

2025 EUROPEAN WHEELCHAIR HANDBALL EVENT

Regulations



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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Scope of application

- 1.1. The present European Wheelchair Handball Event Regulations (“EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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 12.1 of the Statutes of the EHF.
- 1.2. The EHF Wheelchair Handball Event Regulations at hand are valid for the EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championships. Individual exceptions are listed in the document.

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 delegations participating in an EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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 Wheelchair Handball Event shall form an integral part of the present EHF Wheelchair Handball Event Regulations including (without limitation):
- 3.2.
 - The EHF Regulations for Advertising on Clothing
 - The EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure
 - The EHF Legal Regulations
 - The EHF List of Penalties
 - The EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions
 - The Rules of Arbitration for the European Handball Court of Arbitration
 - The IHF Rules of the Game
 - The IHF Player’s Eligibility Code (part of the IHF Transfer Regulations)
 - The EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping
 - The EHF Codes of Conduct
 - The EHF Procedures and Guidelines Manual
 - The EHF Wheelchair Handball Event – Organiser Manual

II. COMPETITION BASICS

Article 4

Competition announcement

- 4.1. Each EHF Wheelchair Handball Event is staged and organised by an EHF Member Federation (the Host Federation(s)).
- 4.2. The official announcement of a European Wheelchair Handball Event is made by the EHF to the EHF Member Federations. The EHF Wheelchair Handball Event application documents to stage and organise the respective EHF Wheelchair Handball Event including (without limitation) the relevant Bidding Manual are sent to each EHF Member Federation in due time.

Allocation of the competitions

- 4.3. The allocation of a European Wheelchair Handball Event is decided by the EHF Executive Committee.

III. ENTRIES / ADMISSIONS / DUTIES — CONDITIONS

Article 5

Right of registration

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

Single registration

- 5.3. The registration of a team participating in the European Wheelchair Handball Event is valid for the entire Competition.

Admission criteria and fees

Registration documents

- 5.4. 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 agree 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 agree to recognise the jurisdiction of the European Handball Court of Arbitration in Vienna as defined in the relevant provisions of the Statutes of the EHF ('Arbitration Agreement' – official form).
 - c) It must complete 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.
- 5.5. 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

- 5.6. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Event, a Member Federation must pay an entry fee of €250 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.
- 5.7. The entry fee is paid once by the participating Member Federation for the entire Competition.

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

Duties of the Member Federations

- 5.10. On entering the Competition, Member Federations and each and every delegation member agrees:
- a) to comply with the IHF Rules of the Game – Wheelchair Handball (four-a-side) and with the specifications to the IHF Rules of the Game applying to the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event;
 - 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 Wheelchair Handball Event 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 Wheelchair Handball Event Regulations;
 - g) to provide the personality rights form of each form;
 - h) to provide the classification registration forms 1 & 3 of each player (signed by a doctor) – and;
 - i) to provide a confirmation regarding the coverage of medical costs or the copy of a respective insurance.
- 5.11. Delegation members (including players and team officials) shall participate in the preparatory and accompanying activities organised by the EHF within the framework of the European Championships.

IV. WITHDRAWAL, FAILURE TO PLAY AND SIMILAR CASES

Article 6

Withdrawal, failure to play and similar cases

- 6.1. A team withdrawing from an EHF European Wheelchair Handball Event or failing to play a match is immediately excluded from the Competition.
- 6.2. In case of withdrawal, the entry fee must be forfeited to the credit of the EHF and the respective Member Federation shall be liable to pay compensation to the Host Federation, the participants, the EHF and/or their contractual partners for extra expenses and damages resulting from the withdrawal and from any nomination of a substitute team.
- 6.3. The Member Federation must moreover be fined:
 - withdrawal up to 3 weeks before the draw: fine from €2,500 to €5,000
 - withdrawal at any later date: fine from €7,500 up to €12,500
- 6.4. If the withdrawal takes place after the draw, the team may additionally be suspended from participation in EHF national team competitions of the corresponding category and gender for up to two (2) competitions.
- 6.5. In case of failure to play a scheduled match, the entry fee must be forfeited to the credit of the EHF and the Member Federation may be fined up to €17,500. The team may additionally be suspended from participation in EHF competitions for up to two (2) seasons.
- 6.6. Failure to play a match or late arrival at the venue of a match through a team's provable fault must, in addition to the basic punishment, render the Federation of the defaulting team liable for damages and payment of all costs arising thereof to the Host Federation, the participants, the EHF and in particular their contractual partners.
- 6.7. If a team withdraws, refuses to play or is disqualified during the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, the results of all of its matches are declared null and void and the points awarded are forfeited.
- 6.8. If a team that has qualified for the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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.
- 6.9. 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 the EHF. Besides, the entry fee and the solidarity payment are forfeited to the credit of the EHF.

V. COMPETITION SYSTEM – EHF EUROPEAN WHEELCHAIR HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Article 7

Number of participating teams

- 7.1. The EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship will be played in the format of a tournament with twelve (12) teams as a maximum with four groups of 3 teams. If the number of participating teams in a tournament is different than twelve (12), adaptations are necessary in various areas.

Article 8

Playing system

- 8.1. The European Wheelchair Handball Championships played in the format of a tournament with the teams registered.
- 8.2. The European Wheelchair Handball Championship consists of a preliminary round, a main round, placement matches, semi-finals and a final.
- 8.3. The composition of the preliminary round groups of the European Wheelchair Handball Championship are either decided by a public draw carried out by the EHF or following the ranking of earlier Wheelchair Handball Championships.
- 8.4. All matches of the championship are played based on the “Rules of the Game – Wheelchair Handball four-a-side”

Match system for the preliminary round

- 8.5. The matches of the preliminary round are played in groups with each team playing all opponents in its group (round robin system).
- 8.6. Points are awarded as follows:
- Win: 2 points
 - Loss: 0 points

Match system for the preliminary round

- 8.7. The matches of the preliminary round are played in groups with each team playing all opponents in its group (round robin system).
- 8.8. 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

- 8.9. If two or more teams are equal on points after the preliminary round has been completed, their ranking is determined as follows:

- a. results in points between the teams concerned
- b. set difference in the matches between the teams concerned
- c. goal point difference in the matches between the teams concerned
- d. greater number of plus goal points in the matches between the teams concerned

- 8.10. If there is still a tie, the following system is used to decide between these teams, as long as the contested place is not the last place within the group:
- a. set difference is subtracted in all matches.
 - b. greater number of plus periods in all matches.
 - c. goal point difference is subtracted in all matches
 - d. greater number of plus goal points in all matches.

If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

- 8.11. 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.

Placement matches

- 8.12. After the preliminary round all teams ranked 3rd or lower will play a placement match against the same ranked team from the other group. In case of unequal groups (groups with different number of teams), a cross-match can be added to qualify for the lowest placement match.
- 8.13. All placement matches are played as one K.O. match.
- 8.14. The placement match is played in sets two times ten (2 x 10) minutes with a half-time break of ten (10) minutes (or fifteen (15) minutes upon a respective EHF decision).

Semi-Finals, Finals

- 8.15. The teams ranked 1 and 2 (after the preliminary round) of each group will play the Semi Finals.
- 8.16. The matches of the Semi Finals are played in K.O. matches with the team ranked 1 of group A playing the team ranked 2 in group B, the team ranked 1 of group B playing the team ranked 2 of group A.
- 8.17. The winners of the Semi Finals will play the Finals, whereas the losers of the Semi Finals will play the placement match 3/4.

Team points

- 8.18. The maximum number of points (classification points) for each team is twelve (12) points.

VI. TROPHY, MEDALS AND PRIZES

Article 9

Trophy

- 9.1 The winner of the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh 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.

Gold, silver, bronze medals

- 9.2 Each delegation member (up to twenty (20) persons including players and team officials) of the team that wins the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh receives a gold medal.
- 9.3 Each delegation member (up to twenty (20) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked second (2nd) in the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh receives a silver medal.
- 9.4 Each delegation member (up to twenty (20) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked third (3rd) in the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh receives a bronze medal.

Commemorative medals

- 9.5 Each delegation member (up to twenty (20) persons including players and team officials) of the teams which compete receives a commemorative medal.
- 9.6 Each EHF Official who participates in the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh organisation receives a commemorative medal.
- 9.7 A complete set of medals (gold, silver, bronze, and commemorative) of the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh must be provided by the Host Federation(s) to the EHF Office after the end of the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh.

VII. COMPETITION / MATCHES DATES AND TIMES

Article 10

Playing periods.

- 10.1. The playing period of the European Wheelchair Handball Event is fixed by the EHF. It is notified to the member federations with the announcement of the respective European Wheelchair Handball Event.

Match dates / Throw-off times; Training Times; Teams arrival dates:

- 10.2. The exact dates and throw-off times of each European Wheelchair Handball matches are subject to coordination between the EHF and the host federation.
- 10.3. The final decision regarding dates and throw-off times of the event matches lies with the EHF.
- 10.4. There must be at least one and a half (1,5) hours interval between the throw-offs of successive matches of a team.
- 10.5. The exact dates and throw-off times of the European Wheelchair Handball Championship matches are communicated to the participating member federations by the EHF in due time before the European Wheelchair Handball Event.

Training times

- 10.6. During the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, each team is given the possibility to train minimum once fifty-five (55) minutes prior to the start of the Competition. Training sessions are organised either in the playing hall or in a training hall.
- 10.7. A schedule of the teams' training sessions during the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event is prepared by the Host Federation(s) and the EHF according to the EHF standard requirements and any further requirements defined herein. The EHF Wheelchair Handball Event training schedule is communicated to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Competition.
- 10.8. 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).
- 10.9. 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.

Programme

- 10.10. The teams must be present at the players' classification (players concerned) as well as the check of wheelchairs (all wheelchairs used in the competition) following the time schedule which will be announced prior to the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 10.11. The present time frames are not definitive and are subject to further changes to be decided by the EHF after consultation with the awarded organiser.

Standard Run-down (9 days)

Day of arrival EHF Office	Day -3
Day of arrival teams	Day -2
Day of arrival classifiers	Day -2
Day of arrival EHF Officials (referees & delegates)	Day -2
Classification (during training)	Day -1
Referees' and Delegates' education	Day -1
Technical Meeting	Day -1
Match day 1 and Opening Ceremony	Start of Tournament = Day 1
Match day 2	Day 2
Match day 3	Day 3
Rest Day	Day 4
Match day 4 and Closing Ceremony	Day 5
Day of departure of EHF Officials and teams	Day 6

The EHF reserves the right to extend the tournament to additional days.

VIII. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

Article 11

Nationality

- 11.1. European Wheelchair Handball Event matches are carried out as international matches. Players of a team participating in a European Wheelchair Handball Event 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 in the European Wheelchair Handball Event. 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 a European Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 11.2. In addition, every player participating in the European Wheelchair Handball Event must be eligible to play for that country in accordance with the applicable IHF Regulations (IHF Players' Eligibility Code).
- 11.3. A player who has already played for a team of a Member Federation in a European Championship (qualifier rounds, final tournament) is not allowed to play in the same Competition for the team of another Member Federation.

Registration / Official Squad / Final Squad

- 11.4. The submission of the Squad will be done in 2 steps:
Step 1: Announcement of the "Official Squad" prior to the tournament.
Step 2: Announcement of the "Final Squad" on the occasion of the Technical Meeting.

Official Squad – European Wheelchair Handball Championship

- 11.5. Member federations must submit the list of the players and team officials ("Official Squad") who will form the basic group of their team during the EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship in writing to the host federation and Office within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to the participating member federations.
- 11.6. The "Official Squad" shall contain a maximum of 16 persons including minimum 2 female players.
- 11.7. 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, number of international matches, 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.

- d) Photo of the first and second full team kit
 - e) Team officials' names, surnames, date of birth, function, nation and assigned letter
- 11.8. In addition, the medical diagnostic form part 1 and 3 and the data protection sheet needs to be provided of each player of the "Official Squad" by the deadline announced.

Final Squad – EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship

- 11.9. At the first technical meeting, one day before the start of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Qualification Tournament, a maximum of ten (10) players and a maximum of five (5) officials from the Official Squad must be nominated as Final Squad by each delegation. The valid passports or national identity cards of each of the ten (10) players of the Final Squad must be presented to the EHF delegates at the technical meeting for verification. For this purpose, an updated delegation list with the updated figures, such as number of international matches played and international goals scored, shall be presented by each participating delegation prior to the technical meeting.
- 11.10. The "Final Squad" shall contain a maximum of fifteen (15) persons (including max. 10 players and max. 5 officials) out of the "Official Squad" including minimum two (2) female players.
- 11.11. Only players of the "Final Squad" are eligible to participate in the respective EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship.
- 11.12. During the EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship, two (2) players can be replaced per round (preliminary round, main round and final round). Therefore, cumulative six (6) players in total can be replaced during the tournament. Only players from the "Official Squad" with an evaluated sport class are permitted to replace.

Match Report – EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship

- 11.13. The match report shall only contain the names and numbers of maximum ten (10) players and maximum five (5) teams' officials of the "Final Squad". The announcement of the five (5) team officials eligible to be in the substitution have to be announced on the occasion of the technical meeting.
- 11.14. The "Final Squad" must include minimum two (2) female players (with minimum one (1) female player always on the court during the match).
- 11.15. The match report is prepared and handed over to the team officials in charge in due course before the throw-off of an EHF Wheelchair Handball Qualification match. One (1) hour before the throw-off of the match the team officials in charge must check the pre-prepared match report, confirm the participating players and officials.

IX. KIT (PLAYERS' CLOTHING — SHIRTS AND SHORTS)

Article 12

Team kits requirements

- 12.1. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event. 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.
- 12.2. For the EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship all players including the goalkeeper need to wear identical uniforms.
- 12.3. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event 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.
- 12.4. 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).
- 12.5. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event for final approval by the EHF. If more than two (2) full team kits have been prepared for the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, they must also be presented at the first technical meeting.
- 12.6. The full team kits approved at the first technical meeting are the only ones allowed during the entire EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.

Choice of kit

- 12.7. 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 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 12.9, the EHF decision is final.
- 12.8. Such a “Kit Plan” is also set 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 12.9, the EHF decision is final.

- 12.9. The EHF delegate (supervisor) of each match is allowed to request of any 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

- 12.10. 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. If the backrest of the wheelchair makes it impossible to clearly read the player's number of the back of the shirt, the number needs to be placed on the backrest of the wheelchair too (10cm height). During the entire duration of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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).
- 12.11. 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 E. No loose letter card is allowed during the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 12.12. During the entire duration of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, each team official must wear the same letter (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the first technical meeting).

Additional requirements

- 12.13. During the team line-up, the entire team must wear identical clothing which shall consist of the shorts of the approved team kit to be worn during the match together with the jackets of the tracksuits. Under exceptional circumstances the EHF responsible for the match may permit long tracksuit trousers (harmonized for the entire delegation).
- 12.14. During EHF Wheelchair Handball Event matches:
- a) All players must wear the approved full team kit specified in the respective Kit Plan or requested by the EHF delegate (supervisor). The number of each player must appear on their shirts as defined here above.
 - b) Players are allowed to wear thermos-clothing (i.e. shorts and shirts with short sleeves) as long as the colour is the same/and or similar to the dominant colour of the approved full team kit worn during the matches and is identical for all team members.
 - c) The team officials on the bench must wear clothing having clearly distinct colour(s) from the colour(s) of the opposing team's kit and of a different design from the one of their own players' team's kit. Furthermore, the team officials on the bench must wear clothing of one (1) similar colour and one (1) similar colour tone; two (2) different type/design of outfit (e.g. one (1) civil type/design and one (1) sporting type/design) may be used.

Article 13

Advertising on players' kits

- 13.1. Subject to the restrictions mentioned hereunder, advertising on players' kits is allowed.
- 13.2. Advertising related to drugs, pornography or spirits is strictly prohibited on the players' kits.
- 13.3. For any advertising on kits during an EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, the provisions and restrictions laid down in the "Regulations on Advertising on Clothing" must be respected.
- 13.4. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 13.5. The Host Federation must inform the EHF on any local restriction or ban regarding advertising in due time before the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.

Back shirt advertising restrictions

- 13.6. The area on the back of the shirts above the player's number must be free of any advertising or writing. Only the number of the player must be visible.

Non-compliance of the applicable points

- 13.7. Non-compliance of one or more of the provisions stated here above, and/or of the Regulations on Advertising on Clothing, may be sanctioned according to the applicable EHF regulations, including the EHF Legal Regulations. In addition, the respective Member Federation may be required to reimburse all damages occurred.

X. MATCH PROCEDURE

Article 14 **Laws of the game**

- 14.1. EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship matches are played in conformity with the applicable Rules of the Game – Wheelchair Handball four-a-side promulgated by the International Handball Federation (IHF).

Article 15 **Technical meeting**

- 15.1. A technical meeting is carried out one (1) day before the beginning of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event in the teams' hotel announced by the EHF.
- 15.2. Technical meetings must be attended by at least one (1) team official and maximum three (3) of each delegation participating.
- 15.3. In the technical meeting of the EHF European Wheelchair Handball Championship, one day prior to the first matches, each delegation must:
- a) Nominate its Final Squad composed of a minimum of eight (8) and a maximum of ten (10) players from the sixteen (16) players of the Official Squad and five (5) team officials nominated for the first match day. 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 Final Squad.
 - 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.
- 15.4. The full team kits of each team must be checked by the EHF during the first technical meeting of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 15.5. The Final Squad form presenting the lists of players and team officials nominated as Final Squad must be checked against 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 Wheelchair Handball Event.

Article 16

Procedures and Guidelines

- 16.1. The details regarding the match run-down and procedures can be found at the “Guidelines and Procedures” of the respective EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.

XI. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 17

Responsibilities of the Member Federations

- 17.1. The Member Federations are legally and financially accountable towards the EHF in respect of their delegation and team participating in the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event. 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.
- 17.2. 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

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

XII. INSURANCE

Article 18

General principles

- 18.1. Everyone involved in the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event is responsible for his/her own insurance cover.
- 18.2. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event.

Host Federation(s)

- 18.3. The Host Federation(s) is/are responsible for the insurance cover of all sites used for the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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.
- 18.4. In addition to articles 18.1 and 18.2, the Host Federation(s) staging the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event must conclude at their own expense adequate insurance cover (including cancellation) for all risks arising from organising and staging the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, 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.
- 18.5. A copy of all insurance contracts concluded by the Host Federation(s) for the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event must be provided to the EHF within the deadline set forth by the latter.

EHF

- 18.6. The EHF is responsible for the accident and health insurance of the nominated EHF Officials for the duration of their assignment.

Further requirements

- 18.7. All insurances must cover the full period of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, including the preparation and post-competition phase.
- 18.8. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event.

XIII. EXCLUSIVITY

Article 19

EHF sponsors / partners exclusivity

- 19.1. The exclusivity of the EHF partners and sponsors during the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event must be complied with by all delegations, individuals, EHF Officials participating in the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event. Playing kits defined in article 15 are excluded from this exclusivity.
- 19.2. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event are communicated by the EHF in due course prior the beginning of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 19.3. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event must be sanctioned according to the EHF Legal Regulations. In addition, the respective individual/entity may be required to reimburse all damages occurred.

XIV. EHF OFFICIALS

Article 20

Definition

- 20.1. 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 Wheelchair Handball Event.

Code of Conduct

- 20.2. Any EHF Official nominated to participate in an EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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 21

EHF referees' nomination

- 21.1. The EHF referees of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event are appointed by the EHF. The appointed EHF referees must acknowledge the EHF nomination and inform the EHF accordingly without delay.
- 21.2. The nomination of the EHF referees for an EHF Wheelchair Handball Event can be withdrawn at the EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of referee nomination for the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event are final.
- 21.3. The EHF referees' nomination is communicated by the EHF to all parties concerned in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 21.4. For each EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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 Wheelchair Handball Event

- 21.5. The EHF referees nominated for the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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.
- 21.6. If any of the referees do 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

- 21.7. 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

- 21.8. 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

- 21.9. In case of direct disqualifications or any major incidents, the referees have to write an additional detailed report and give it to the EHF Office immediately after the end of the match.
- 21.10. 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
- 21.11. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the absence of report on an incident does not prevent the initiation of proceedings by the EHF.

Article 22

EHF delegates nomination

- 22.1. The EHF delegates of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event are appointed by the EHF. The appointed EHF delegates must acknowledge the EHF nomination and inform the EHF accordingly without delay.
- 22.2. The nomination of the EHF delegates for an EHF Wheelchair Handball Event can be withdrawn at EHF’s sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of delegate nomination for the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event are final.
- 22.3. The EHF delegates nomination is communicated by the EHF to all parties concerned in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 22.4. The EHF delegates must report on all occurrences and irregularities in relation to their individual match nominations (prior, during and after the match).
- 22.5. For each EHF Wheelchair Handball Event match, in due course prior to the match, the EHF assigns one (1) delegate out of those appointed and two (2) for the final matches. The EHF decision is final.

Refusal

- 22.6. If the appointed EHF delegates are unable to fulfil a nomination, they shall inform the EHF without delay by phone and subsequently in writing.

22.7. In this case, the EHF appoints alternative delegates.

General responsibility

22.8. The EHF delegates act on behalf of the EHF.

22.9. When on duty, the delegates must always carry a copy of the relevant EHF Wheelchair Handball Regulations as well as the IHF Rules of the Game – Wheelchair Handball four-a-side.

22.10. 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.

22.11. 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.

22.12. 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.

22.13. 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

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

22.15. 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 Office immediately after the match.

22.16. 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

22.17. 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 by the EHF.

Match report / Start list

22.18. The EHF delegate (supervisor) is responsible of the match report and the start list.

22.19. 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.

22.20. During the half-time break and after the match, the EHF delegate (supervisor) must liaise with the scorekeeper, the timekeeper to control the content of the match report. Once controlled, the match report must be signed by the EHF delegate (electronic signature)

Article 23

Other Officials

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

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

EHF representatives

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

XV. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 24

Member Federations

Travel costs

- 24.1. The Member Federations must organise the travel of their delegation to and from the event location. The place of arrival of the delegation must be at a reasonable distance from the event location.
- 24.2. The travel expenses of any and all delegation members to and from the event location must be borne by the respective Member Federation.

Visa costs

- 24.3. 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

- 24.4. The entry fee defined under article 5 must be paid by the respective Member Federation within the announced deadline to enter the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.

Board / Lodging / Local transport

- 24.5. The board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh Event(s) is organised for up to a maximum of twenty (20) persons per delegation from 12:00 pm (noon) three (3) days before the first match of the team (depending on the classification schedule) until 12:00 pm (noon) the day after the last match of the team. In case an earlier arrival or late departure is defined by the EHF, the host responsibility changes accordingly.
- 24.6. The costs for board, lodging and local transport of max twenty (20) persons per delegation is covered by the Host Federation. The costs for all persons exceeding twenty (20) and up to twenty-five (25) have to be covered by the respective member federation.
- 24.7. A daily fee for the delegation members one (1) to twenty (20) has to be paid by the respective Member Federation to the Host Federation within the deadline set forth by the Host Federation. The daily fee per person per day will be decided by the EHF and host federation upon the start of registration.

Additional days of stays/ Additional persons

- 24.8. If agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation(s), the Host Federation(s) may organise the board, lodging and local transport of more than twenty (20) delegation members upon request of a Member Federation.
- 24.9. 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(s) is communicated in due time to the Member Federations and must be paid within the deadline set forth by the EHF.

24.10. If agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation, a delegation may arrive before the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event and/or leave after the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event a few days before/after the planned dates.

24.11. 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 within the deadline set forth by the Host Federation.

Insurance

24.12. Member Federations having a team participating in the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event shall arrange, at their own expense insurance for all members of their delegation, including team officials, technical staff and players as further defined in Article 20.

Article 25

Host Federation(s)

Staging and organisational costs

25.1. All expenses incurred in the host country(ies) to stage and organise the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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.

Costs related to the delegations

25.2. The board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the venue(s) for the duration of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event is organised by the Host Federation(s) for up to a maximum of twenty (20) 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.

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

- a) for a maximum of twenty (20) persons per delegation
- b) from 12:00 pm (noon) the day before the first match of the team to 12:00 pm (noon) the day after the last match of the team.

EHF Officials costs

25.4. The Host Federation(s) must bear the following costs and expenses of the nominated EHF Officials (definition under article 22.1):

- 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 600km one way):
Reimbursement of first class return tickets for train/bus/boat;
 - Taxi journeys in the hometown or during a trip:
(e.g.: transfer between airports) may be refunded upon the presentation of the respective receipts;
 - Travel by car in the hometown (to and from airport or train station):
may be charged with € 0,50 per driven kilometre.
- b) Any expenses for visas;
- c) For the duration of their assignment during the EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh, the costs of board, lodging as well as their transport costs within the territory(ies) of the Host Federation(s);
- 25.5. The EHF must bear the costs for daily allowances amounting to 60€ for every travel day and per day for the duration of the stay for the event and the related preparatory period;
- 25.6. The Host Federation(s) must ensure that all EHF Officials can leave the host country(ies) 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

- 25.7. The Host Federation(s) shall arrange, at its/their own expense insurance policies necessary to cover all risks and damages resulting from or relating to the staging and the organisation of an EHF Wheelchair Handball Event as further defined in article 20.

XVI. EXPLOITATION OF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Article 26

Media and advertising rights

- 26.1. The international media rights (television, radio, film, video, Internet, 3D etc.) of the event, are with the EHF including the right to use existing television and film footage for the production and broadcasting of a news magazine/programme, for handball/EHF competition promotion and sport development purposes (training, teaching, etc) at a later date which remains with the EHF.
- 26.2. The advertising rights of the Event are with the EHF and could be transmitted to the Organiser.
- 26.3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that the EHF equipment partners (Hummel and SELECT) have each the right to display, free of charge, one (1) banner of advertising with a maximum length of 3 m (three meters) and a maximum height of one 1 m (one meter) in the playing hall in the camera range during the TV/Live stream transmission covering all matches of the event.
- 26.4. In addition, the EHF has the right to use the middle circle free of charge.
- 26.5. Over and above this the EHF has the right to display, free of charge, a band of advertising with a maximum length of 6 m within the range covered by the TV cameras mentioning the event title: e.g. 2025 European Wheelchair Handball Championship – City/Country and 2025 EHF Wheelchair Handball Qualification Tournament – four-a-side. The exact positioning of the event title board/transparent will be consented upon mutually between EHF and the organiser (usually central position opposite to camera). A respective consent will be established also regarding the logistic procedures and the production of the boards.
- 26.6. The advertising rights related to the dresses of the participating teams shall remain with the participating teams, under consideration of article 13.
- 26.7. The national TV rights are assigned to the organiser.

Videos of the matches

- 26.8. All matches shall be recorded by the organiser and available (hard disk or hard drive) for the EHF.
- 26.9. The organiser shall provide on the evening of each playing day, videos of selected matches for educational purpose upon request.
- 26.10. A video download system or rental service shall be made available for the duration of the European Wheelchair Handball Event for the teams. The teams will have the opportunity of using these videos in preparing for the matches.

Photos

26.11. The organiser shall make available to the office member a sufficient number of photos of the event (selected photos to be submitted to office after every playing day; match scenes, arena, fans, emotions) free of charge during the event. At the end of the event, all pictures taken by the organiser shall be provided to the EHF. For this purpose, a professional photographer shall be hired by the organiser at its own costs.

Live streaming

26.12. The organiser shall organise live streaming during all matches. The organiser is responsible to deliver a live-streaming signal to EHF with the minimum requirements hereby specified and confirmed prior the start of the tournament. EHF will inform the organiser about the contact person on EHF side to coordinate the delivery of the abovementioned signal.

26.13. At least 1 (one) camera shall be used. The video recording shall be made by a team of at least 1 (one) person / 1 (one) camera with the main camera filming from the judges' table side. In case no TV production is foreseen, the following minimum standards apply for the live stream:

FullHD progressive picture at 1920x1080px
Signal output in HDMI or SDI

26.14. Screen graphics (e.g. actual score, playing time, starting time, presenter – team A/B) shall be ensured by the organiser. These have to be presented to the EHF at the latest two weeks before the tournament and have to be subsequently approved by the EHF.

26.15. The EHF reserves the right, but is not obliged, to supply the organiser with a set of TV graphics for use during the live streams.

26.16. The stream shall be produced as "Multistream" in HD (1080p) and Hready (720p) (HD, bitrate: 3,000 to 6,000 kb/s / HD ready, bitrate: 1,500 to 4,000 kb/s).

Video recordings

26.17. In each match, one delegation member of each participating team has the right to make video recordings for teaching and training purposes using one single camera.

26.18. Such video recordings are permitted only for the team's internal purposes and game tactics and shall not be exploited commercially.

Personality rights

26.19. All participating Member Federations grant EHF the right (royalty-free) to use photos and graphic materials of players and officials as well as Member Federations names, emblems and players uniforms within the framework of the Competition for non-commercial purposes.

26.20. All participating Member Federations grant the EHF the right (royalty-free) to use any photo, any material (print material, ads, internet, product presentation, video etc.)

produced for/at the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event matches for handball/EHF competitions promotions and sport development (training, teaching, etc.) purposes.

26.21. The EHF has the right to transfer these aforementioned rights of use to a marketing partner for the same purposes. Such transfer is limited to an advantageous usage in the framework of the direct promotion of the event and/or the sport, prior, during and directly after the event and serves the increase of the event venue and the attraction of additional spectators. Exclusively film material, TV footage and group pictures may be used for such purposes by the EHF and its related partners. Any individual picture use or any use which assigns an individual person to a specific product and its values shall not be comprised by the actual entitlements.

26.22. Each participating Member Federation must obtain the consent of the respective players and officials participating to the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event to the use of their image as defined here above. Each participating Member Federation must hold the EHF and its partners harmless from any legal action from a player concerning the player's image rights.

Data rights

26.23. All rights relating to the event related data as tracking, statistics, etc. are with the EHF.

26.24. The EHF has the sole right to collect, distribute, and pass on such data. Such data may be used for information, promotion and commercial purposes by the EHF.

XVII. LEGAL PROCEDURES — PROTESTS/DISCIPLINARY

Article 27

EHF Legal Regulations

- 27.1. The provisions of the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions apply to all legal matters including procedural aspects and disciplinary offences committed by the teams, delegations, individuals and/or EHF Officials at the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event unless stipulated otherwise in the present chapter.

Competent Bodies

Jurisdiction

- 27.2. Under the provisions defined in the present chapter, the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury 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 EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.

Disciplinary Commission

- 27.3. The Disciplinary Commission is responsible as the body of first instance.
- 27.4. The Disciplinary Commission is composed of EHF delegates nominated for the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.

Jury

- 27.5. The Jury is responsible as the body of second instance. It is the highest EHF legal body at the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 27.6. The Jury consists of the EHF Court of Appeal acting as an ad hoc body.
- 27.7. Any decision made by the Disciplinary Commission according to the aforementioned provisions may be appealed to the Jury.

Regulations Infringements/Disciplinary Matters

- 27.8. Delegation members (including players and team officials) and EHF Officials agree to comply with the present Regulations as well as all applicable regulations. They must notably:
- respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly
 - refrain from any activity that endangers the integrity of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event and bring the sport of handball into disrepute

- refrain from anti-doping violations as defined in the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping
 - observe the EHF Codes of Conduct
- 27.9. If deemed appropriate by the EHF to ensure the proper running of the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event and/or the respect of the applicable regulations during the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, violations of the present regulations and/or any other EHF regulations applicable to the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, 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. For the avoidance of doubt, the present dispositions also apply to direct disqualifications.
- 27.10. The Member Federations of the respective delegations or teams, individuals and/or the EHF Officials against whom the proceedings are initiated, must have the possibility to provide a statement of defence.
- 27.11. In those cases, the deadlines applicable to protests are not applicable and shall be defined by the competent legal body within the course of the proceedings.
- 27.12. The carrying out of legal/disciplinary proceedings as defined herein is independent of any reporting obligations.
- 27.13. Unless deemed necessary by the EHF to ensure the proper running of an EHF Wheelchair Handball ECh dispute, disciplinary and/or legal adjudication arising from matches played on the last day of the respective tournament phase or from the last match of the respective team shall be settled through the regular EHF legal system, i.e. the EHF Court of Handball in first instance, the EHF Court of Appeal in second instance and eventually the European Handball Court of Arbitration.

Protests

Definition

- 27.14. Under the present chapter, “protest” shall mean: any match-related claim which may have an impact on the result of an EHF Wheelchair Handball Event match.

Exclusion of protests

- 27.15. With regard to all and any EHF Wheelchair Handball Event 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) Referees’ decisions on facts in accordance with the Rules of the Game, including those based on EHF delegate’s recommendations.

Procedure

- 27.16. Protests shall be handed over in writing and in English to the EHF delegate (supervisor) of the match within one (1) hour after the end of the relevant match.
- 27.17. Moreover, a protest fee of €1,070 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.
- 27.18. If the protest is fully granted, the protest fee is refunded to the claimant; otherwise, it is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.
- 27.19. The reasons for the protest as well as any relevant statement shall be submitted in writing to the EHF delegate or to the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event Office by the claimant no later than 09:00hrs local time, the day after the relevant match.
- 27.20. The deadlines and fees for protests apply equally for any additional information submitted in connection with the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 27.21. The Disciplinary Commission takes a decision by simple majority on the protest no later than 12.00 am local time the day after the relevant match.

Appeals

- 27.22. Unless otherwise provided in the decision of the Disciplinary Commission, an appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Commission shall be received by the EHF Office in writing no later than 20:00hrs local time the same day the Disciplinary Commission decision is communicated to the parties.
- 27.23. Besides, an appeal fee of €1.070 shall be paid by the appellant to the EHF. Such amount shall be paid directly to the EHF delegate or shall be transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time the appeal is filed/requested. A written proof of payment of the appeal fee within the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.
- 27.24. If the appeal is fully granted, the protest fee is refunded to the claimant; otherwise, it is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.
- 27.25. Such an appeal request is transferred to the Jury. The Jury takes a decision by simple majority following an express procedure. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.
- 27.26. Unless deemed necessary by the EHF to ensure the proper running of an EHF Wheelchair Handball Event, any protest arising from matches played on the last day of the respective tournament phase or from the last match of the respective team shall be settled through the regular EHF legal system, i.e., the EHF Court of Handball in first instance, the EHF Court of Appeal in second instance and eventually the European Handball Court of Arbitration.

Eligibility to play

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

European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)

- 27.28. Any issue decided upon by the EHF Court of Appeal may be brought by any of the relevant parties before the ECA. The Rules of Arbitration for the ECA apply.
- 27.29. The initiation of proceedings before the ECA on a specific issue does not suspend the implementation of the decision taken by the EHF Court of Appeal on such an issue, unless decided otherwise by the ECA in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration for the ECA.

Arising costs

- 27.30. 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 article 48 of the EHF Legal Regulations.

Exclusion of liability

- 27.31. 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.

XVIII. DOPING

Article 28

Doping control

- 28.1. Doping controls may take place before, during and after the EHF Wheelchair Handball Event.
- 28.2. Anti-doping controls shall be executed during the entire event period in accordance with the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping and the World Anti-Doping Rules.
- 28.3. All facility costs (organising of the Anti-Doping rooms, availability of chaperons) related to the Anti-Doping controls made during the event shall be borne by the organiser.
- 28.4. In case of any medication used by an athlete, a report shall be sent by the National Federation to the respective National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO). A copy of the Therapeutic Use Examination has to be brought to the championship in case of a test. The responsibility to report the examination to the NADO is with the team participating.
- 28.5. In case of anti-doping rule violations, the EHF will instigate disciplinary proceedings against the perpetrators and take the appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.
- 28.6. Member Federations must immediately inform the EHF of any decision at national level sanctioning a player for doping (including interim measures of protection/temporary injunction). A copy of the decision must be sent to the EHF Office. Decisions of Member Federations concerning doping confirmed by the EHF Anti-Doping Unit will be automatically implemented by the EHF at European level.

XIX. CLOSING PROVISIONS

Article 29

- 29.1. All enclosures form an integral part of these regulations.
- 29.2. These regulations were adopted by the EHF Executive Committee and came into force on 21 October 2025. Lastly amended 15 October 2025.