



# EHF EURO

## Regulations

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## **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Article 1**

#### **Scope of application**

1.1. The present European Championship Regulations (“EHF EURO Regulations”) govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of the following national teams’ competitions organised by the European Handball Federation (EHF) pursuant to articles 1.2 and 9.1 of the Statutes of the EHF:

#### **The Men and Women European Championships – final tournaments**

These competitions are hereinafter also referred to as “EHF EUROs”

1.2. The qualification rounds of the European Championships (Men/Women), the Younger Age Category European Championships (qualification rounds and final tournament) and the European Beach Handball Championships (Junior and Senior) organised by the EHF are specifically excluded from the application of the present EHF EURO Regulations.

### **Article 2**

#### **Fair play**

2.1. The principles of fair-play must be observed by the EHF Member Federations, their delegations and their teams in all matches. Every member of the EHF Member Federation delegation participating in an EHF EURO shall:

- 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 mission.

### **Article 3**

#### **Applicable Rules and Regulations**

3.1. All EHF Regulations, Manuals and Guidelines applicable to the EHF EURO shall form an integral part of the present EHF EURO Regulations including (without limitation):

- The EHF Regulations for Advertising on Clothing
- The EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure
- The EHF Arbitration Regulations
- The IHF Rules of the Game
- The IHF Player’s Eligibility Code (part of the IHF Transfer Regulations)
- The IHF Anti-Doping Regulations
- The EHF Codes of Conduct
- The EHF Off Court Officiating Guidelines
- The EHF Euro Event Set-up Manual
- The EHF EHF EURO Procedures and Guidelines Manual

## **II. COMPETITION BASICS**

### **Article 4**

#### **Competition stages and rhythm**

- 4.1. The Men and Women European Championship(s) (the “Competition(s)”) consist(s) of:
- Qualification rounds (the “EHF EURO Qualifications”)
  - A final tournament (the “EHF EURO”).
- 4.2. The Men’s and Women’s EHF EUROs take place in a two-year rhythm in even years.

#### **Competition announcement**

- 4.3. Each EHF EURO is staged and organised by one or two EHF Member Federation(s) (the Host Federation(s)).
- 4.4. The official announcement of a European Championship (Men/Women) is made by the EHF to the EHF Member Federations. The EHF EURO application documents to stage and organise the respective EHF EURO including (without limitation) the relevant Bidding Manual are sent to each EHF Member Federation in due time before the European Championship playing periods.

#### **Allocation of the competitions**

- 4.5. The fulfilment of the criteria established by the EHF Executive Committee and/or defined in the corresponding EHF EURO application documents - including (without limitation) the relevant Bidding Manual - is required for an application by a Member Federation to be tabled at the Congress.
- 4.6. The allocation of an EHF EURO to a Member Federation is decided by the EHF Congress pursuant to article 3.1.8.16 of the Statutes of the EHF. The EHF Congress has the right to delegate this matter to the EHF Executive Committee.
- 4.7. The EHF Member Federation(s) nominated as Host Federation(s) of the EHF EURO by the EHF Congress, is entrusted by the EHF Congress with the organisation and staging of the EHF EURO in cooperation with the EHF.

## **III. ENTRIES / ADMISSIONS / DUTIES – CONDITIONS**

### **Article 5**

#### **Right of registration**

- 5.1. Any EHF Member Federation which has satisfied its obligations towards the EHF and the IHF is entitled to register in order to participate in an European Championship (Men/Women - qualification rounds and/or final tournament).
- 5.2. Under exceptional circumstances, permission may be granted by the EHF Executive Committee to an Associated Federation or temporarily admitted Federation to register in order to participate in an European Championship (Men/Women - qualification rounds and/or final tournament).



## **Single registration - Qualification Rounds and Final Tournament**

5.3. The registration of the teams participating in the qualification rounds of an EHF European Championship (Men/Women) and of those directly qualified for the final tournament, including the payment of the respective entry fee, takes place at the same time before the beginning of the qualification rounds of the Competition.

5.4. The registration of a team participating in the qualification rounds of a European Championship (Men/Women) is valid for the entire Competition: qualification rounds and final tournament.

### **Admission criteria and fees**

#### *Registration documents*

5.5. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Member Federation must fulfil the following criteria:

a) It must confirm in writing that the Member Federation itself, its team players and officials and each and every delegation member agrees to respect the statutes, regulations, codes of conduct and decisions of the EHF (pledge of commitment – official form).

b) It must confirm in writing that the Member Federation itself, its players and officials and each and every delegation member agrees to recognise the jurisdiction of the EHF Court of Arbitration in Vienna as defined in the relevant provisions of the Statutes of the EHF (arbitration agreement – official form).

c) It must fill in the official registration documents which must be received by the EHF Office within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to all Member Federations.

5.6. In principle, registrations submitted after the set deadline cannot be accepted as they adversely affect the technical preparations and the carrying out of the competition by the EHF and the Host Federation(s).

#### *Entry fee*

5.7. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Member Federation must pay an entry fee of € 1,125 to the EHF which must be received on the EHF account within the deadline set by the EHF and communicated in due course to all Member Federations.

5.8. The entry fee is paid once by the participating Member Federation for the entire Competition (qualification rounds and final tournament).

5.9. If the payment is not received by the EHF on the due date, the entry fee is automatically doubled.

5.10. If the entry fee is not received within four (4) weeks after the announced deadline, the Member Federation must be fined € 2,250 and must be excluded from the respective competition.

### *Lump-sum advance payment*

- 5.11. Together with the entry fee, all Member Federations that wish to have a team participating in the Competition must make a refundable (or for the use of other purposes) advance payment to the EHF. The advance payment per team must amount to a minimum of € 3,750.
- 5.12. The EHF Executive Committee is allowed to set a permanent deposit of between € 0 and € 6,000 for each Member Federation, depending on the frequency of its participation in EHF competitions. If a Member Federation has a permanent deposit with the EHF, it does not have to transmit the advance payment as stipulated in article 5.11.
- 5.13. If the frequency of the Member Federation participation in EHF competitions changes, the amount of the individual permanent deposit may be adjusted by the EHF Executive Committee.

### *Solidarity contribution*

- 5.14. Member Federations having a team qualified for the final tournament of the Competition must additionally pay a special solidarity contribution of € 3,000 per team.
- 5.15. This lump-sum must be paid directly to the EHF and must be received on the EHF account eight (8) weeks prior to the beginning of the final tournament.
- 5.16. This solidarity contribution is assigned to the EHF special fund.

### **Duties of the Member Federations**

- 5.17. On entering the Competition, Member Federations and each and every delegation member agrees:
- a) to comply with the IHF Rules of the Game (and with the specifications to the IHF Rules of the Game applying to the EHF EURO)
  - b) to respect the principles of fair-play as defined in the Statutes of the EHF
  - c) to participate in all matches of the competition in accordance with the present EHF EURO Regulations and any other applicable regulations and guidelines
  - d) to comply with all decisions regarding the competition taken by the EHF Executive Committee, the EHF Office or any other competent body and communicated appropriately ( by official letter, fax or email)
  - e) to observe the EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure for all matches in the competition
  - f) to indemnify, defend and hold the EHF free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to any non-compliance by the participating Member Federation or any of its players, officials, employees, representatives or agents with these EHF EURO Regulations.

## **IV. WITHDRAWAL, FAILURE TO PLAY AND SIMILAR CASES**

### **Article 6**

#### **Withdrawal, failure to play and similar cases**

- 6.1. If a team withdraws, refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full, the respective Member Federation must be sanctioned by the relevant EHF body in accordance with the applicable EHF Arbitration Regulations.
- 6.2. If a team withdraws or is disqualified during the EHF EURO, the results of all of its matches are declared null and void and the points awarded are forfeited.
- 6.3. If a team that has qualified for the EHF EURO withdraws or is disqualified the EHF may replace it and if so, decides which team is to take its place according to the results achieved by the team previously eliminated. No draw has to take place.
- 6.4. A team which withdraws, refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full loses all rights to payments from EHF. Besides, the entry fee and the solidarity payment are forfeited to the credit of the EHF.

## **V. COMPETITION SYSTEM**

### **Article 7**

#### **Number of participating teams**

- 7.1. The EHF EURO is played with sixteen (16) teams.

### **Article 8**

#### **Automatic qualification in the final tournament**

- 8.1. The team of the Host Federation qualifies automatically for the EHF EURO and does not have to participate in the qualification phase(s).<sup>1</sup>
- 8.2. If there are two Host Federations, the team of the Host Federation chosen as the Main Host qualifies automatically for the EHF EURO and must not participate in the qualification rounds.
- 8.3. Upon a respective request, the Executive Committee shall decide whether the team of the second Host Federation also automatically qualifies for the EHF EURO. In deciding upon such request, the EHF Executive Committee takes into consideration the particular organisational needs of each Competition. The EHF Executive Committee decision is final.
- 8.4. The remaining participants in a European Championship (Men/Women) must play the qualification rounds.

<sup>1</sup> For the 2010 European Championships, the winner of the preceding EHF EURO also qualifies directly for the final tournament. Such rule will be abandoned as from autumn 2012 and the 2014 European Championships Qualifications according to a decision of the Executive Committee made in May 2010.

## **Qualification through EHF EURO Qualifications**

- 8.5. Subject to article 8.6 below, the teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in each qualifying group after completion of the corresponding EHF EURO Qualifications qualify for the EHF EURO.
- 8.6. If the number of participants registered for and taking part in the EHF EURO Qualifications does not allow the required number of teams to be qualified for the final tournament according to article 8.5, the EHF is entitled to define another qualification rule. The rule is communicated to all participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the respective Competition. The EHF decision is final.

## **Article 9**

### **Final Tournament playing system**

- 9.1. The EHF EURO is played in the format of a tournament with the sixteen (16) teams that qualified directly or via the qualification rounds.
- 9.2. The EHF EURO consists of a preliminary round, a main round, placement matches, semi-finals and finals.

### **Preliminary round group formation / Draw**

- 9.3. The preliminary round is played in four (4) groups consisting of four (4) teams each.
- 9.4. The composition of the preliminary round groups of the EHF EURO are decided by a public draw carried out by the EHF in the Host Federation's country.
- 9.5. The seeding for the draw is based on the teams ranking in each qualifying group after the completion of the corresponding EHF EURO Qualifications and on their ranking in the last European Championship (Men/Women).
- 9.6. The Host Federation(s) team(s) is/are seeded according to its/their rank(s) in the previous European Championship (Men/Women) but not lower than directly after the teams ranked first in the qualifying groups after the completion of the corresponding EHF EURO Qualifications.
- 9.7. Before the draw takes place, the Host Federation(s) assign(s) one (1) team qualified for the EHF EURO to each of the four groups/venues of the preliminary round. The spectators' interest should be taken into consideration when assigning the teams.

### **Match system for the preliminary round**

- 9.8. The matches of the preliminary round are played in groups with each team playing all opponents in its group (round robin system).
- 9.9. All matches of the preliminary round are played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break of ten (10) minutes (or fifteen (15) minutes upon a respective EHF decision). There shall be no extra time.
- 9.10. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no point for a defeat.

9.11. Teams' ranking in a group is obtained by adding up the number of points won by each team in each group match.

### **Equality of points during and after the preliminary round matches**

9.12. If two or more teams are equal on points in the preliminary round, their ranking is determined as follows:

During the preliminary round matches:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches
- c) alphabetic order

After the completion of the preliminary round matches:

- a) better results in points gained in the direct encounter of the teams
- b) higher goal difference in the direct encounter of the teams
- c) greater number of plus goals in the direct encounter of the teams
- d) goal difference in all matches (achieved by subtraction)
- e) greater number of plus goals in all matches

9.13. If this procedure does not lead to a decision after completion of all preliminary round matches, a draw must decide the ranking. The draw must be carried out by the EHF, if possible in the presence of at least one (1) team official per delegation concerned.

### **Places 13 to 16**

9.14. The teams ranked fourth (4th) in each group after the completion of the preliminary round matches depart from the Competition and are ranked 13 to 16 according to the number of points won in the preliminary round.

9.15. If two or more teams ranked fourth (4th) in the groups have the same number of points after the completion of the preliminary round matches, their ranking is determined as follows:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches;
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches;
- c) highest ranked team against which the teams played in the preliminary round according to the final ranking of the EHF EURO.

### **Main round group formation**

9.16. The teams ranked first (1st) to third (3rd) in each group after completion of the preliminary round matches play in the main round.

9.17. The main round is played in two (2) groups consisting of six (6) teams.

9.18. Teams ranked first (1st) to third (3rd) in the preliminary round groups 1 (respectively A) and 2 (respectively B) compose the first main round group. Teams ranked first (1st) to third (3rd) in the preliminary round groups 3 (respectively group C) and 4 (respectively group D) compose the second main round group.

### **Match system for the main round**

9.19. The matches of the main round are played in groups with each team playing all opponents in its group (round robin system). The basic playing schedule is to be found in Enclosure 1.

9.20. All matches of the main round are played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break of ten (10) minutes (or fifteen (15) minutes upon a respective EHF decision). There shall be no extra time.

9.21. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat.

9.22. The points won during the preliminary round by the teams against opponents which also play in the main round are kept and remain valid for the ranking of the main round.

9.23. Teams' ranking in a main round group is obtained by adding up the number of points won by each team according to article 9.22 and the number of point won by each team in each main round match.

### **Equality of points during and after the main round matches**

9.24. If two or more teams are equal on points in the main round, their ranking is determined as follows:

During the main round matches:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches
- c) alphabetical order

After the completion of the main round matches:

- a) better results in points gained in the direct encounter of the teams
- b) higher goal difference in the direct encounter of the teams
- c) greater number of plus goals in the direct encounter of the teams
- d) goal difference in all matches (achieved by subtraction)
- e) greater number of plus goals in all matches

9.25. If this procedure does not lead to a decision after completion of all preliminary round matches, a draw must decide the ranking. The draw must be carried out by the EHF, if possible in the presence of at least one (1) team official of the delegations concerned.

### **Placement match (places 5 to 6)**

- 9.26. The teams ranked third (3rd) in each group after completion of the main round play a placement match to attribute places five (5) and six (6) in the EHF EURO ranking.
- 9.27. The placement match is played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break of ten (10) minutes (or fifteen (15) minutes upon a respective EHF decision).
- 9.28. If the result stands as a draw at the end of the normal period time, an extra time of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.
- 9.29. If the result stands as a draw after the first period of extra time, an additional extra time of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.
- 9.30. If the teams are still equal after the second period of extra time, the winners are determined by penalty throws (article 9.42).

### **Places 7 to 12**

- 9.31. The teams ranked fourth (4th), fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) in each group after the completion of the main round matches depart from the Competition.
- 9.32. Places 7 or 8 are attributed to the two teams ranked fourth (4th) in the groups, places 9 and 10 are attributed to the two teams ranked fifth (5th) in the groups, places 11 and 12 are attributed to the two teams ranked sixth (6th) in the group according to the number of points won by the respective teams after completion of the main round matches.
- 9.33. If the two teams ranked fourth (4th) , fifth (5th) or sixth (6th) in the groups have the same number of points after the completion of the main round matches, their ranking is determined as follows:
- a) higher goal difference in all matches
  - b) greater number of plus goals in all matches
  - c) highest ranked team against which the teams played in the preliminary round according to the final ranking of the EHF EURO

### **Semi-finals**

- 9.34. The teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in each group after completion of the main round matches play in the semi-finals.
- 9.35. The teams ranked first (1st) in the main round groups play against the teams ranked second (2nd) in the other main round group.

### **Bronze final (Places 3 to 4)**

9.36. The losers of the semi-finals play a bronze final match to define places three (3) and four (4) in the EHF EURO ranking.

### **Final (places 1 to 2)**

9.37. The winners of the semi-finals play in the final.

### **Same number of goals in a semi-final, the bronze final or the final**

9.38. The semi-final, bronze final and final matches are played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break of ten (10) minutes (or fifteen (15) minutes upon a respective EHF decision).

9.39. If the result stands as a draw at the end of the normal period time, an extra time of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.

9.40. If the result stands as a draw at the end of the first extra time, an additional extra time of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.

9.41. If the two teams are still equal after the second period of extra time, the winners are determined by penalty throws (article 9.42).

### **Penalty throws rules**

9.42. Rules on the execution of penalty throws:

a) Prior to the penalty throws, each team nominates five (5) players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing over a list with the numbers of five (5) players. Each of the nominated players shall execute one throw, alternating with their opponents. Teams may choose the order of their throwers freely.

b) The goalkeepers may be chosen freely and substituted in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may act as throwers and throwers as goalkeepers.

c) The goal to be used must be decided by the referees. The referees draw lots for deciding which team throws first. The team winning the draw has the right to decide whether it wishes to throw first or last.

d) The team having scored the highest number of goals after both teams have executed their five (5) throws wins. If the match is still undecided after the first round of penalty throws, the process is repeated until a decision is reached. The other team begins. In the second set of five throws each, a further five players entitled to play have to be nominated (players having already thrown may be nominated again).

e) A decision in the second round of penalty throwing is reached once there is a difference in goals after both teams have executed the same number of throws.



f) Players and goalkeepers eligible to play are those players on the match report who are not disqualified, excluded or suspended when the whistle finished the second extra time.

g) Serious violations during the penalty throws will be punished by disqualification in all cases. If a court player or a goalkeeper is disqualified or injured, a substitute with playing eligibility must be nominated.

h) During each individual throw, only the player executing the throw, the defending goalkeeper and the referees are allowed to be in the respective half of the playing court.

i) In the case that the number of players eligible to play is lower than five (5), the team concerned has the right to nominate players for a second throw during the same round.

## **VI. TROPHY, MEDALS and PRIZES**

### **Article 10**

#### **Trophy**

10.1. The winner of the EHF EURO receives from the EHF a trophy in the shape of a plate. The trophy remains in the winner Member Federation's keeping and ownership at all times.

10.2. The other finalist of the EHF EURO received from the EHF a trophy in different shape than the winner's trophy. The trophy remains in the respective Member Federation's keeping and ownership at all times.

#### **Gold, silver, bronze medals**

10.3. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the team that wins the EHF EURO receives a gold medal.

10.4. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked second (2nd) in the EHF EURO receives a silver medal.

10.5. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked third (3rd) in the EHF EURO receives a bronze medal.

#### **Prize**

10.6. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked fourth (4th) in the EHF EURO receives a prize (e.g. medal without ribbon).

#### **Commemorative medals**

10.7. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the teams which compete receives a commemorative medal.

10.8. Each EHF official who participates in the EHF EURO organisation receives a commemorative medal.

10.9. A complete set of medals (gold, silver, bronze, commemorative) of the EHF EURO must be provided to the EHF Office after the end of the EHF EURO.

## **VII. COMPETITION / MATCHES DATES AND TIMES**

### **Article 11**

#### **Playing periods**

11.1. The playing period of the EHF EURO is fixed by the EHF. It is notified to the Member Federations with the announcement of the respective EHF EURO.

11.2. In any case, the EHF EURO takes place six (6) months minimum after the end of the corresponding EHF EURO qualifications rounds.

#### **Match dates / Throw-off times**

11.3. The exact dates and throw-off times of each EHF EURO match are subject to coordination between the EHF, the Host Federation(s), the EHF marketing partner and the TV host broadcaster.

11.4. The final decision regarding dates and throw-off times of the final tournament matches lies with the EHF.

11.5. Each team must have at least eighteen (18) hours rest between two EHF EURO matches played.

11.6. The exact dates and throw-off times of the EHF EURO matches are communicated to the participating Member Federations by the EHF in due time before the EHF EURO.

#### **Training times**

11.7. During the EHF EURO, each team is given the possibility to train fifty-five (55) minutes per day on match days and eighty-five (85) minutes per day on rest days. Trainings are organised either in the playing hall or in a training hall at a distance of maximum fifteen (15) kilometres from the playing hall.

11.8. A schedule of the teams trainings during the EHF EURO is prepared by the Host Federation(s) and the EHF according to the EHF standard requirements and any further requirements defined herein. The EHF EURO training schedule is communicated to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.

11.9. Modifications of scheduled times/dates of the training sessions or additional training sessions in the playing hall and/or training hall are not allowed, unless expressly agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation(s).

11.10. The respective delegation must inform the Host Federation(s) of the cancellation of any of the team training session twenty-four (24) hours before (in any case on the evening before) the training session scheduled time/date.

## **Teams Arrival dates**

11.11. All team players and officials must arrive in their hotel in the respective EHF EURO venue one (1) day prior to the first match day - at 5 pm at the latest.

## **VIII. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION**

### **Article 12**

#### **Nationality**

12.1. EHF EURO matches are carried out as international matches. Players of a team participating in an EHF EURO must be in possession of the citizenship of the respective country. Proof of nationality (valid passport or national identity card) is required to take part to the EHF EURO. A player who cannot present either a valid passport or national identity card from the country concerned is not eligible to participate in any match of an EHF EURO.

12.2. In addition, every player participating in an EHF EURO must be eligible to play for that country in accordance with the applicable IHF Regulations (IHF Players' Eligibility Code).

12.3. A player who has already played for a team of a Member Federation in a European Championship (qualification rounds, final tournament) is not allowed to play in the same competition for the team of another Member Federation.

### **Article 13**

#### **Registration / Official Squad**

##### *Preliminary List*

13.1. The Member Federations must submit a preliminary list of the players and team officials intended for participating in the EHF EURO to the EHF Office, for administration purposes, within the deadline set by the EHF and announced in due course to the participating Member Federations. The number of players and team officials on the preliminary list is not restricted.

##### *Official Squad*

13.2. The Member Federations must submit the list of the players and team officials ("Official Squad List") who will form the basic group of their team during the EHF EURO in writing to the Host Federation(s) and the EHF Office within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to the participating Member Federations.

13.3. The Official Squad List must contain a maximum of twenty-eight (28) players ("Official Squad"). The players (28 or less) listed in the Official Squad List are the only players eligible to participate in the respective EHF EURO. Changes/insertions of players in the Official Squad List at a later stage are not permitted.

13.4. The number of team officials in the Official Squad List is not restricted and is not final; changes/insertions of team officials until the first technical meeting one day before the start of the EHF EURO are still possible.

13.5. The following information must be submitted with the Official Squad List:

- a) Number of each of the players appearing on the List (from 1 to 99)
- b) Players' first names, surnames, dates of birth, clubs/nations, body heights, weights, number of international matches, playing position, passport/national identity card numbers.
- c) Colours of the first and second full team kit (dark colours kit/light colours kit), clearly stating colours of shirts and shorts and colours of the first and second kit for the goalkeepers.
- d) Photo of the first and second full team kit (court players kits and goalkeepers kits; original kits to be used during the EHF EURO)
- e) Team officials' names, surnames, function, assigned letter (from A to F).

13.6. If the Official Squad List of a Member Federation is not received by the EHF Office and the Host Federation(s) within the set deadline, the first twenty-eight (28) (or less) players appearing on the preliminary list of players and team officials submitted by the Member Federation are considered by the EHF as the final Official Squad List of this Federation.

#### *Official Delegation*

13.7. At the first technical meeting, one day before the start of the EHF EURO, a maximum of sixteen (16) players from the twenty-eight (28) listed players of the Official Squad as well as a maximum of six (6) team officials must be nominated as Official Delegation by each delegation. The valid passports or national identity cards of each of the sixteen (16) players of the Official Delegation must be presented to the EHF delegates (two at least) at the technical meeting for verification.

13.8. Subject to articles 13.12 to 13.22, only the sixteen (16) players of the Official Delegation are allowed to play in matches of the corresponding EHF EURO.

#### *Start List*

13.9. The Start List contains the names and number of the sixteen (16) players and six (6) teams' officials of the Official Delegation. The Start List is prepared and handed over to the team officials in charge in due course before the throw-off of an EHF EURO match. One (1) hour before the throw-off of the match the team officials in charge must check the pre-prepared Start List, confirm the participating players and reduce the number of team officials to four (4) by crossing out up to two (2) team officials listed.

13.10. Only the four (4) officials of the Start List not crossed out are eligible to be in the substitution area during the match.

#### *Eligibility to participate*

13.11. Players not meeting the eligibility criteria defined in article 12, not registered in accordance with the present article 13 and/or by the announced date are not eligible to participate in the EHF EURO.

## **Players' replacement**

13.12. During the EHF EURO, any of the sixteen (16) announced players can be replaced by another player of the Official Squad List under the following conditions:

- a) A maximum of two (2) players in each team can be replaced by two (2) new players of the Official Squad List after the preliminary round.
- b) A maximum of one (1) player in each team can be replaced by one (1) new player of the Official Squad List after the main round.

13.13. The delegations must inform the EHF Office at the venue (the "EHF Championship Office") about the replacement of players by handing in or sending by fax the duly completed, stamped and signed official form for replacements as well as the passport or national identity card of the replacing player(s) (original or copy), within the deadline set by the EHF and communicated in due course to all delegations.

13.14. If a copy of the passport or national identity card of the replacing player(s) is sent/presented to the EHF Championship Office, the original passport or national identity card must be presented one (1) hour prior to the throw-off of the next match at the latest to the relevant EHF delegate (supervisor).

13.15. Upon confirmation by the EHF of the replacement (only after presentation of the original passport or national identity card of the replacing player), the replacing player is added on the official Start List/match report of the next match of the team and the replaced player is removed.

13.16. A player being replaced by another player after the preliminary round can be part of the Official Delegation during the final week-end (placement match, semi-finals, final) under the condition of a replacement referred to in articles 13.12 to 13.18.

13.17. If the player replaced after the preliminary or the main round is under suspension (for a certain period of time or a number of matches), the replacing player is eligible to participate in matches of the respective EHF EURO only after completion of the entire suspension.

13.18. Additional costs arising from the replacement or the additional announcement of players must be borne by the related Member Federations, apart from the costs of local transports – including the transport from and to the arrival airport – which are borne by the Host Federation(s).

## **Additional announcement of players**

13.19. If at the first technical meeting, one day before the start of the EHF EURO, a delegation nominates fifteen (15) or less players out of the Official Squad List to be part of the Official Delegation, the delegation is entitled to nominate one (1) additional player out of the players of the Official Squad under the following conditions:

13.20. The delegation must inform the EHF Championship Office about the additional announcement of a player by handing in or sending by fax the duly completed, stamped and signed official form for additional announcements as well as the passport or national identity card of the additional player (original or copy), on the respective match day before the time-limit decided by the EHF and communicated in due course to all delegations.

13.21. If a copy of the passport or national identity card of the additional player(s) is sent/presented to the EHF Championship Office, the original passport or national identity card must be presented one (1) hour prior to the throw-off of the next match at the latest to the EHF delegate (supervisor).

13.22. Upon confirmation by the EHF of the additional announcement (only after presentation of the original passport or national identity card of the replacing player), the player is added on the official Start List/match report of the next match of the team.

### **Participation of suspended and/or players not eligible to participate**

13.23. The use of a player who has been suspended and/or is not eligible to play in any EHF EURO match must be sanctioned in accordance with the applicable EHF Arbitration Regulations.

## **IX. KIT (players' clothing – shirts and shorts)**

### **Article 14**

#### **Team kits requirements**

14.1. Each team is required to have at least one (1) full team kit in light colours and one full team kit (2) in dark colours for the matches of the EHF EURO. Blue and red are considered dark colours. In case of multi-coloured shirts in any of the full team kits, only one of the colours – and not the main colour – can be repeated in the other full team kit.

14.2. Goalkeepers' kit must differ from court players' kit, in both dark colour and light colour kit options.

14.3. The colours and the photos of the full team kits (at least one (1) light colour option and one (1) dark colour option) must be provided to the EHF before the beginning of the EHF EURO within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to the participating Member Federations. "Style guide" illustrations of the full team kits are not accepted as photos.

14.4. Any modifications requested by the EHF after communication of the full team kits colours and photos by the Member Federations in order to comply with the requirements defined herein must be implemented by the Member Federation(s) concerned within the deadline set forth by the EHF and communicated in due course to the respective Member Federation(s).

14.5. The full team kits (at least one (1) light colour option and one (1) dark colour option) of each team must be presented by each delegation at the first technical meeting prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO for final approval by the EHF. If more than two (2) full team kits have been prepared for the EHF EURO, they must also be presented at the first technical meeting.

14.6. The full team kits approved at the first technical meeting are the only ones allowed during the entire EHF EURO.

## **Choice of kit**

14.7. A “Kit Plan” defining the full team kit (light colour option or dark colour option) to be used by each team in each preliminary round match is set up by the EHF (based on the composition of the groups and the TV appearance requirements) after the first technical meeting and communicated in due course to the delegations. Subject to article 14.9, the EHF decision is final.

14.8. Such a “Kit Plan” is also set up by the EHF for the main round matches and the final weekend matches after the respective technical meetings and communicated in due course to the delegations. Subject to article 14.9, the EHF decision is final.

14.9. The EHF delegate (supervisor) of each match is allowed to request any of the team to play with another approved full team kit than the one specified in the Kit Plan if the EHF delegate considers that the colours of the team’s pre-defined kits are likely to cause confusion.

## **Players’ names / numbers – Officials’ letters**

14.10. Each player’s number announced during the first technical meeting must be affixed on the back and front of the shirt of the respective player. The number must be clearly legible, must range from 1 to 99 and be at least 20 cm high on the back and at least 10 cm high on the front. The colour of the number must contrast clearly with the colour of the shirt.

14.11. During the entire duration of the EHF EURO each player must wear the same number (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the first technical meeting) regardless of her/his position (goalkeeper or court player).

14.12. The players’ surnames must be displayed in clearly legible Latin letters of a minimum height of 10 cm on the backs of the shirts above the players’ numbers, respectively in the area being reserved for printing.

14.13. Exceptions to the above mentioned compulsory requirements regarding players’ surnames size on shirts due to long players’ surnames are subject to EHF prior approval.

14.14. The letter assigned by the delegations to their team officials during the first technical meeting must be affixed on the officials’ accreditations. They must range from A to F. No loose letter card is allowed during the EHF EURO.

14.15. During the entire duration of the EHF EURO, each team official must wear the same letter (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the first technical meeting).

## **Additional requirements**

14.16. During the team line-up, the entire team must wear identical clothing either the approved full team kit to be worn during the match or tracksuits (except goalkeepers).

14.17. During EHF EURO matches:

a) The court players and the goalkeepers must wear the approved full team kit specified in the respective Kit Plan or requested by the EHF delegate (supervisor). The surname and number of each player must appear on their shirts as defined hereabove.

b) Players are allowed to wear thermo-trousers as long as the colour matches the approved full team kit to be worn during the match.

c) The team officials on the bench must wear clothing having clearly distinct colour(s) from the colour(s) of the opposing team's playing kit.

## **Article 15**

### **Advertising on players' kits**

15.1. Subject to the restrictions mentioned hereunder, advertising on players' kits is allowed.

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

15.3. For any advertising on kits during an EHF EURO, the provisions and restrictions laid down in the "Regulations on Advertising on Clothing" must be respected.

15.4. Each delegation member must comply with any further advertising restrictions communicated by the EHF to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.

15.5. The Host Federation must inform the EHF on any local restriction or ban regarding advertising in due time before the EHF EURO.

### **Back shirt advertising restrictions**

15.6. The area on the back of the shirts above the player's number must be free of any advertisement or writing (see Enclosure 2). Only the surname of the player must be visible.

### **Sleeves advertising**

15.7. Sleeves of the players' shirts must be reserved for EHF advertising. Any other type of advertising and/or writing on the sleeve (see Enclosure 2) is forbidden.

15.8. The advertising badges/EHF EURO logos to be fixed on the players' shirt sleeves are provided to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.

15.9. The participating Member Federations are responsible for the fixing of the advertising badges/EHF EURO logos provided on the sleeves of their team players' shirts.



15.10. Should the EHF be unable to send the advertising badges/EHF EURO logos to the Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO, the players' shirts of the full team kits must be brought to the EHF EURO venue free of advertising and/or writing on the sleeves (see Enclosure 2). The fixing of the advertising badges/EHF EURO logos is then made by the Host Federation upon arrival of the delegations at the venue before the beginning of the EHF EURO. The team guide of each delegation must coordinate upon arrival with the Host Federation in order to organise the fixing of the respective sleeve badges and/or logos.

15.11. The positioning of advertising on the sleeve surrounding area (see Enclosure 2) must be coordinated with the EHF and the Host Federation in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO in order to ensure an optimal optical appearance. A sufficient space must be left between the EHF advertising on sleeves and the advertisements on the sleeves surrounding area.

15.12. The team official(s) in charge must ensure that the sleeves badges and/or logos are properly fixed on each player's shirt in due time prior to each match.

### **Non-obedience of the applicable points**

15.13. Non-obedience of one or more of the provisions stated hereabove, and/or of the Regulations on Advertising on Clothing, may be sanctioned according to the applicable EHF Regulations, including the EHF Arbitration Regulations. In addition the respective Member Federation may be required to reimburse all damages occurred.

## **X. MATCH PROCEDURE**

### **Article 16**

#### **Laws of the game**

16.1. EHF EURO matches are played in conformity with the applicable Rules of the Game promulgated by the International Handball Federation (IHF) subject to the following specifications:

- a) Teams can play with up to sixteen (16) players
- b) Chairs instead of benches are installed in the substitution area
- c) The requirements of the EHF EURO Procedures and Guidelines Manual concerning the substitution area set –up prevail

### **Article 17**

#### **Technical meeting**

17.1. A technical meeting is carried out one (1) day before the beginning of each EHF EURO round (preliminary round, main round and final week-end) in each EHF EURO venue in the teams' hotel announced by the EHF.

17.2. Technical meetings must be attended by at least one (1) team official of each delegation participating in the respective round.

- 17.3. In the first technical meeting of the EHF EURO, one day prior to the first matches, each delegation must:
- a) Nominate its Official Delegation composed of a maximum of sixteen (16) players from the twenty-eight (28) players of the Official Squad List and six (6) team officials. The team official in charge must complete all fields of the Official Delegation form, must sign it and must hand it over.
  - b) Present a valid passport or national identity card for each of the players nominated as part of the Official Delegation.
  - c) Show the full team kits. One piece of each full team kit (dark colour option and light colour option) must be brought along. The full team kits colours of each participating team must be the ones announced at an earlier stage to the EHF (with the required modifications implemented, if any).
  - d) Confirm the music of the national anthem of the respective country.
- 17.4. The full team kits of each team must be checked by the EHF during the first technical meeting of the EHF EURO.
- 17.5. The Official Delegation forms presenting the lists of players and team officials nominated as Official Delegation must be checked with the players' passports or national identity cards, and be approved and signed by at least two (2) EHF delegates during the first technical meeting of the EHF EURO.

## **Article 18**

### **A. Pre-match procedure**

#### **Warm up**

18.1. Approximately twenty-five (25) minutes before the start of an EHF EURO match, the playing court is made available to the players of the two playing teams for warm-up and play practice.

#### **Start List**

18.2. One (1) hour before the start of an EHF EURO match, the pre-prepared Start List containing the names of the Official Delegation of the playing teams must be checked and confirmed by the team officials in charge. Moreover, the team officials in charge must reduce the number of team officials to a maximum of four (4) by crossing out up to two (2) team officials listed. Only four (4) team officials are eligible to be in the substitution area during the match.

18.3. The Start List must be signed by each team official in charge and handed over to the EHF delegate (supervisor) fifteen (15) minutes prior to the throw-off of the match.

18.4. The Host Federation(s) is/are responsible to distribute the completed and finalised Start List to the press, press agents and to the EHF Championship Office before the match.

18.5. The EHF delegate (supervisor) coordinates and is responsible for the Start List procedure assisted by the EHF Office.

### **Before teams line-up**

18.6. Each player being on the playing court for the warm-up must immediately leave the playing court upon EHF referees' instructions to do so (twelve (12) minutes before the match throw-off at the latest).

18.7. The following fair-play announcement pre-recorded by the captain of each playing team in the official language of the relevant country is broadcast with English subtitles on a video screen:

*"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."*

### **Teams' line-up**

18.8. Each player of the playing teams must be ready for the official teams' line-up ten (10) minutes prior to the official throw-off of the matches (twelve (12) minutes prior to the official throw-off, for the matches of the final week-end).

18.9. Before entering the playing court for the official teams' line-up, ten (10) minutes before the match throw-off, the players have to follow both the EHF referees' and floor managers' instructions and gather at the defined collection point (pre-defined corner of the playing court surrounding area).

18.10. Once the EHF referees have given the playing teams the instruction to gather, none of the player is allowed to leave the playing court area.

18.11. The players must enter the playing court following the respective EHF referee as well as the path made by children. They must slap hands (high-five) with the children on either side simultaneously with both hands. The players of the team entering second on the playing court must also slap hands with the other team players before taking their line-up position (Enclosure 3).

### **Pre-match procedure schedule**

18.12. The detailed pre-match procedure schedule of the preliminary and main round matches is the following:

- 10:30 Broadcast of Fair Play Announcement by the team captains
- 09:45 Flag, mascots, referees, teams ready at the entry meeting point. Player escorts (children) form tunnel
- 09:30 Start of the EHF EURO flag presentation by four flag presenting children
- 09:00 Line-up of Team A
- 08:30 Line-up of Team B
- 08:00 Introduction of Team A – players and officials
- 06:30 Introduction of Team B – players and officials
- 05:00 Introduction of the referees, EHF officials

- 04:00 National anthem of Team A
- 02:45 National anthem of Team B
- 01:30 Final match preparations of the teams
- 00:00 Throw-off / Order by EHF delegate (supervisor)

18.13. The detailed pre-match procedure schedule of the final week-end matches is adapted with two (2) additional minutes to the schedule defined under article 18.12.

18.14. Further details and information about the pre-match procedure is provided to the delegations before the beginning of the EHF EURO and before each match. The provided information may contain modifications to the schedule mentioned under article 18.12 due to the practicalities of each venue and each match.

18.15. Instructions regarding pre-match procedure given by the floor manager and/or the EHF delegate (supervisor) in the playing hall before each match prevail and must in any case be followed by any person involved in the pre-match procedure.

18.16. Any playing team and individual causing a delay in the throw-offs (start/half-time/time-out) of an EHF EURO match is liable for any damage incurred and may be sanctioned by the EHF accordingly.

## **B. Post-match procedures**

### **Handshake and line up**

18.17. Immediately after the end of an EHF EURO match, the players must carry out an informal handshake with the opposing team players and the team officials shall carry out an informal handshake with the team officials of the opposing team.

18.18. After the public announcer's announcement of the teams' line-up, the playing teams must carry out a line up in the centre of the playing court facing the judges' table according to Enclosure 4.

### **Best player's award**

18.19. An Electoral Commission composed of one (1) expert nominated by the EHF, one (1) expert nominated by the Host Federation and chaired by one (1) EHF representative present at the venue elects the best player of each playing team after each EHF EURO match.

18.20. The names of the best players of the match are announced by the public announcer immediately after the end of the match and the teams' line-up; the named players must step out of the line. A best player's award is handed over to the players by the EHF representative or a person nominated by the EHF representative in cooperation with a Host Federation representative.

### **Flash Zone / Mixed Zone**

18.21. After the end of each EHF EURO match and the respective ceremonies, all players and officials of the playing teams (physiotherapists and doctors excepted) must pass through the mixed zone and the flash zone.

18.22. TV flash interviews for accredited TV stations owning the TV rights in the countries of teams which played take place in the marked “flash zone”. Players and the head coach of both playing teams must be available for interviews in the “flash zone”.

18.23. Interviews from other accredited TV stations, for accredited radio reporters, the written press and website journalists or longer interviews take place in the marked “mixed zone”. Players and team officials (physiotherapists and doctors excepted) of both playing teams must be available for interviews in the “mixed zone”.

18.24. The flash zone and mixed zone are located outside the player exit on the way from the playing court to the teams’ dressing room. The mixed zone is divided into two (2) sections: walkway for the players and team officials and section for the media representatives. The media representative section is divided into three (3) specific areas: one for the TV rights-holders, one for radio reporters, one for the written press and website journalists.

18.25. The players, team officials and media representatives must comply with any instruction regarding the flash zone and the mixed zone provided by the EHF/Host Federation media officer.

18.26. The Host Federation(s) ensure(s) that the Flash Zone/ Mixed Zone area is safe and not accessible to the general public or any other unauthorised people.

### **Post match press conference**

18.27. An official post-match press conference takes place in the press centre of the playing hall fifteen (15) minutes after the end of each EHF EURO match or in case a ceremony takes place after the match, fifteen (15) minutes after end of the respective ceremony(ies).

18.28. The head coach of each playing team together with one (1) key player approved by the EHF must take part in the post match conference accompanied by an interpreter, if necessary.

18.29. During the post match press conference of the semi-finals and the final, the head coach must be accompanied by two (2) key players approved by the EHF.

### **Transmission of results and tables**

18.30. The Host Federation(s) is/are responsible to distribute the half-time results, the final match results, the match reports as well as information on the number of spectators and any other relevant match information of each EHF EURO match to the press, press agents and to the EHF Championship Office, during the match and immediately after the match.

18.31. Person(s) in charge must be nominated by the Host Member Federation(s) accordingly.

18.32. Match reports and tables showing results after completion of the matches in the respective round or group may be published only after being officially approved by the EHF.

## **C. Post-match specific ceremonies**

### **All Star Team**

18.33. The All Star Team of the EHF EURO, composed of the best player of the EHF EURO in each position as well as the Most Valuable Player, the Best Defence Player and the Top Scorer (all together ten (10) players) is elected by a group of experts present during the EHF EURO and nominated by the EHF during the preliminary round of the EHF EURO.

18.34. The All Star Team is announced by the public announcer after the second semi-final, immediately after the best player's awards ceremony or alternatively on the final day.

### **Farewell ceremony**

18.35. A farewell ceremony for each team leaving the EHF EURO takes place on the playing court at the end of the last matches of the preliminary round and of the main round as well as at the end of the placement match and of the bronze final, following the best players' award ceremony.

18.36. The Official Delegation of the team(s) leaving the EHF EURO and the one of the team they have just competed in a match against must be present and must stay on the playing court until completion of the farewell ceremony.

18.37. The Official Delegation of the team(s) leaving the EHF EURO receives commemorative medals and local gifts (for up to thirty (30) persons) from a representative of the Host Federation. During the farewell ceremony of the bronze final a prize is additionally handed in to the team ranked fourth in the EHF EURO.

18.38. Further details and information about the farewell ceremony are communicated to the delegations at the technical meetings.

18.39. Instructions regarding the farewell ceremony given by the floor manager, respectively the EHF official in charge prevail and must be followed by any person involved in the farewell ceremony.

### **Medals and closing ceremony**

18.40. After the final match of the EHF EURO a medal and closing ceremony takes place on the playing court following the best players' award ceremony. The Official Delegation of the teams ranked first to third must be present for the medals and closing ceremony.

18.41. The first, second and third ranked teams receive the following medals (for up to thirty (30) persons):

1 <sup>st</sup> place and European Champion	gold
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	silver
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	bronze

18.42. Beside the medals, the first ranked team receives the EHF EURO trophy and the second ranked team receives a trophy of a different shape.

18.43. Further details and information about the medal and closing ceremony are communicated to the relevant delegations in due time before the ceremony.

18.44. Instructions regarding the medals and closing ceremony given by the floor manager, respectively the EHF official in charge prevail and must be followed by any person involved in this ceremony.

### **Media and promotion**

18.45. After the final match, the winner of the EHF EURO must be available for media and promotion purposes upon EHF request.

### **Banquet**

18.46. On the day of the final matches a banquet or similar event is organised by the Host Federation(s) to close the EHF EURO. The players and officials of the teams still present, as well as the EHF officials should attend such a banquet as a gesture of friendship and courtesy.

18.47. Commemorative medals are presented to the delegation members of the finalists of the EHF EURO (for up to thirty (30) persons) during the banquet.

## **XI. PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS**

### **Article 19**

#### **Number of delegation members**

19.1. Each Member Federation participating in an EHF EURO may travel to the venue with a delegation (including players and officials) of a maximum of twenty eight (28) members.

19.2. Any exception to the foregoing must be requested in writing to the EHF and the Host Federation(s) in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO and is subject to the Host Federation's prior approval.

19.3. The respective financial terms are defined under section XVII (Financial Provisions) of the present Regulations.

## **XII. RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Article 20**

#### **Responsibilities of the Member Federations**

20.1. The Member Federations are legally and financially accountable towards the EHF in respect of their delegation and team participating in the EHF EURO. In particular, the Member Federations are accountable for the conduct of their players, officials, other delegation members, supporters and of any person having a function in the Member Federation, and/or carrying out a function at a match on behalf of the Member Federation, respectively on behalf of the delegation. They may be sanctioned accordingly.

20.2. The Host Federation(s) is/are responsible for security and order before, during and after the match. The Host Federation(s) may be called to account for incidents of any kind.

### **Additional responsibilities**

20.3. The EHF Office informs the Member Federations, respectively the delegations participating in the EHF EURO about any further guidelines, directives or decisions related to the EHF EURO to be respected and provides them with all relevant documents in due time.

## **XIII. INSURANCE**

### **Article 21**

#### **General principles**

21.1. Everyone involved in the EHF EURO is responsible for his/her own insurance cover.

21.2. The participating Member Federations are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover, including accident and health insurance, for their delegation members, including players, technical staff and officials, at their own expense for the whole duration of the EHF EURO.

#### **Host Federation(s)**

21.3. The Host Federation(s) is/are responsible for the insurance cover of all sites used for the EHF EURO including hall, facilities and official zones. If the Host Federation(s) is/are not the owner of the hall used, they are also responsible for ensuring that the hall owner and/or tenant in question provides a fully comprehensive insurance cover, including third-party liability and property damage.

21.4. In addition to articles 21.1 and 21.2, the Host Federation(s) staging the EHF EURO must conclude at their own expense adequate insurance cover (including cancellation) for all risks arising from organising and staging the EHF EURO, in accordance with their responsibilities. The insurance must fulfil the minimum conditions set out in the organisation agreement between the EHF and the Host Federation(s) and those communicated by the EHF accordingly.

21.5. A copy of all insurance contracts concluded by the Host Federation(s) for the EHF EURO must be provided to the EHF within the deadline set forth by the latter.

#### **EHF**

21.6. The EHF is responsible for the accident and health insurance of the nominated EHF officials for the duration of their assignment.



## **Further requirements**

- 21.7. All insurances must cover the full period of the EHF EURO, including the preparation and post-competition phase.
- 21.8. Claims for damages against the EHF are expressly excluded. Anyone involved must hold EHF harmless from any and all claims for liability arising in relation to the EHF EURO.

## **XIV. EXCUSIVITY**

### **Article 22**

#### **EHF sponsors / Partners exclusivity**

- 22.1. The exclusivity of the EHF partners and sponsors during the EHF EURO must be complied with by all delegations, individuals, EHF Officials participating in the EHF EURO.
- 22.2. The names and the respective categories of products/services of the EHF partners and sponsors as well as the necessary measures and restrictions to be taken by all delegations, individuals, EHF Officials participating in the EHF EURO are communicated by the EHF in due course prior the beginning of the EHF EURO.
- 22.3. Non compliance with the required measures and restrictions in relation to EHF partner product/service exclusivity or any other kind of violation of the EHF partners and sponsors exclusivity during the EHF EURO must be sanctioned according to the EHF Arbitration Regulations. In addition the respective individual/entity may be required to reimburse all damages occurred.

## **XV. ORGANISATION (VENUES - FACILITIES - EQUIPMENTS)**

### **Article 23**

#### **General provisions**

- 23.1. The Host Federation(s) staging and organising the EHF EURO is/are responsible for the EHF EURO venues/playing halls set-up in accordance with the requirements defined by the EHF.
- 23.2. The EHF EURO Set-up Manual regulating the EHF EURO venues/playing halls set-up is an entire part of the present Regulations.
- 23.3. The provisions of the Bidding Manual, of the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF and any additional requirement communicated by the EHF to the Host Federation(s) are complementary to the present Regulations and to the EHF Euro Set-up Manual.
- 23.4. In case of discrepancy, the provisions of the Bidding Manual, of the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF and the additional requirements communicated by the EHF must prevail upon those of the present Regulations and other EHF applicable Regulations or Manuals.

### **Choice venues/playing halls**

23.5. EHF EURO playing venues are proposed by the Host Federation(s) to the EHF.

23.6. The Host Federation(s) must propose the EHF venues where the facilities (playing halls, hotels, transports...) meet the criteria defined in the EHF EURO Set-up Manual, in the Bidding Manual as well as any other criteria set-out in the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF or communicated by the EHF.

23.7. EHF EURO matches must be played only in venues and playing halls which have been expressly agreed upon by the EHF following one or several inspections.

### **Venues/playing halls set-up**

23.8. Regarding venue and playing hall set-up, the Host Federation(s) must implement the requirements of the EHF EURO Set-Up Manual, of the Bidding Manual and the provisions of the organisation agreement between the host Member Federation(s) and the EHF as well as any further requirements communicated by the EHF.

23.9. Subject to the foregoing, the following basic equipments and infrastructures must be prepared and set-up for each EHF EURO match:

#### *Judges' table – Support table*

23.10. A judges' table and a support table must be set-up and installed in the playing hall.

23.11. The size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' table and the support table defined in the Bidding Manual and the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF must be complied with (Enclosure 5).

23.12. The provisions of the IHF Rules of the Game regarding the size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' tables are not applicable to EHF EURO matches.

#### *Substitution area - chairs*

23.13. A substitution area with substitution chairs must be set-up and installed in the playing hall.

23.14. The size, position and other requirements concerning the substitution area and the substitution chairs defined in the Bidding Manual and the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF must be complied with (Enclosure 5).

23.15. The provisions of the IHF Rules of the Game regarding the size, position and other requirements concerning the substitution area and substitutes' benches are not applicable to EHF EURO matches.

### *Time-keeping and score-taking apparatus*

23.16. For all EHF EURO matches, the playing halls must be equipped with an electric time-keeping and score taking apparatus which can be read without difficulty and be operated from the judges' table. It is the official time-keeping apparatus and must be in full working order prior to and during matches.

#### *Official TV clock*

23.17. For all EHF EURO matches, the playing halls must be equipped with a TV clock with big digital numbers (15 min to 0 min) which can be read without difficulty from the playing court. It must be placed on the judges' table. The TV clock shows the official TV time and must be in full working order prior to and during the matches.

#### *Reserve clock*

23.18. As a reserve, a large clock (approx. 25 cm in diameter) with minute and second hands must be available at the judges' table.

#### *Match cards*

23.19. A sufficient number of cards (size A4) matching EHF sample design must be at the disposal of the time/score-keeper for noting the numbers of the suspended players and the end of the suspension period. These cards must be placed on the judges' table, where visible and in a vertical position, clearly legible for both playing teams.

23.20. Two green cards showing the capital letter "T" must be at the disposal of the time-keeper for the team time-outs. They are handed over to the responsible members of the respective playing teams at the beginning of each half-time of the regular playing time.

#### *Playing floor*

23.21. A handball floor with the yellow-blue identity colours of the Competition must be laid down in the playing hall for each EHF EURO match.

#### *Anti-doping facility*

23.22. In all EHF EURO playing halls, an anti-doping infrastructure complying with the WADA Anti-Doping Code and the IHF Anti-Doping Code applicable at the date of the beginning of the Event must be set-up (Enclosure 6).

### **Training halls – Training schedule**

23.23. The Host Federation(s) must draw-up a training schedule for each participating team during the EHF EURO in accordance with the requirements defined herein (article 11.7) and those communicated in due course by the EHF at least two (2) months prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO. The training schedule must be fixed in such a way that teams playing against each other do not practice the one after the other in the same hall and that each team has the opportunity to train on the main court during the EHF EURO.

23.24. The training schedule must be approved by the EHF. Any change in the training schedule must be agreed on by the EHF and the Host Federation(s).

### **Fair play announcement**

23.25. Before the beginning of the EHF EURO, upon arrival of the team delegations in the EHF EURO venues, the Host Federation(s) must record the fair play announcement specified in article 18.7 with the captains of each participating team in their native language (respectively in the official language of the corresponding country), in order to be broadcast before the matches played by the relevant teams.

23.26. The captains of each participating team must be available to record the fair-play announcement upon arrival in the EHF EURO venue before the beginning of the EHF EURO.

### **EHF EURO draw**

23.27. The Host Federation (respectively the Main Host Federation) is responsible for the organisation in its country of the EHF EURO draw defining the preliminary round groups. The Host Federation (respectively the Main Host Federation) must organise the EHF EURO draw as a public high profile event meeting the requirements of the TV host broadcaster and any requirements communicated in due course by the EHF.

### **Others**

23.28. The Host Federation(s) must comply with and/or implement any other requirements related to the staging and organisation of the EHF EURO defined in the Bidding Manual, in the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF and/or communicated by the EHF.

## **XVI. EHF OFFICIALS**

### **Article 24**

#### **Definition**

24.1. EHF Officials are EHF representatives, EHF delegates, EHF referees, EHF Office staff members as well as any other persons nominated by the EHF in relation with an EHF EURO.

#### **Code of Conduct**

24.2. Any EHF Official nominated to participate in an EHF EURO must sign the EHF Code of Conduct. During their assignment, the EHF Officials are bound by the obligations of the EHF Code of Conduct and the applicable EHF Regulations.

### **Article 25**

#### **EHF referees nomination**

25.1. The EHF referees of the EHF EURO are appointed by the EHF. The appointed EHF referees must acknowledge the EHF nomination and inform the EHF accordingly without delay.

25.2. The nomination of the EHF referees for an EHF EURO can be withdrawn at the EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of referee nomination for the EHF EURO are final.

25.3. The EHF referees nomination is communicated by the EHF to all parties concerned in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.

25.4. For each EHF EURO match, in due course before the match, the EHF assigns two (2) referee couples out of those nominated. The second referee couple are "reserve" referees. The EHF decision is final.

### **Arrival of referees for the EHF EURO**

25.5. The EHF referees nominated for the EHF EURO must arrive at the relevant venue on the date and time communicated by the EHF, as planned and organised by the Host Federation(s) in cooperation with the EHF referees and the EHF.

25.6. If any of the referees does not arrive at the match venue as planned and organised, the EHF will take the appropriate decisions. If it decides to replace the referees, such a decision is final and no protest against the person or nationality of the referee is allowed.

### **Refusal**

25.7. If the appointed EHF referees are unable to fulfil a nomination, they shall inform the EHF without delay by phone and subsequently in writing. In this case, the EHF appoints alternative referees.

### **Unfit referees**

25.8. If any of the referees becomes unfit before or during a match and is unable to officiate, the referee couple is replaced by the referees nominated as "reserve referees" for the respective match.

### **Special report**

25.9. In case of direct red cards or any major incidents, the referees have to write an additional detailed report and give it to the EHF Championship Office immediately after the end of the match.

25.10. In their report, the referees report in as much detail as possible on any incidents before, during and after the match, such as:

- misconduct of players leading to direct disqualification
- unsportsmanlike behaviour by officials, members, supporters or anyone carrying out a function at a match on behalf of a Member Federation
- any other incidents

25.11. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the absence of report on an incident does not prevent the initiation of proceedings.

## **Article 26**

### **EHF delegates nomination**

- 26.1. The EHF delegates of the EHF EURO are appointed by the EHF. The appointed EHF delegates must acknowledge the EHF nomination and inform the EHF accordingly without delay.
- 26.2. The nomination of the EHF delegates for an EHF EURO can be withdrawn at EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of delegate nomination for the EHF EURO are final.
- 26.3. The EHF delegates nomination is communicated by the EHF to all parties concerned in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.
- 26.4. For each EHF EURO match, in due course prior to the match, the EHF assigns two (2) delegates out of those appointed for the EHF EURO: one (1) supervisor, one (1) observer. The EHF decision is final.

### **Refusal**

- 26.5. If the appointed EHF delegates are unable to fulfil a nomination, they shall inform the EHF without delay by phone and subsequently in writing.
- 26.6. In this case, the EHF appoints alternative delegates.

### **General responsibility**

- 26.7. The EHF delegates act on behalf of the EHF.
- 26.8. When on duty, the delegates must always carry a copy of the relevant EHF Regulations as well as the IHF Rules of the Game.
- 26.9. The EHF delegate (supervisor) with the support of the EHF delegate (observer) supervises the conduct of the match and prevents any occurrences that may lead to a protest or a repetition of a match following EHF requirements. If necessary, the EHF delegate (supervisor) acts as mediator.
- 26.10. The EHF delegate (observer) guides and supports the referees and observes and assesses their performance. However, the EHF delegate (observer) is not a chief referee. Responsibility on the playing area rests solely with the EHF referees.
- 26.11. Nonetheless, the EHF delegates must interrupt the match if necessary and bring errors that may lead to a protest to the EHF referees' attention. Errors in this context do not mean decisions made by the referees on the basis of their observation of facts. The delegates must not make decisions but only make recommendations.
- 26.12. The EHF delegates must always sit at the judges table to have a good view of the substitution area at any time and to be able to intervene if necessary.

## **Special report**

26.13. The EHF delegates must supervise the respect by all participating entities and persons of the EHF rules and regulations applicable to an EHF EURO, including without limitation of the present EHF EURO Regulations and the EHF Regulations on Advertising on Clothing.

26.14. If any violation of the EHF rules and regulations or a major incident is observed the EHF delegates must:

- write a specific remark on the match report and cross the box “report follows”
- report such violation and/or incident in writing to the EHF championship Office immediately after the match

26.15. In their reports, the delegates report in as much detail as possible on any violation/incidents before, during and after the match, such as:

- incorrect teams line-up
- incorrect player clothing ( number, name, advertisements...)
- delay in the match throw-offs
- unsportsmanlike behaviour by officials, members, supporters or anyone carrying out a function at a match on behalf of a Member Federation
- any other incidents

26.16. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the absence of remark on the match report or of report on an incident does not prevent the initiation of legal proceedings.

## **Match report / Start List**

26.17. The EHF delegate (supervisor) is responsible of the match report and the Start List.

26.18. Before the throw-off, The EHF delegate (supervisor) must take care that the Start List is confirmed and signed by an official of each playing team.

26.19. During the match, the EHF delegate (supervisor) must fill in the match report via touch screen.

26.20. During the half-time break and after the match, the EHF delegate (supervisor) must liaise with the score-keeper, the time-keeper and the chief scouter of the EHF statistics partner to control the content of the match report. Once controlled, the match report must be signed by the EHF delegate (electronic signature).

26.21. Further requirements and deadlines regarding the match report and the Start List defined in the “Off Court Officiating Guidelines” and in the “Start List, Match Report, Electronic Data Administration and Daily Bulletin” information communicated in due course to the EHF delegates by the EHF prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO must be complied with.

## **Further tasks**

26.22. The EHF delegates must know, comply with and fulfil any task defined in the “Off Court Officiating Guidelines” communicated by the EHF in due course prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.

26.23. In particular, the EHF delegates must cooperate with the time-keeper and the score-keeper as defined in the “Off Court Officiating Guidelines”.

#### **Article 27**

##### **Other Officials**

27.1. In addition to the EHF delegates, the EHF may appoint further officials for supervising different fields related to the event (e.g. marketing, security...).

27.2. The duties and competence of those officials are to be defined with each individual appointment.

##### **EHF representatives**

27.3. The EHF representatives act on behalf of the EHF. They represent the EHF in official activities.

27.4. They must know, comply with and fulfil any task defined in the “Task Management Profile” Manual communicated by the EHF in due course prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.

### **XVII. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

#### **Article 28**

##### **A. Member Federations**

##### **Travel costs**

28.1. The Member Federations must organise the travel of their delegation to and from the playing venue. The place of arrival of the delegation must be at a reasonable distance from the playing venue.

28.2. The travel expenses of any and all delegation members from and to the playing venue must be borne by the respective Member Federation.

##### **Visa costs**

28.3. All expenses arising from the procurement of visas for the members of the entire delegation must be borne by the respective Member Federation.

##### **Entry fee / Solidarity contribution / Lump-sum advance payment**

28.4. The entry fee, advance payment and solidarity contribution defined under article 5 must be paid by the respective Member Federation within the announced deadline to enter the EHF EURO.



## **Board / Lodging / Local transport**

28.5. The board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the EHF EURO venue(s) is organised and the related costs are borne by the Host Federation(s) for up to a maximum of twenty-four (24)<sup>2</sup> persons per delegation from 12:00 am (noon) the day before the first match of the team until 12:00 am (noon) the day after the last match of the team.

28.6. The board, lodging and local transport of additional delegation members up to twenty-eight (28) persons per delegation is organised by the Host Federation(s) upon payment by the respective Member Federation of the related costs (daily fee agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation) within the deadline communicated by the EHF.

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

28.7. If agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation, the Host Federation(s) may organise the board, lodging and local transport of more than twenty-eight (28) delegation members upon request of a Member Federation.

28.8. The related costs must be borne by the respective Member Federation. The daily fee for each additional delegation member agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation is communicated in due time to the Member Federations and must be paid within the deadline set forth by the EHF.

28.9. If agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation, a delegation may arrive before the EHF EURO and/or leave after the EHF EURO a few days before/after the planned dates.

28.10. All costs and expenses related to those additional days at the venue must be borne by the respective Member Federation. The daily fee per delegation member for each additional day agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation(s) is communicated in due time to the Member Federations and must be paid by within the deadline set forth by the EHF.

## **Insurance**

28.11. Member Federations having a team participating in the EHF EURO shall arrange, at their own expense insurances for all members of their delegation, including team officials, technical staff and players as further defined under article 21.

## **Article 29**

### **B. Host Federation(s)**

#### **Staging and organisational costs**

29.1. All expenses incurred in the host country(ies) to stage and organise the EHF EURO must be borne by the Host Federation(s). This includes expenses and costs for local transport of the participating delegations from their place of arrival to the respective venue(s) and between the venues.

<sup>2</sup> This number is limited to twenty-one (21) persons per delegation for the 2010 European Championships

## **Costs related to the delegations**

29.2. The board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the venue(s) for the duration of the EHF EURO is organised by the Host Federation(s) for up to a maximum of twenty-eight (28) persons per delegation. The Host Federation(s) may agree, upon a Member Federation's request, to organise the board, lodging and local transport of additional delegation members.

29.3. The related costs and expenses are borne by the Host Federation(s) under the following conditions:

- a) for a maximum of twenty-four (24)<sup>3</sup> persons per delegation
- b) from 12:00 am (noon) the day before the first match of the team to 12:00 am (noon) the day after the last match of the team.

## **EHF Officials' costs**

29.4. The Host Federation(s) must bear the following costs and expenses of the nominated EHF Officials (definition under article 24.1):

a) Travel expenses to and from the venue (refunded on production of receipts/proof of ticket purchase) based on those criteria:

- Travel by train/bus/boat:

Reimbursement of first class return tickets for train/bus/boat

- Travel by plane:

Reimbursement of return tickets in Economy Class (other specifications defined by the EHF apply);

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

Reimbursement of first class return tickets for train/bus/boat

- Taxi journeys in the home town or during a trip:

(e.g.: transfer between airports) may be refunded upon the presentation of the respective receipts

- Travel by car in the home town (to and from airport or train station):

may be charged with EUR 0.50 per driven kilometre

b) Any expenses for visas;

c) For the duration of their assignment during the EHF EURO, the costs of board, lodging as well as their transport costs within the territory(ies) of the Host Federation(s);

d) Daily allowances amounting to € 55, for every travel day and per day for the duration of the stay;

e) Additional daily allowances amounting to € 50 per match day to the EHF referees;

<sup>3</sup> This number is limited to twenty-one (21) persons per delegation for the 2010 European Championships

f) Any and all other expenses incurred within and outside the host country(ies) in connection with matches.

29.5. The Host Federation(s) must ensure that all EHF Officials can leave the host country with all funds paid to them by the Host Federation(s) during the period of their stay, without any deductions or other problems.

### **Event liability insurance**

29.6 Event Liability Insurance: The Host Federation(s) shall arrange at its/their own expenses insurance covers for all sites and all risks and damages resulting from or relating to the staging and the organisation of an EHF EURO, including third-party liability and property damage as further defined under article 21.

## **Article 30**

### **Ticketing**

30.1. The Host Federation(s) must prepare the ticketing and operate the accreditation system of the EHF EURO in accordance with the Bidding Manual, the EHF Euro Set-up Manual, the applicable provisions of the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF as well as any requirement communicated by the EHF. The characteristics of the ticketing and accreditation system must be approved by the EHF. The EHF decision is final.

30.2. Each Member Federation taking part in the EHF EURO has priority to purchase tickets for its team matches. A minimum of ten percent (10 %) of the tickets available in each of the respective playing halls per day is reserved for the participating Member Federations under the conditions defined hereunder.

30.3. The exact number of tickets available per participating Member Federation and the deadline for ordering them is communicated to the participating Member Federations by the EHF and the Host Federation in due course before the beginning of the EHF EURO. Should the participating Member Federations not order the tickets made available to them within the required deadline, they are at the disposal of the Host Federation(s).

30.4. The tickets are sold to the Member Federations at the regular price.

30.5. In addition to the aforementioned ticket contingents, the members of the delegations are provided with spectator places/tickets free of charge for matches in their group and in their parallel groups on rest days, upon request.

## **Article 31**

### **Injury fund**

31.1. For the matches of the EHF EURO, the EHF makes available an injury fund with an overall amount of one hundred fifty thousand Euros (€ 150,000).

31.2. In case of a player's long-term injury, a maximum of ten thousand Euros (€ 10,000) per month up to six (6) months may be compensated by the EHF to the club of the injured player under the conditions defined by the EHF.

31.3. The conditions for obtaining a compensation in case of player's long-term injury (including without limitation a specific medical check and experts' statements) are communicated to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO. The Member Federations must inform their respective members, the clubs, accordingly.

31.4. No refund is possible in connection with players' injuries which already exist prior to the EHF EURO.

## **XVIII. EXPLOITATION OF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS**

### **Article 32**

#### **Marketing and media rights**

32.1. The EHF owns and has the sole right to exploit the marketing and media rights including the television, radio, film, DVD, Internet, multimedia, 3G and advertising rights of the EHF EURO and all related activities (draw, opening and closing ceremonies...). The EHF has the exclusive right to award television, radio, Internet and multimedia broadcasting rights and film rights (incl. DVD) related to the EHF EURO as well as advertising rights in playing halls of the EHF EURO. The EHF may exercise its right to exploit those rights at its sole discretion and on a universal basis.

32.2. In this regard, no Member Federation may use or exploit, directly or indirectly, any marketing or media rights of the EHF EURO.

32.3. Each Member Federation must ensure that its partners, commercial or otherwise, do not use or otherwise exploit directly or indirectly any marketing or media rights of the EHF EURO without EHF express prior agreement, which may be granted or withheld at its sole discretion.

32.4. A participating Member Federation may not display any third party commercial identification or branding in the playing halls of the EHF EURO and their related areas or at any official press conference other than on players kits under the conditions defined in article 15.

#### **Video recordings**

32.5. Upon application to the EHF, all delegations are permitted to make video recordings of the EHF EURO matches for teaching and training purposes.

32.6. Video recordings, however, may only be made by one (1) member of the respective delegation, using one (1) camera. Such video recordings must be used solely for the purposes of internal team preparation and match tactic information (education of players). The use of the video recordings for any other purpose whatsoever, including (without limitation) a commercial exploitation, is forbidden.

32.7. The person of the delegation wishing to record a match on video must have a permit issued by the EHF and an official bib. Persons who do not present an EHF permit and an official bib may be asked to leave the hall.

32.8. Due to space limitations in a playing hall, restrictions on video recordings may have to be imposed by the Host Federation(s). Such restrictions must be agreed with the EHF.

32.9. All intellectual property rights for any material recorded for such purposes must be assigned to the EHF in writing and if so requested by the EHF, a copy of all relevant materials filmed must be provided to EHF within the deadline set forth by the EHF.

32.10. After the EHF EURO the Host Federation(s) must take care that the TV host broadcaster provides the EHF, free of charge, with DVD's of matches specified by the EHF.

### **DVD rental system**

32.11. An EHF EURO match DVD rental service is put in place for the duration of the EHF EURO. The rules and principles governing this rental system are decided and announced by the EHF in due time prior to the EHF EURO.

32.12. All DVDs from the DVD rental service must be returned by the Host Member Federation(s) to the EHF on the last day of the EHF EURO at the latest.

## **XIX. PROTESTS – VIOLATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

### **Article 33**

#### **Definition**

33.1. Under the present chapter "protests and legal remedies", "protest" shall mean: any match-related claim which may have an impact on the result of an EHF EURO match.

#### **Exclusion of liability**

33.2. 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 EURO.

#### **Exclusion of protests**

33.3. With regard to all and any EHF EURO matches, protests shall not be permitted when relating to:

- a) Date, time, venue and draw of the matches;
- b) Nomination of referees and delegates;
- c) Referee decisions on facts in accordance with the Rules of the Game.

#### **Protests**

33.4. Protests related to EHF EURO matches shall be settled in first instance by the Disciplinary Commission.

33.5. Protests shall be handed over in writing to the EHF delegate (supervisor) of the match within one (1) hour after the end of the relevant match.

- 33.6. Besides, a protest fee of € 1,000 shall be paid by the claimant to the EHF. This amount shall be paid directly to the EHF delegate (supervisor) or shall be transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time as the claim is handed over. A written proof of payment of the protest fee in the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.
- 33.7. If the protest is fully granted, the protest fee is refunded to the claimant; otherwise it is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.
- 33.8. The reasons for the protest as well as any relevant statements shall be submitted in writing to the EHF delegate or the EHF Championship Office by the claimant no later than 9:00 am local time, the day after the relevant match.
- 33.9. The deadlines and fees for protests apply equally for any additional information submitted in connection with the EHF EURO.
- 33.10. The Disciplinary Commission takes a decision by simple majority on the protest which may include inter alia disqualification of players or teams no later than 12:00 am local time, the day after the relevant match. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.
- 33.11. The Disciplinary Commission consists of three (3) members and two (2) substitute members, chosen from the EHF officials at the venue and nominated by the EHF before the beginning of the EHF EURO.
- 33.12. The Disciplinary Commission members may be challenged in accordance with the EHF Arbitration Regulations.
- Appeals**
- 33.13. Any decision made by the Disciplinary Commission according to the aforementioned provisions may be appealed to the Jury.
- 33.14. An appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Commission shall be filed with the EHF Championship Office and shall be requested to the EHF delegate (supervisor) in writing no later than 08:00 pm local time the same day the Disciplinary Commission decision is announced to the parties, unless otherwise stated in the Disciplinary Commission decision.
- 33.15. Besides, an appeal fee of € 1.000 shall be paid by the appellant to the EHF. This amount shall be paid directly to the EHF delegate (supervisor) or shall be transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time as the appeal is filed/requested. A written proof of payment of the appeal fee in the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.
- 33.16. If the appeal is fully granted, the appeal fee is refunded to the appellant; otherwise it is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.
- 33.17. Such an appeal request is transferred to the Jury. The Jury makes a decision by simple majority following an express procedure no later than 09:00 am local time the day following the filing of the appeal. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.

33.18. The Jury consists of three (3) members and two (2) substitute members being recruited from the EHF Officials at the venue and nominated by the EHF before the beginning of the EHF EURO.

33.19. Members of the Jury must not be members of the Disciplinary Commission and may be challenged in accordance with the EHF Arbitration Regulations.

33.20. The Jury is the highest EHF legal body at EHF EURO.

### **Eligibility to play**

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

### **EHF regulations infringements**

33.22. If deemed appropriate by the EHF to ensure the proper running of the EHF EURO and/or the respect of the applicable regulations during the EHF EURO, violations of the present Regulations and/or any other EHF Regulations applicable to the EHF EURO by any team, delegation, individual and/or EHF Official are examined, decided upon and sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury (in appeal) following an express procedure.

33.23. The Member Federations of the respective delegations or teams, individuals and/or the EHF Officials against whom the proceedings are initiated before the Disciplinary Commission, respectively the Jury, must have the possibility to provide a statement of defence.

33.24. In those cases, the deadlines defined hereabove are not applicable.

33.25. The provisions of the EHF Arbitration Regulations apply for all disciplinary offences committed by the teams, delegations, individuals and/or EHF Officials, unless the present Regulations stipulate otherwise.

33.26. The carrying out of legal/disciplinary proceedings as defined herein is independent of any reporting obligations.

33.27. Delegation members (including players and team officials) and EHF Officials agree to comply with the IHF Rules of the Game, EHF Statutes, the EHF Arbitration Regulations, the Regulations on Advertising on Clothing and the IHF Anti-Doping Regulations as well as the present Regulations. They must notably:

- respect the spirit of fair-play and non-violence and behave accordingly
- refrain from any activity that endanger the integrity of the EHF EURO and bring the sport of handball into disrepute
- refrain from anti-doping rules violations as defined by the IHF Anti-Doping Regulations
- observe the EHF Codes of Conduct

## **Initiator of proceedings**

33.28. 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.

## **EHF Court of Arbitration**

33.29. Any issue decided upon by the Jury may be brought by any of the relevant parties before the EHF Court of Arbitration.

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

33.31. Any of the relevant parties shall send a written request in duplicate to the EHF Court of Arbitration Office that shall receive it no later than twenty-one (21) days after the delivery, announcement or communication of the EHF Arbitration Tribunal ruling to the parties.

33.32. The written request shall include at least a detailed statement of claim and the nomination of one (1) arbitrator from the ECA Arbitrators List.

33.33. Besides, an advance payment of € 5.000 shall be paid by the claimant to the EHF Court of Arbitration no later than one (1) week after the filing of the claim. If the advance payment is not received on the EHF Court of Arbitration account in the required timeline, the claim shall be deemed withdrawn.

33.34. The advance payment of € 5.000 is composed of:

- € 1.500 arbitration fee
- € 3.500 advance payment of the arbitration proceedings costs

33.35. The proceedings are governed by the Rules of Arbitration for the EHF Court of Arbitration.

33.36. Decisions of the EHF Court of Arbitration are communicated in writing to the parties.

## **Arising costs**

33.37. In principle the actual costs for personnel and material arising from the activities of the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury shall be charged in connection with the procedure. Rules governing the apportionment and payment of costs related to the EHF bodies' legal proceedings by and between the parties are stated in section 11 of the EHF Arbitration Regulations.



33.38. Rules governing the apportionment and payment of costs related to the EHF Court of Arbitration proceedings by and between the parties are stated in sections 20 and 21 of the Rules of Arbitration for the EHF Court of Arbitration - Procedural Rules. As a general rule, unless otherwise decided by the arbitral chamber of the EHF Court of Arbitration, the unsuccessful party shall bear the costs of the EHF Court of Arbitration proceedings.

### **EHF Arbitration Regulations**

33.39. The Disciplinary Commission and the Jury decide on sanctions and penalties in accordance with the EHF Arbitration Regulations and its List of Penalties.

33.40. All legal matters including procedural aspects related to the EHF EURO not expressly regulated by the present Chapter shall be handled according to the applicable EHF Arbitration Regulations.

## **XX. DOPING**

### **Article 34**

#### **Doping control**

34.1. Doping controls may take place before, during and after the EHF EURO in accordance with the IHF Anti-doping Regulations. As of the qualification of their teams to the EHF EURO, the participating Member Federations must fill in the official "where-about" forms and send them to the EHF and the EHF EURO Anti-Doping Official. The "where-about" forms must be regularly updated by the participating Member Federations and communicated accordingly to the EHF and the EHF EURO Anti-Doping Official prior and during the EHF EURO.

34.2. The IHF Anti-doping Regulations, its enclosures and the WADA's Anti-Doping Code including the list of banned substances are an integral part of these EHF EURO Regulations.

34.3. In case of anti-doping rule violations, EHF will instigate disciplinary proceedings against the perpetrators and take the appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the EHF Arbitration Regulations and the IHF Anti-Doping Regulations. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.

## **XXI. SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

### **Article 35**

#### **Qualification for World Championships**

35.1. Based on the places available to the continents in World Championships, the three (3) top ranked teams in the European Championships (Women/Men) qualify directly for the subsequent World Championship.

35.2. Further places are played in a separate qualifying competition depending on the number of places available for Europe.

## **XXII. CLOSING PROVISIONS**

### **Article 36**

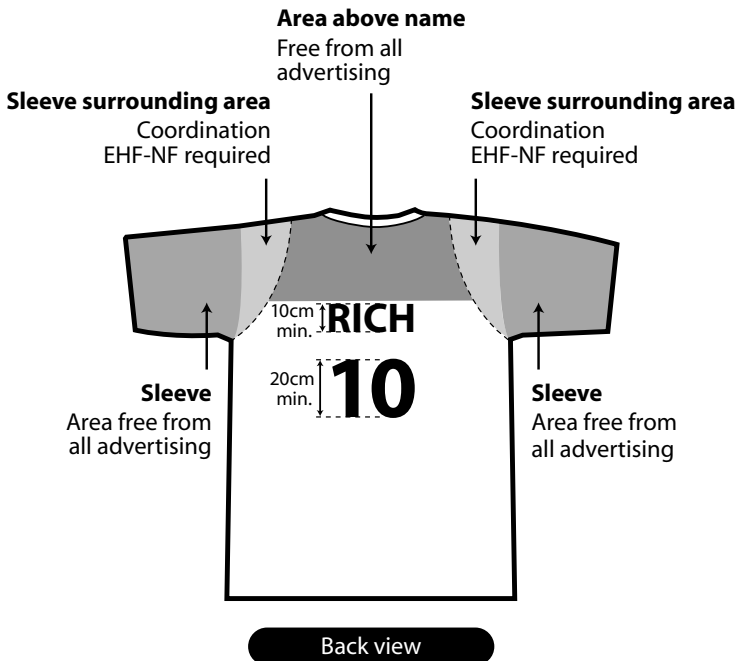
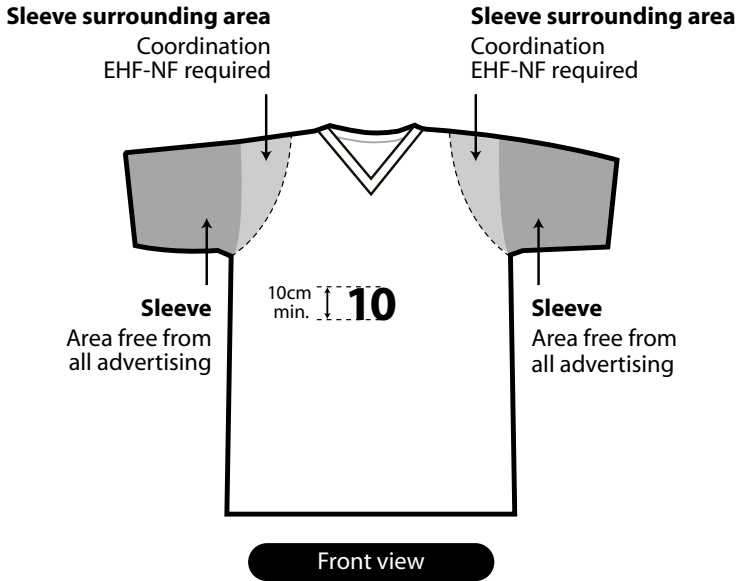
- 36.1. All enclosures form an integral part of these regulations.
- 36.2. In case a German or French version of this regulations is available and there is any discrepancy in the interpretation between the English, French or German versions, the English version prevails.
- 36.3. These regulations were adopted by the EHF Executive Committee and come into force on November 1, 2010.

# ENCLOSURE 1 OFFICIAL PLAYING SCHEDULE

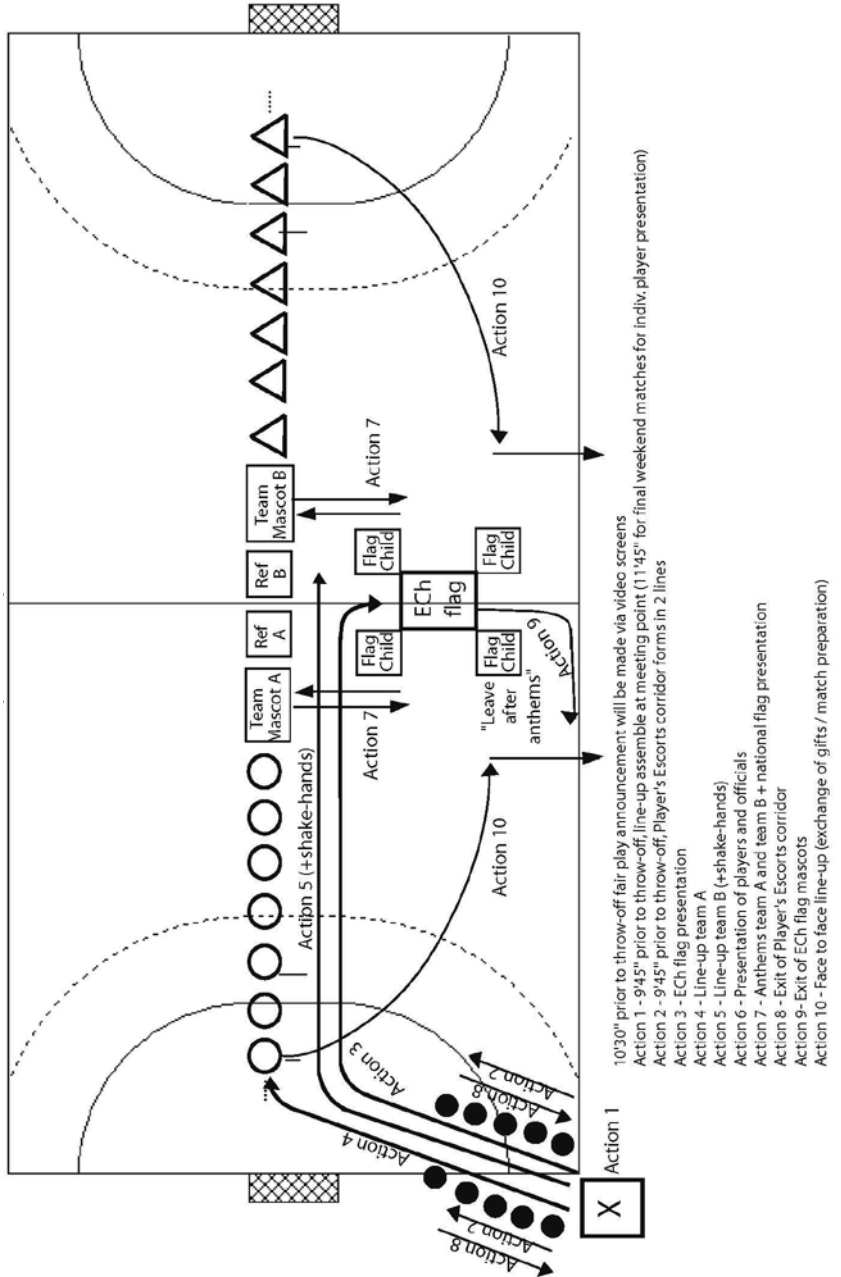
## Playing Schedule for 16 Teams (12 Days, 47 Matches)

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
	A1 A2 A3 A4	B 1 B 2 B 3 B 4	C 1 C 2 C 3 C 4	D1 D2 D3 D4
Arrival Day				
<b>Preliminary Round</b>	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D
	match no.	Match no.	match no.	match no.
1. Playing Day	1 A 1 : A 3	7 B 1 : B 3	13 C 1 : C 3	19 D 1 : D 3
2. Playing Day	2 A 2 : A 4	8 B 2 : B 4	14 C 2 : C 4	20 D 2 : D 4
3. Playing Day	3 A 4 : A 1	9 B 4 : B 1	15 C 4 : C 1	21 D 4 : D 1
4. Playing Day	4 A 3 : A 2	10 B 3 : B 2	16 C 3 : C 2	22 D 3 : D 2
5. Playing Day	5 A 1 : A 2	11 B 1 : B 2	17 C 1 : C 2	23 D 1 : D 2
	6 A 3 : A 4	12 B 3 : B 4	18 C 3 : C 4	24 D 3 : D 4
Departure teams ranked 13 to 16 - groups C and D				
<b>Main Round</b>		Group I	Group II	
		match no.	match no.	
6. Playing Day			34 3. C : 2. D	
			35 2. C : 3. D	
			36 1. C : 1. D	
Departure teams ranked 13 to 16 - groups A and B				
7. Playing Day		25 3. A : 2. B		
		26 2. A : 3. B		
		27 1. A : 1. B		
8. Playing Day		28 3. A : 1. B	37 3. C : 1. D	
		29 1. A : 3. B	38 1. C : 3. D	
		30 2. A : 2. B	39 2. C : 2. D	
9. Playing Day			40 1. C : 2. D	
			41 2. C : 1. D	
			42 3. C : 3. D	
10. Playing Day		31 1. A : 2. B		
		32 2. A : 1. B		
		33 3. A : 3. B		
Rest Day / departure teams ranked 7 to 12				
<b>Placement match</b>			Place 5-6	
			match no.	
11. Playing Day	Place 5/6		43 3. I : 3. II	
<b>Semifinals</b>			Place 1-4	
11. Playing Day			44 1. I : 2. II	
			45 2. I : 1. II	
<b>Finals</b>			Place 1-4	
Departure teams ranked 5 and 6				
			match no.	
12. Playing Day	Place 3/4		46 L 44 : L 45	
	Place 1/2		47 W 44 : W 45	
Departure Day				

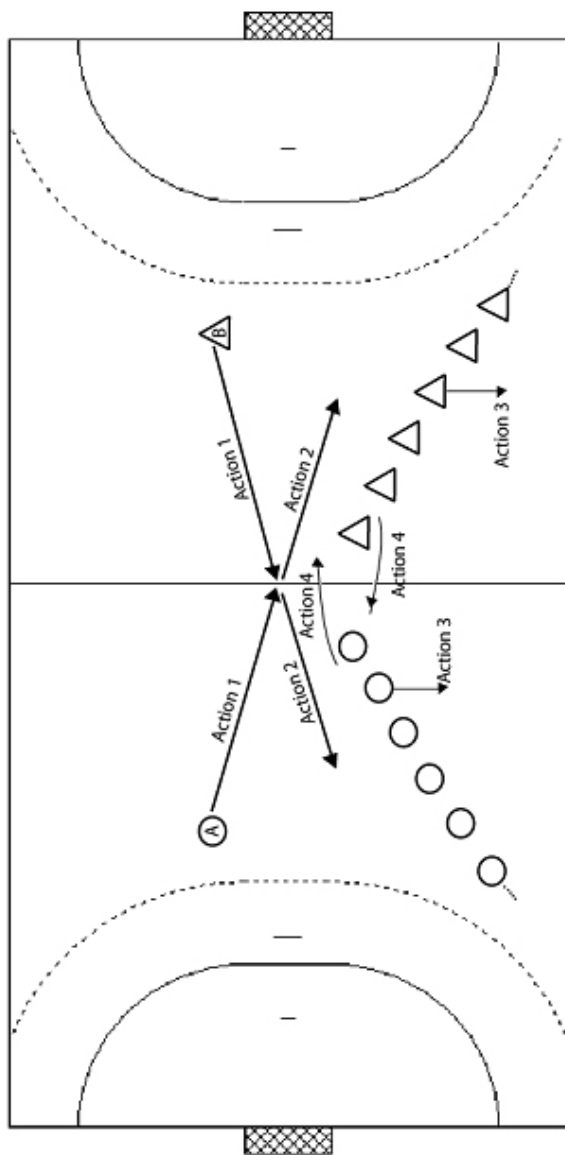
## ENCLOSURE 2 PLAYERS' SHIRT ADVERTISEMENT



## ENCLOSURE 3 PRE – MATCH PROCEDURE



## ENCLOSURE 4 POST – MATCH PROCEDURE



Action 1 - Informal "shake-hands" after the end of the match

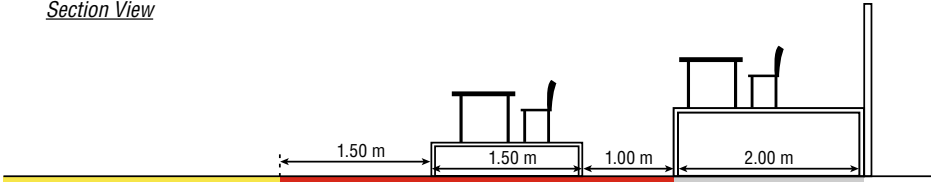
Action 2 - Post-match team line-up

Action 3 - Best Player Awarding

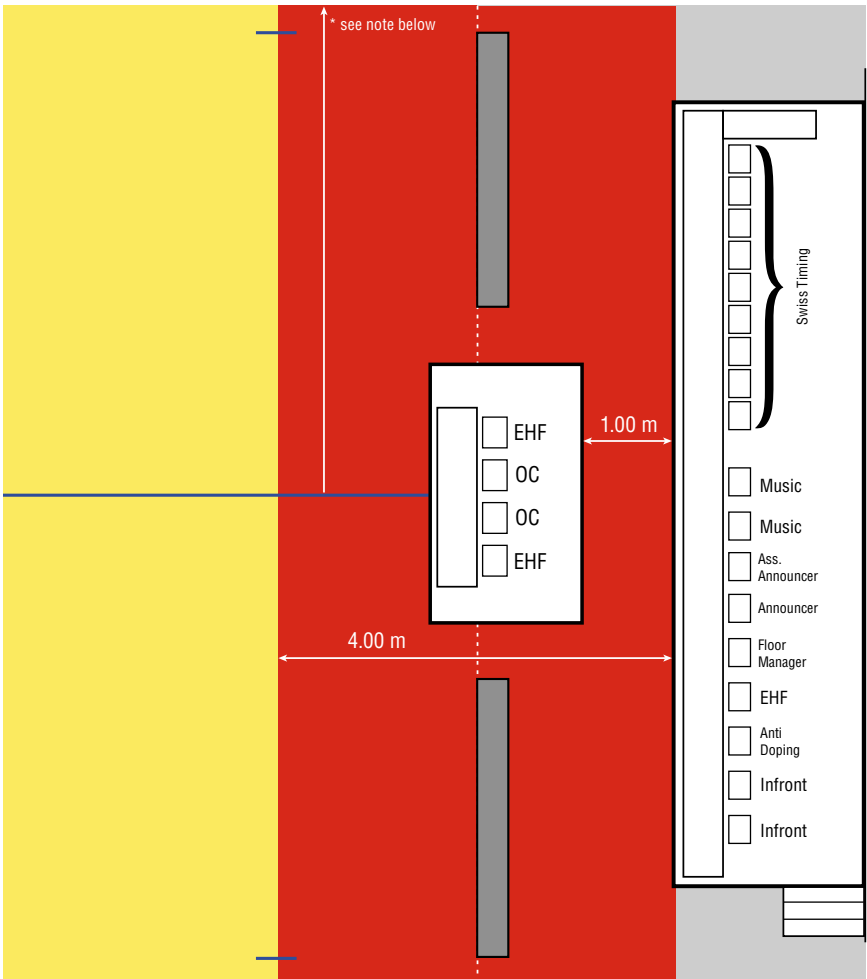
Action 4 - Official "passing by shake-hands"

## ENCLOSURE 5 SUBSTITUTION AREA

*Section View*



*Plan View*



\* The substitution area covers a distance of 12m on both sides of the centre line.

## ENCLOSURE 6 ANTI-DOPING INFRASTRUCTURE

