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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Scope of Application

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

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

These tournaments are hereinafter also referred to as “ebt Season”.

The ebt Season starts on 1 November and ends on 31 October of each year.

The registration of the ebt tournaments and the ranking of the teams is initiated at the beginning of each season.

The EHF is entitled to change and/or adapt the format of EHF competitions (including but not limited to the playing system, playing periods, throw-off times etc.) also during ongoing seasons. The EHF will especially make use of such right in case of exceptional circumstances (such as acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond the reasonable control of a party including, without limitation, a labour dispute, pandemic, accident, fire, flood, riot or civil commotion, act of public enemy, legal enactment, government act etc).

Fair Play

The philosophy of beach handball is based on the principle of “fair play” and its components. Every decision has thus to be taken in accordance with ethical values and the behaviour of all parties involved shall follow this spirit. Hence, all participants must:

- Observe the Rules of the Game and the ebt Season Regulations governing the competition

- Respect all participants (players, officials, spectators, media representatives, etc.)
- Promote the spirit of sportsmanship and pursue the cultural mission

II. ORGANISERS

- 2.1. Organisers qualify by providing a certain level of organisational standards and fulfilling the listed EHF requirements.
- 2.2. The organisers register their tournaments on the respective EHF ebt website (www.eurohandball-beachtour.com) by filling in a form sheet containing all required criteria. By fulfilling these criteria, the organiser will be awarded with the recognition as a member of the European Beach Handball Tour and preliminary tournament points. All ebt tournaments must be open for all ebt teams (no limitation to national participants is allowed). Tournaments have to be registered one month in advance at the latest to give all teams the possibility to attend. Registrations at a later stage will not be accepted by the online registration system. Immediately after the registration, the organisers are obliged to inform their National Federations of the event's details.
- 2.3. Starting with the ebt Season 2018/19 a **National Beach Handball Team Week** (men and women at the same time) was implemented in the overall European Handball Calendar. This means in the period indicated no ebt tournament shall take place. The National Beach Handball Team Week will be indicated in September of every year. For the season 2021/2022 the following week is defined: **20 to 26 June 2022**.

Criteria for Organisers

- 2.4. The EHF awards points to the organisers for fulfilling the following criteria. These points will be:
- awarded in addition to the participating teams
 - used for the ranking of the tournament

- i. x points Prize Money: € 1 – 999: 0 points, € 1.000 – 1.999: 5 points, € 2.000 – 2.999: 10 points, more than € 3.000: 15 points. The points are defined by the sum of the prize money for women and men. The money shall only be paid by bank transfer within three 3 days after the tournament and a proof of payment shall be submitted to the EHF delegate. No vouchers are accepted in exchange.
- ii. x points Number of match days (1 point per day, starting on the first day; not including youth tournament; maximum 5 points)
- iii. x points Youth tournaments to be played at the same venue at the same time → 5 points per age category (U18, U16, U14). A minimum of four (4) youth teams in total need to be participating per age category.
- iv. 10 points Mini Beach Handball activities: A minimum of four (4) youth teams in total need to be participating in the age category U12 and younger.
- v. 10 points Kids day/animation programme during the tournament (minimum one day)
- vi. x points Live TV transmission (min 30' live of women's and men's finals) → Regional TV: 30 points, national wide TV: 80 points. Information about the live channel, time and screenshots of the transmission shall be provided to the EHF delegate during the tournament.
- vii. 5 points WIFI access points for the teams and officials free of charge
- viii. x points Stands for a minimum of 300 spectators: 5 points per court
- ix. 20 points Main court with 1,000 seats or more
- x. x points Electronic scoreboards on courts: Showing time, teams and score and clearly visible to teams and spectators → 5 points per scoreboard (see also **Enclosure 1**)
- xi. 15 points Floodlighting used for matches played at night (min. 1000 Lux) – only counted, in case matches were played with floodlights
- xii. 5 points Audio system and music during tournament
- xiii. 10 points Two (2) referees per match. In case only one match during the tournament is not played with two referees the points will not be awarded.
- xiv. x points Catch nets behind the goals (5 points per court)
- xv. 20 points Live-streaming → The URL need to be submitted to the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) two (2) weeks prior to the start of the tournament. A minimum

requirement is one (1) camera at the centre of the long side of the court in a higher position and a screen graphic with resulting/timing is obligatory. Additionally: 5 points for any additional court with live streaming.

- xvi. x points Number of foreign teams → Two (2) points per participating foreign team (not including youth tournament; maximum 20 points)
- xvii. 20 points EHF beach handball referee pair nominated; for each additional EHF BH referee nominated and present: 5 points
- xviii. 20 points EHF beach handball delegate nominated; for each additional EHF BH delegate nominated and present: 5 points
- xix. 15 points LED advertising boards minimum on one long side on main court
- xx. 15 Points Cheerleaders/dancers at least on the final day
- xxi. 200 Points EHF education course for referees & delegates organisation
- xxii. 50 Points EHF coaches course organisation

2.5. The following criteria are obligatory for each tournament:

- Competition according to the IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball
- Free water for the teams (1,5 litre per match per person)
- Nomination of a national observer ONLY in case no EHF beach handball delegate is available. If no EHF beach handball delegate is nominated, the participation of one national observer (see list on website) is obligatory.
- For tournaments with more than 200 provisional points, the EHF reserves the right to nominate one referee pair.
- Upon request by the EHF office pictures for the promotion of the respective tournament and the ebt Season need to be provided free of charge.
- The ebt logo (provided by EHF) must be included in all official event communications with teams and on all promotional material.
- The ebt flag and the EHF Beach Handball flag (provided by EHF) must be displayed in a prominent place at the venue.

EHF Officials

- 2.6. EHF beach handball referees nominated shall be accommodated in double rooms, the appointed EHF delegate/national observer in a single bedroom.
- 2.7. The daily allowance of €60 per day (travel day included) must be paid to EHF referees and EHF delegates nominated. In case the payment is not done, the respective points per official will be deducted. The payment has to be done only via bank transfer three (3) days after the end of the tournament at the latest. A proof of payment shall be presented upon request.
- 2.8. The EHF beach handball referees and delegates have to confirm their participation via the EHF Family portal and points will only be awarded if the nomination is confirmed. In case of any changes (cancellations, etc.) the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) shall be informed immediately. To avoid any delays, it's strongly recommended to contact the EHF Officials (see the definition in the EHF Legal Regulations) before adding them to the tournament in order to get their confirmation. All email addresses are published on the ebt website.

Organiser's Points

- 2.9. All teams, which compete in an EHF approved ebt tournament and finish in the top half (50% of all participating teams), gain organiser points.
- 2.10. The EHF, according to the quality of the tournament, awards the organiser points. The organiser points will be added to the ranking points of the teams, finishing in the top half.
- 2.11. **Example:** If the organiser has artificial lighting (15 points), 2 referees per match (10 points), electronic loud speakers and music during tournament (5 points), regional television transmission (30 points), the EHF will award 60 points as organiser points.

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

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

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

2.14. The criteria

- Number of foreign teams and
- Live-streaming

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

2.15. Meanwhile the points for the two above mentioned criteria will be shown as possible “bonus points” in case they were selected by the organiser.

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

2.17. In case of unsatisfying respond or the impression that the high criteria points were only added to attract teams (e.g. in case of a reduction of points higher than 25% after the ebt observer/EHF Office verification), but without the serious aim to fulfil the criteria, the EHF

may request the opening of legal proceedings with the EHF legal bodies and a ban of the respective organiser/tournament for the next season may be imposed.

2.18. It is the responsibility of the organisers to fulfil the criteria as announced via the ebt website. Any changes prior to the tournament have to be communicated to the EHF Office immediately.

2.19. Organiser points can only be awarded to the teams if the respective criteria were fulfilled.

2.20. Each head delegate must send an obligatory written report with details and photos as a proof of the tournament criteria (e.g. organiser points) within three (3) days after the end of the tournament. The report should also contain the list of the EHF Officials who attended the event, and the list of players per team (first name, last name, nation, birth date) who attended the tournament, as attachments. The approved results and final organiser points will only be published on the ebt website after the delegate's report is received and checked by the EHF Office.

2.21. An official warning will be issued to the head delegate in case of first violation of the 3 days of time limit to share the written report with the EHF Office. Should a second violation occur, the delegate will be suspended from the EHF Officials list in the current season, therefore she/he cannot be nominated for any other ebt tournament for the current season, and will be reactivated only in the following season 22/23.

III. DRAW

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

3.2. ebt ranking current year

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

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

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

3.4. The correct draw shall be presented to the ebt observer prior to the tournament for his/her confirmation.

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

IV. DATA EVIDENCE

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

V. INTERVENTION BY NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

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

VI. FINANCIAL CLARIFICATIONS

- 6.1. Organisers are entitled to ask for pre-payments to avoid late withdrawal by teams.
- 6.2. Prize money (if announced) has to be paid only via bank transfer within three (3) days after the end of tournament. A proof of payment needs to be sent to the head delegate in order to confirm the organiser points.

VII. TEAMS

- 7.1. A team is a selection of players, playing under the same brand. The brand is the email address, which is managed by the team manager. This person may compete with his team and several players in different tournaments.
- 7.2. Important: each team manager is allowed to enter only one team per gender (max. one men's and one women's team). They are solely responsible, in the spirit of fair play, to be involved as manager for only one team. Protests will be granted in case the intent to mislead is proven.

- 7.3. Important: there is no limitation of the number of players. The players do not need to have the citizenship of the country for which they play. But every player shall play during one tournament only for one team. In the spirit of fair play, the managers of the teams shall control this rule. This rule also applies to ebt Finals.
- 7.4. Before the start of the tournament, the ebt teams need to share the list of players with the main delegate (the players' first name, last name, nation and date of birth). To be eligible to participate to the ebt Finals, every player needs to be in the team player list for at least one of the ebt season tournament.
- 7.5. A registered ebt team is not allowed to change its name during the ebt Season in progress (name extensions e.g. "origin team name + sponsor" is possible). The official ebt team name has to be clearly communicated to the organiser to allow a correct ranking. A published ranking cannot be changed due to change of team names during or after the season.
- 7.6. One ebt team can only take part in one tournament at the same time.
- 7.7. Remark: if an organiser does not follow the ebt Season Regulations, the teams have the right to demand compliance from the organiser.
- 7.8. In case of not being able to participate in an ebt tournament although already registered the organiser has to be informed immediately.
- 7.9. Teams not registered on the ebt website prior their first participation in an ebt tournament shall communicate their participation (team name, tournament name, country, ranking) to the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) as soon as possible. The achieved points for the tournaments played prior to the registration can only be awarded, if communicated to the EHF in due time (as soon as possible and prior to the official end of the season at the latest).

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

Placement Points

7.11. The principle is to award 50% of the participants of an ebt tournament with placement points

7.12. Teams ranked 1 to 10, which compete in an EHF approved ebt tournament, gain points for their sporting success. The last teams of the top half gain 10 points, the second last of the top half 20, the third last of the top half 30 and so on.

Example: *If a tournament has 18 participating teams, the 9th ranked team gains 10 points, the 8th ranked gains 20 points, etc., the second team gains 80 points and the winner gains 90 points.*

20 or more teams	
Place	Points

1	100
2	90
3	80
4	70
5	60
6	50
7	40
8	30
9	20
10	10

18 or 19 teams	
Place	Points

1	90
2	80
3	70
4	60
5	50
6	40
7	30
8	20
9	10

6 or 7 teams	
Place	Points

1	30
2	20
3	10

4 or 5 teams	
Place	Points

1	20
2	10

7.13. If a team gains points for their sporting success, the sporting points (placement points) are added to the organiser points to get the total tournament points for the team.

Example: If a team finishes second in a tournament with 18 competitors, the team wins 80 (sportive points) + 30 (e.g. organiser points) = 110 points in total at this tournament.

VIII. EBT OBSERVER

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

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

- 8.2. The nomination of an official ebt observer (EHF delegate or national observer) is obligatory for registering as an ebt tournament. Only after the confirmation of the nominated ebt observer the respective tournament will be published on the ebt website.
- 8.3. In case of a late cancellation or no show upon the start of the tournament the EHF Office shall be contacted immediately (ebt@eurohandball.com) in order to find a solution – if possible.

Tasks and Duties

- 8.4. The ebt observer shall check the tournament criteria, check the draw of groups according to the ebt final ranking of the previous season and enter the ranking of the tournament via the EHFamily portal. The observer therefore has to check the given criteria carefully and change the selected criteria, if necessary. Furthermore, the ebt observer has to enter the complete tournament ranking to the system. The criteria check and ranking has to be provided three (3) days after the tournament at the latest. The ebt observer shall take a sufficient number of photos proving the realisation of the given tournament criteria and shall save these photos for one season. The photos shall be provided to the EHF together with the obligatory report in the dedicated form after each tournament.
- 8.5. The ebt observer has to confirm the nomination to the organiser and the EHF Office as soon as possible (confirmation only via the EHFamily portal). If not being able to accept the nomination both (organiser and EHF Office) shall be contacted immediately.
- 8.6. In case of technical problems before or after the tournament the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) has to be contacted immediately in order to avoid any delay in publishing the ranking.
- 8.7. The organiser is obliged to provide the ebt observer with any information needed in order to prove the given criteria. Furthermore the organiser has to provide the complete ranking to the ebt observer. Any violation of these tasks of the organiser shall be reported and might lead to a ban for the tournament organiser.

- 8.8. The ebt observer is not allowed to be involved in the tournament in any other function (players, team officials, volunteers, co-organisers). The ebt observer has to be present from the first to the last day of the tournament. All EHF Officials involved in ebt tournaments are not allowed to have any other function (players, team officials, volunteers, co-organisers) in the same tournament. In case this happens, the respective points will be deducted automatically from the organiser points and sanctions may be imposed.
- 8.9. National observers/EHF beach handball delegates present without any clear assignment, or failing to fulfil their duties, will be reported and a respective proceeding will be initiated in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations, if necessary.

IX. LEGAL PROCEDURES – PROTESTS/DISCIPLINARY

EHF Legal Regulations

- 9.1. The provisions of the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions apply to all legal matters including procedural aspects and disciplinary offences committed by the organisers, teams, delegations, individuals and/or EHF Officials during the ebt Season unless stipulated otherwise in the present chapter.
- 9.2. By registering as an ebt team, the team manager and players agree to follow the decisions made by the EHF legal bodies and the European Handball Court of Arbitration.
- 9.3. By registering an ebt tournament, the organiser agrees to follow the decisions made by the EHF legal bodies and the European Handball Court of Arbitration.

Competent Bodies

- 9.4. Under the provisions defined in the present chapter, the EHF legal bodies (i.e. Court of Handball in first instance and Court of Appeal in second instance) and the European Handball Court of Arbitration are responsible for disciplinary adjudication, punishing violations of

applicable regulations including those of an administrative nature falling within the scope of Article 21 of the Legal Regulations, settling dispute including protests and deciding upon any other issues arising from the ebt Season.

Regulations Infringements/Disciplinary Matters

9.5. Delegation members (including players and team officials) and EHF Officials agree to comply with the present ebt Season Regulations as well as all applicable regulations. They must notably:

- respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly
- refrain from any activity that endangers the integrity of the ebt Season and Finals and bring the sport of beach handball into disrepute
- refrain from anti-doping violations as defined in the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping

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

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

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

Protests

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

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

Cancellation

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

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

European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)

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

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

Exclusion of Liability

9.15. The EHF shall not be liable for any third-party liability claims arising from the execution of single matches or any other events in connection with the ebt Season.

X. FINAL TOURNAMENT

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

- 10.2. In case of more teams with the same points, the ranking will be fixed through evaluation of the best ranking positions in the three (3) tournaments examined.
- 10.3. The EHF determines the organiser of the final tournament. All tournament organisers from the respective season and National Federations are eligible to apply for the right to organise the ebt Finals as defined in the ebt Finals Regulations (“ebt Finals”).
- 10.4. As from 2020 there will be no referees, delegates and coaches’ courses organised on the occasion of the ebt Finals. All ebt tournament organisers will be asked to apply to organise courses for new referees, delegates and coaches normally in even years. The conditions will be published and explained in the application folder that will be sent out by the EHF Office. In case of no applications, the courses will be held parallel to the ebt Finals again.
- 10.5. The results of the tour are fixed at beginning of October, the organiser for the ebt Finals will be confirmed in November. The EHF nominates the participating teams for the final tournament according to the ranking list with priority given to one team per nation.

Participation Criteria for the ebt Finals

- 10.6. 14 men’s and 14 women’s teams
- 10.7. Conditions: the first 12 nations are eligible to play. If the first ranked team of a nation does not use its participation right, the second (third, ...) ranked team of this nation, which has sent its registration will be selected. If less than 12 different nations apply, the next ranked team (according to the ebt ranking) of any nation that provided a registration for the ebt Finals will be selected. In any cases, one nation cannot have more than 3 participants at the tournament, even considering the defending champions and the wildcard for the organiser.
- 10.8. One wildcard team in both the men’s and women’s competition are designated to the organiser.

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

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

ENCLOSURE 1

Example for valid scoreboards, for which organisers are awarded with ebt points (5 points per scoreboards):



No points will be granted for a score- and time taking device like the example below:

