOPING OFFENCES

Violation of Anti-doping Regulations shall be subject to the following penalties over and above any immediate disciplinary penalties (see Anti-doping Regulations) imposed by the local disciplinary commission of the EHF event concerned:

5.1 Infringement by one player: international and national suspension of a minimum period of two years

5.2 Infringements by two or more players of a team in a match

5.2.1 in a European Championship: beside the individual suspensions (see 5.1), an international suspension for two to three years of the national team concerned as well as its exclusion from the next EHF championship in the same category for which the nation concerned would be qualified. In addition, a fine of between EUR 3,750 and EUR 45,000 payable by the member nation concerned.

5.2.2 in a European Cup Competition: beside the individual suspensions (see 5.1), a suspension of the club team concerned from participation in EHF competitions during the next two to three seasons and exclusion from the next EC competition. In addition, a fine of between EUR 3,750 and EUR 45,000 payable by the club concerned.

6 PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT

Failure to pay compensation for the cost of education within six weeks after issuance of the International Transfer Certificate and the call for payment shall carry, depending on the circumstances, a fine up to €7,500, a transfer ban, and/or complete suspension from national and international competitions. In implementing

the penalty, the requirements of the current playing season may be taken into account if deemed appropriate.

Responsibility for implementation of sanctions at the national level shall rest with the National Federation concerned. If the National Federation does not ensure appropriate implementation, the outstanding claims shall be debited to the Nation's account.

Guidelines for the suspension of players/officials

The explanatory memorandum issued in respect of the IHF Rules of the Game shows that disqualification on account of serious infringements of the Rules or grossly unsportsmanlike conduct will in principle have no further consequences except in cases in which offences were directed against officials or referees.

Therefore, any of the incidents listed below shall be noted in the EHF match report and stated in a special report, with identification of the person against whom the offence was directed.

Guidelines for suspensions

These guidelines shall serve as a framework. Upward or downward adjustments of the penalties are allowed.

Temporary suspensions shall be an option in any case.

	Number of matches
1. Disqualification on account of unsportsmanlike conduct (offences against EHF officials or referees)	1 - 4
2. Exclusion	1 - 6

An exclusion shall mean suspension from the next match without the need for any further action.

May 2006

Rules of Arbitration for the EHF Court of Arbitration (ECA)

1 SCOPE

1.1 The EHF Court of Arbitration shall have competence whenever disputes arise between the EHF and National Federations, between or among National Federations, between National Federations and their clubs on cross-border matters, in the event of disputes relating to the EHF competitions, as well as in disputes between and among players, player's agents, the EHF, National Federations, and clubs.

1.2 In other disputes the ECA shall have competence if this serves the protection of principles of law, legal certainty and uniform application of the law or the resolution of the issues of sports policy.

The decision if these criteria are met rests with the ECA Council.

1.3 The acceptance of requests to resolve disputes in other sports is at the discretion of the ECA Council.

2 ORGANISATION

2.1 ECA Council

The ECA Council shall safeguard the Independence of the ECA and the rights of the parties. The ECA Council is composed of the President, two Vice-Presidents and an Office.

2.2 Arbitrators

The ECA further consists of arbitrators who appear on the list of arbitrators administered by the ECA's Office.

2.3 Operation of the ECA Council

The ECA Council exercises the following functions in the area of court administration:

- General organisation (including Rules of Procedure);
- Coordination of the ECA Council
- Representation towards the Congress;
- Confirmation of list of arbitrators after verification of the criteria;
- Appointment of substitute arbitrators;
- Appointment of arbitrators for interim measures of protection.

2.4 The ECA Council meets as required but basically once a year.

3 OFFICE

The ECA Office shall arrange for arbitration in the event of disputes and support the impartial and independent administration of business by the ECA Council, compliance with the Rules of Arbitration, and the transparency of the proceedings. The scope of duties of the ECA Office comprises the organisational support of the ECA Council and the arbitrators, taking minutes and post-processing of oral hearings as well as the maintenance of the website. The other tasks of the ECA Office are governed by the Rules of Procedure for the ECA.

The Office is located at the following address:

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4 LIST OF ECA ARBITRATORS

4.1 The arbitrators shall be nominated by the National Federations submitting a CV and a signed declaration of impartiality and independence subject to following criteria:

- maximum of two persons per nation;
- no other EHF/IHF function (former function is no obstacle);
- fluent written and spoken English;
- at least one representative per nation with a full legal education;

4.2 Prerequisites for an appointment as arbitrator:

- a) The signed declaration of impartiality and independence in conformity with these ECA Rules of Arbitration.
- b) The written submission to these ECA Rules of Arbitration including the rules governing arbitrator compensation.

- 4.3 The EHF nominates 20 arbitrators for the list of ECA arbitrators subject to the same criteria as the National Federations.
- 4.4 The arbitrators shall appear on the list of ECA arbitrators until a new arbitrator is nominated by a National Federation or the EHF.
- 4.5 The list of ECA arbitrators and all modifications to such list are published.

5 NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATORS

- 5.1 The Panel is composed of three arbitrators. The parties shall each appoint one arbitrator from the list of ECA arbitrators. The two arbitrators nominate the third arbitrator, who shall chair the arbitration panel.
- 5.2 The claimant shall nominate the arbitrator when submitting the statement of claim. If the Claimant fails to nominate an arbitrator, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the ECA Council.
- 5.3 The Respondent shall appoint its arbitrator within 7 days upon receipt of the request. If the Respondent fails to nominate an arbitrator within this time-limit, the arbitrator shall be appointed by the ECA Council.
- 5.4 The two arbitrators so appointed shall select the President of the arbitral panel by mutual agreement within 3 days. If no appointment is made within this time-limit, the President of the Panel arbitrator shall be appointed by the ECA Council.

6 IMPARTIALITY AND INDEPENDENCE

Each arbitrator must be impartial and independent. He shall exercise his office to the best of his knowledge and abilities, and in doing so is not bound by any directions.

7 ACCEPTANCE OF MANDATE AS ARBITRATOR

- 7.1 Each person who is nominated as arbitrator shall, without undue delay, notify the ECA Office of his acceptance of the office as arbitrator and declare whether he fulfils the qualifications as set out in Rules of Arbitration for the ECA and shall disclose all circumstances which are likely to give rise to doubts as to his impartiality or independence. The ECA Office informs the parties accordingly.
- 7.2 If circumstances are apparent from an arbitrator's declaration, which are likely to give rise to doubts as to his impartiality or independence or his fulfilment of the qualifications set out in Rules of Arbitration for the ECA, the ECA Office grants the parties an opportunity to comment within an appropriate time.
- 7.3 An arbitrator shall disclose to the parties and the ECA Office any circumstances likely to give rise to doubts as to his impartiality and independence even while the arbitral proceedings are in progress.

8 CHALLENGE OR TERMINATION OF AN ARBITRATOR

- 8.1 An arbitrator may be challenged only if circumstances exist that give rise to justified doubts as to his impartiality or independence, or if he does not possess the qualifications as set out in Rules of Arbitration for the ECA.
- 8.2 The challenge is inadmissible if the challenging party engages in the arbitral proceedings even though it was aware or should have been aware of the claimed ground for the challenge. The challenge is likewise inadmissible if the challenging party did not put forward the ground for the challenge within two weeks after becoming aware of such ground.
- 8.3 Any party may request the termination of the mandate of an arbitrator if the latter's incapacitation is not merely temporary, if he otherwise fails to perform his duties or unduly delays the proceedings.
- 8.4 The ECA Council shall decide upon the challenge request and the termination of an arbitrator.
- 8.5 If the other party agrees to the challenge or termination, or if the arbitrator withdraws from his office after being challenged or terminated, or if the application of challenge or the petition for termination has been granted, a substitute arbitrator shall be nominated. The rules for nomination and appointment of arbitrators shall apply accordingly.

9 COMMENCEMENT OF ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS

- 9.1 Arbitral proceedings are commenced when a statement of claim is filed with the ECA Office. The proceedings become pending on receipt of the statement of claim by the ECA Office.
- 9.2 The statement of claim shall be submitted in duplicate with enclosures. Transmission by e-mail or fax is deemed to meet the formal requirements. Original documents shall be submitted if requested by the ECA or the ECA Office.
- 9.3 The statement of claim shall contain:
- a) Identification of the parties and their addresses;
 - b) Documentation specifying the jurisdiction of the ECA;
 - c) Nomination of an arbitrator. If no nomination is made, the ECA Council shall appoint an arbitrator.
 - d) A specific statement of claim and the particulars and supporting documents on which the claim are based.
- 9.4 Unless otherwise provided the time limit for an appeal shall be 21 days from the receipt of the decision appealed against.

10 MEMORANDUM IN REPLY

The respondent has to submit the memorandum in reply at the request of and in compliance with the term set by the ECA Council.

11 FEES PAYABLE UPON COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

- 11.1 When bringing a dispute before the ECA, the claimant shall pay an advance of € 5,000. The ECA Office handles a claim only after receipt of the advance. If the advance is not credited to the account of the ECA Office within a week after filing the claim, the claim shall be deemed withdrawn.
- 11.2 The advance consists of the following elements:
- Registration fee € 1,500
 - Advance payment of administrative costs/cash outlays of the ECA Office.
 - Advance on Arbitrators' fees.

11.3 The registration fee shall not be repayable. If the advance payment is not exhausted by the end of arbitral proceedings, the ECA Office shall retransfer the remaining sum to the payer. If necessary, the ECA Office may demand further advance payments.

12 SEAT

12.1 The seat of the ECA and of each Arbitration Panel (“Panel”) is in Vienna, Austria.

12.2 Notwithstanding subsection 1 of this section, the arbitral panel may, unless otherwise agreed by parties, engage in proceedings at any place it considers appropriate, especially for consultation among its members, decision-making, oral hearings or for taking of evidence.

13 LANGUAGE OF PROCEEDINGS

13.1 The ECA shall conduct its work and all proceedings in English.

13.2 All submissions made by the parties shall be in English. If special circumstances apply and both parties agree, the ECA may allow submissions in German and French.

14 APPLICABLE LAW

The arbitral panel shall pass its decisions in accordance with the Federation’s international and national regulations and agreements, provided these do not violate general principles of law.

15 JURISDICTION OF THE EHF COURT OF ARBITRATION

- 15.1 A plea that the arbitral panel does not have jurisdiction shall be raised not later than the first pleading in the matter. A party is not precluded from raising such a plea by the fact that he has appointed, or participated in the appointment of an arbitrator. A plea that the arbitral panel is exceeding the scope of its authority shall be raised as soon as the matter alleged to be beyond the scope of its authority is raised during the arbitral proceedings. In both cases a later plea shall not be permitted; if the arbitral panel however considers the delay justified, the plea can be admitted.
- 15.2 The arbitral panel shall rule on its own jurisdiction. The ruling can be made together with the ruling on the case or by separate arbitral award.

16 RULES OF PROCEDURE

- 16.1 All arbitral proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the obligatory provisions of chapter four of Austrian Code of Civil Procedure and the Rules of Arbitration set forth herein. For the rest the arbitral panel shall have complete discretion to determine the procedure. In all non-regulated cases the Austrian Code of Civil Procedure Sec. 577 ff shall apply subsidiarily.
- 16.2 The arbitral panel shall undertake to obtain from the parties comprehensive statements regarding all relevant facts and the proper applications for relief.
- 16.3 The chairman of the arbitral panel presides over the proceedings.
- 16.4 Individual questions of procedure may be decided by the chairman of the arbitral panel alone if so authorized by the other members of the arbitral panel.
- 16.5 The proceedings are non-public.
- 16.6 If one party does not take part in the proceedings, the case shall be heard with the other party alone.

17 INTERIM MEASURES OF PROTECTION

- 17.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties, a sole arbitrator nominated by the ECA President or the chairman of the arbitral panel in the principal proceeding may, at the request of a party, take such interim measure of protection as the sole arbitrator (arbitral panel) may consider necessary in respect of the subject matter of the dispute, as otherwise the enforcement of the claim would be frustrated or considerably impeded or

there is a danger of irreparable harm. The sole arbitrator may require any party to provide appropriate security in connection with such measure. The parties are obliged to comply with such orders, whether or not they are enforceable by State courts.

17.2 The request for interim measures of protection shall be filed with the ECA Office.

17.3 If the request for interim measures is submitted separately from the principal proceedings; the requesting party shall pay a fee in the amount of € 1,000.00 upon filing the application with the ECA Office. The ECA Office shall be provided with evidence of the transfer upon filing. If the fee has not been credited to the account of the ECA Office by the time the claim is filed, the claim shall be deemed withdrawn.

17.4 The decision on interim measures of protection may under certain urgent circumstances be awarded without hearing the other party.

17.5 If the decision on interim measures of protection was awarded without hearing the other party, the respondent has the right to object to the measure. If the decision on the request was passed by a sole arbitrator or the chairman of the arbitral panel in the principal proceedings, the objection shall be decided on by either the collective arbitral panel already engaged in the principal matter or a new (sole) arbitrator nominated by the ECA President.

18 DUE PROCESS

18.1 The parties shall be treated with equality. Each party shall be given full opportunity to present its case at all stages of the proceedings. The parties shall be given sufficient advance notice of any hearing and of any meeting of the arbitral panel for the purpose of taking evidence. The parties are entitled to be legally represented.

18.2 All written pleadings, documents or other communications submitted to the arbitral panel by one party shall be communicated to the other party. Likewise, expert reports and other evidentiary documents on which the arbitral panel may rely in making its decision are to be communicated to both parties.

19 ORAL PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings may be oral or only in writing. Oral hearings shall take place at the request of one party or if the arbitral panel before which the case was brought considers it necessary. In any case, the parties must be given the opportunity to take note of, and comment on, the motions and pleadings of the other parties and the result of the evidentiary proceedings.

20 MINUTES OF ORAL PROCEEDINGS

Minutes shall be taken of all oral hearings. The minutes shall especially include the wording of the motions, the statements of witnesses and the application of further evidence as well as the wording of decision(s) and rulings. The minutes shall be signed by the chairman.

21 SETTLEMENT

- 21.1 If, during arbitral proceedings, the parties settle the dispute, the arbitral panel shall terminate the proceedings. If requested by the parties, the arbitral panel shall record the settlement in the form of an arbitral award on agreed terms, unless the contents of the settlement are in violation of public policy (ordre public).
- 21.2 An award on agreed terms shall be made in accordance with section 23 and shall state that it is an award. Such an award has the same effect as any other award on the merits of the case.

22 RENDERING OF THE ARBITRAL AWARD

- 22.1 The arbitral panel shall conduct the proceedings expeditiously and shall render an award within a reasonable period of time.
- 22.2 In rendering the award, the arbitral panel is bound by the requests for relief made by the parties.
- 22.3 Any decision of the arbitral panel shall be made by a majority of all its members.

23 ARBITRAL AWARD

- 23.1 The award shall be made in writing and shall be signed by the arbitrators.
- 23.2 The award shall contain full identification of the parties to the arbitral proceedings and their legal representatives and the names of the arbitrators who have rendered the award.
- 23.3 The award shall state the reasons upon which it is based, unless the parties have agreed that no reasons are to be given or the award is an award on agreed terms under section 21.
- 23.4 The award shall state the date on which it was rendered and the place of arbitration. The award shall be deemed to have been made on that date and at that place.
- 23.5 The arbitration award does not invalidate the underlying arbitration agreement.

24 DECISION ON COSTS

- 24.1 The arbitral panel shall in the award determine which party shall bear the arbitration costs.
- 24.2 As a general rule the unsuccessful party shall bear the costs of the arbitral proceedings. The arbitral panel may take into consideration the circumstances of the case, and in particular where each party is partly successful and partly unsuccessful, order each party to bear its own costs or apportion the costs between the parties.
- 24.3 In any case the decision on costs and the fixation of the amount shall be effected in terms of an award.

25 COST OF PROCEEDINGS

- 25.1 The costs of proceedings consist of the following elements:
The cost of arbitration, including registration fee, the outlays of the ECA Office (administrative costs), arbitrators' fees plus any value added tax and cash outlays (such as travel and subsistence expenses of arbitrators, cost of delivery of documents, cost of minute-keeping);
and
- 25.2 The cost of proceedings shall be disclosed by the ECA Office at the end of the proceedings.
- 25.3 The cost of the parties shall not be refunded.
- 25.4 If a physical person as claimant fulfils the requirements for being granted legal aid in front of an Austrian civil court (art. 63 of the Austrian Civil Code), then, on application,

the ECA Council shall waive the requirement for payment of an advance on the costs of the proceedings in full or in part for the time being. The rules of Section 63 of ZPO (the Austrian Code of Civil Procedure) shall apply accordingly. The same shall apply for clubs under insolvency proceedings.

26 DELIVERY OF THE ARBITRAL AWARD

The executed copy of the arbitral award shall be delivered by the ECA Office to each party and their representatives. Upon request, certified copies may be issued to the parties against a refund of costs.

27 EFFECT OF ARBITRAL AWARD

The award is final and has the same effect between the parties as a final and binding court judgment.

28 END OF ARBITRAL PROCEEDINGS

- 28.1 The arbitral proceedings are ended by the final award, by an order of the ECA Council pursuant to subsection 2 of this section or by the ECA Office pursuant to subsection 3 of this section.
- 28.2 The ECA Council shall issue an order for the termination of the arbitral proceedings when:
- (1) The claimant withdraws his claim, unless the respondent objects thereto and the arbitral panel recognizes a legitimate interest on the latter's part in obtaining a final settlement of the dispute; or
 - (2) The parties agree on the termination of the arbitral proceedings; or
 - (3) The parties reach a settlement in the dispute, or
 - (4) The parties fail to pursue the arbitral proceedings over a period of three months in spite of being so requested by the arbitral panel or when the continuation of the proceedings has become impossible for any other reason.
- 28.3 If nomination of an arbitrator or substitute arbitrator does not occur within the set time-limit and if none of the parties requests nomination by the Council, the ECA Council may terminate the proceedings after having consulted with the parties.

29 LOSS OF RIGHT TO OBJECT

A party who knows that any provision of these Arbitration Rules or any other agreed requirement under the arbitral procedure has not been complied with and yet proceeds with the arbitration without stating its objection to such non-compliance without undue delay, may not raise that objection later.

30 PUBLICATION OF THE ARBITRAL AWARD

The arbitral award and a press release shall be published in an anonymous form by the ECA Office.

31 CONFIDENTIALITY

31.1 ECA Council, ECA Office, arbitrators and parties shall maintain silence about pendency, concerned parties and outcome of the proceedings as well as any other matters of which they gained knowledge in connection with the arbitral proceedings that concern the parties or the EHF.

31.2 Art. 30 is not affected by this provision.

32 CUSTODY AND ENFORCEABILITY

32.1 The original copies of awards and the records on the serving shall be deposited with the ECA Office.

32.2 Upon a party's request, the President of the ECA shall certify on a copy of the award that the award cannot be appealed against and is enforceable.

32.3 The arbitral award is an execution title in terms of the Austrian Code of Execution; It may be enforced by the court having jurisdiction.