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## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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### Article 1

#### **Scope of application**

1.1. The present European Championship Regulations (“EHF EURO Regulations”) govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of the following national teams’ competitions organised by the European Handball Federation (EHF) pursuant to articles 1.2 and 12.1 of the Statutes of the EHF:

- The Men and Women European Championships – final tournaments

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

1.2. The qualifier rounds of the EHF EUROS (Men’s and Women’s) the EHF EURO Cups (Men’s and Women’s), the Younger Age Category European Championships (qualifier rounds and final tournament) and the European Beach Handball Championships (Younger Age Category and adults) organised by the EHF are specifically excluded from the application of the present EHF EURO Regulations.

1.3. 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).

## 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 EURO shall:

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

## Article 3

### **Applicable rules and regulations**

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

- The EHF Regulations for Advertising on Clothing
- The EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure
- The EHF Legal Regulations
- The EHF List of Penalties
- The EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions
- 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 Code of Conduct
- The EHF Off-Court Officiating Guidelines
- The EHF EURO Event Set-up Manual
- The EHF EURO Procedures and Guidelines Manual
- The Media Operations Guidelines
- The Team Media Guidelines for EHF EURO Events
- IHF Regulations on Protective Equipment and Accessories

- EHF Venue Dressing Guidelines
- EHF Brand & Event CI Guidelines

### **Tournament Management**

3.2. The responsibility for decisions regarding the event during the course of the competition are with the Tournament Management.

## II. COMPETITION BASICS

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### Article 4

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

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

#### **Competition announcement**

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

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

- 4.5. The fulfilment of the criteria, as established by the EHF Executive Committee and/or defined in the corresponding EHF EURO application documents - including (without limitation) the relevant Bidding Manual - is required for an application by a Member Federation to be tabled at the EHF Congress.
- 4.6. The allocation of an EHF EURO to Member Federation(s) is decided by the EHF Congress pursuant to article 3.1.8.19 of the Statutes of the EHF. The EHF Congress has the right to delegate this matter to the EHF Executive Committee.

- 4.7. The EHF Member Federation(s) nominated as Host Federation(s) of the EHF EURO by the EHF Congress, is entrusted by the EHF Congress with the organisation and staging of the EHF EURO in cooperation with the EHF.

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

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#### Article 5

##### **Right of registration**

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

##### **Single registration**

##### **Qualifier Rounds and Final Tournament**

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

##### **Admission criteria and fees**

##### ***Registration documents***

- 5.5. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Member Federation must fulfil the following criteria:
  - a) It must confirm in writing that the Member Federation itself, its team players and officials and each and every delegation member 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.

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

#### ***Entry fee***

5.7. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Member Federation must pay an entry fee of €1,300 to the EHF which must be received on the EHF account within the deadline set by the EHF and communicated in due course to all Member Federations.

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

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

5.10. If the entry fee is not received within four (4) weeks after the announced deadline, the Member Federation must be fined €2,500 and must be excluded from the respective Competition.

### ***Lump-sum advance payment***

- 5.11. Together with the entry fee, all Member Federations that wish to have a team participating in the Competition must make a refundable (or for the use of other purposes) advance payment to the EHF. The advance payment per team must amount to a minimum of €4,200.
- 5.12. The EHF Executive Committee is allowed to set a permanent deposit of between €0 and €6,000 for each Member Federation, depending on the frequency of its participation in EHF competitions. If a Member Federation has a permanent deposit with the EHF, it does not have to transmit the advance payment as stipulated in article 5.11.
- 5.13. If the frequency of the Member Federation participation in EHF competitions changes, the amount of the individual permanent deposit may be adjusted by the EHF Executive Committee.

### ***Solidarity contribution***

- 5.14. Member Federations having a team qualified for the final tournament of the Competition must additionally pay a special solidarity contribution of €3,360 per team.
- 5.15. This lump-sum must be paid directly to the EHF and must be received on the EHF account eight (8) weeks prior to the beginning of the final tournament.
- 5.16. This solidarity contribution is assigned to the EHF special fund.

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

- 5.17. On entering the Competition, Member Federations and every delegation member agrees:
- a) to comply with the IHF Rules of the Game (and with the specifications to the IHF Rules of the Game applying to the EHF EURO)
  - b) to respect the principles of fair play as defined in the Statutes of the EHF

- c) to participate in all matches of the Competition in accordance with the present EHF EURO Regulations and any other applicable regulations and guidelines
- d) to comply with all decisions regarding the Competition taken by the EHF Executive Committee, the EHF Office or any other competent body and communicated appropriately (by official letter, fax or email)
- e) to observe the EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure for all matches in the Competition
- f) to indemnify, defend and hold the EHF free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to any non-compliance by the participating Member Federation or any of its players, officials, employees, representatives or agents with these EHF EURO Regulations

5.18. Delegation members (including players and team officials) shall participate in the preparatory and accompanying activities (e.g. draw events, Heads of Delegation Conference, media day, etc.) organised by the EHF within the framework of the European Championships.

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

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### Article 6

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

- 6.1. A team withdrawing from an EHF EURO or failing to play an EHF EURO match is immediately excluded from the Competition.
- 6.2. In case of withdrawal, the entry fee, the lump-sum advance payment and the solidarity contribution 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 of the Qualifiers: fine from €5,000 to €10,000
  - withdrawal at any later date: fine from €15,000 up to €25,000
- 6.4. If the withdrawal takes place after the draw of the Qualifiers, 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, including the respective qualifier rounds.
- 6.5. In case of failure to play a scheduled match, the entry fee, the lump-sum advance payment and the solidarity contribution must be forfeited to the credit of the EHF and the Member Federation may be fined up to €35,000. 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 EURO, 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 EURO withdraws or is disqualified, the EHF may replace it and if so, decides which team is to take its place according to the results achieved by the team previously eliminated. No draw has to take place.
- 6.9. 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

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### Article 7

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

- 7.1. The EHF EURO is played with twenty-four (24) teams.

### Article 8

#### **Automatic qualification in the Final Tournament**

- 8.1. The Host Federation/s and the best ranked team/s of the previous EHF EURO in connection with the total number of organisers (four or more EHF EURO Cup participants) are directly qualified for the final tournament and therefore do not participate in the EHF EURO Qualifiers.
- 8.2. Any open questions or alternative solutions relating to the EHF EURO Final Tournament automatic qualification shall be decided by the EHF Executive Committee.
- 8.3. The remaining participants in a European Championship (Men/Women) must play the qualifier rounds. The directly qualified teams shall participate in the EHF EURO Cup.

#### **Qualification through EHF EURO Qualifiers**

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

## Article 9

### **Final Tournament playing system**

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

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

- 9.3. The preliminary round is played in six (6) groups consisting of four (4) teams each.
- 9.4. The composition of the preliminary round groups of the EHF EURO are decided by a public draw carried out by the EHF in the Host Federation's country.
- 9.5. The seeding for the draw is based on the teams ranking in each qualifying group after the completion of the corresponding EHF EURO Qualifiers and on their ranking in the last European Championship (Men/Women).
- 9.6. The Host Federation(s) team(s) is/are seeded according to its/their rank(s) in the previous European Championship (Men/Women) but not lower than directly after the teams ranked first in the qualifying groups after the completion of the corresponding EHF EURO Qualifiers.
- 9.7. Before the draw takes place, the Host Federation(s) assign(s) one (1) team qualified for the EHF EURO to each of the six groups/venues of the preliminary round. The spectators' interest should be taken into consideration when assigning the teams. The final decision on the assignment of the teams is with the EHF.

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

- 9.8. The matches of the preliminary round are played in groups with each team playing all opponents in its group (round robin system).
- 9.9. All matches of the preliminary round are played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break of fifteen (15) minutes. There shall be no extra time.
- 9.10. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and zero points for a defeat.
- 9.11. Teams' ranking in a group is obtained by adding up the number of points won by each team in each group match.

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

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

During the preliminary round matches:

- a) Superior goal difference from all group matches
- b) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches
- c) Alphabetical order

After the completion of the preliminary round matches:

- a) Higher number of points obtained in the group matches played amongst the teams in question
- b) Superior goal difference from the group matches played amongst the teams in question

- c) Higher number of goals scored in the group matches played amongst the teams in question
- d) Superior goal difference from all group matches (achieved by subtraction)
- e) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches
- f) If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.
- g) If this procedure does not lead to a decision after completion of all preliminary round matches, the Fair Play Ranking decides about the final group ranking. The Fair Play ranking shall be set-up by the EHF in accordance with statistic parameters which are rated as follows:
  - Yellow cards: 1 point
  - Two minutes suspensions: 2 points
  - Red cards: 8 points
- h) In case the number of points in the Fair Play Ranking are identical, a draw must be carried out by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of at least one (1) team official per delegation concerned.

#### **Places 19 to 24**

- 9.13. The teams ranked fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) in each group after the completion of the preliminary round matches depart from the Competition and are ranked 19 to 24 according to the number of points won in the preliminary round.
- 9.14. If two or more teams ranked fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) in the groups have the same number of points after the completion of the preliminary round matches, their ranking is determined as follows:
- a) Superior goal difference from all group matches

- b) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches
- c) In case no decision can be reached with the above-mentioned criteria, the Fair Play ranking decides about the final ranking.
- d) Highest ranked team against which the teams played in the preliminary round according to the final ranking of the EHF EURO

### **Places 13 to 18**

- 9.15. The teams ranked third (3<sup>rd</sup>) in each group after the completion of the preliminary round matches depart from the Competition and are ranked 13 to 18 according to the number of points won in the preliminary round.
- 9.16. If two or more teams ranked third (3<sup>rd</sup>) in the groups have the same number of points after the completion of the preliminary round matches, their ranking is determined as follows:
- a) Superior goal difference from all group matches
  - b) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches
  - c) In case no decision can be reached with the above-mentioned criteria, the Fair Play Ranking decides about the final ranking.
  - d) Highest ranked team against which the teams played in the preliminary round according to the final ranking of the EHF EURO

### **Main round group formation**

- 9.17. The teams ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) in each group after completion of the preliminary round matches play in the main round.

- 9.18. The main round is played in two (2) groups consisting of six (6) teams each.
- 9.19. Teams ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) in the preliminary round groups 1 (respectively A) and 2 (respectively B) and 3 (respectively C) compose the first main round group. Teams ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) in the preliminary round groups 4 (respectively group D), 5 (respectively E) and 6 (respectively group F) compose the second main round group.

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

- 9.20. The matches of the main round are played in groups with each team playing the opponents in its group against which it did not play in the preliminary round (round robin system). The basic playing schedules are to be found in Enclosure 1, 2 and 3.
- 9.21. All matches of the main round are played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break of fifteen (15) minutes. There shall be no extra time.
- 9.22. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and zero points for a defeat.
- 9.23. The preliminary round results including points, goals scored, and goals conceded from the matches between the opponents who reached the main round are kept and remain valid for the ranking of the main round.
- 9.24. Teams' ranking in a main round group is obtained by adding up the number of points won, and the goals scored and goals conceded by each team according to article 9.23 and the number of points won and the goals scored and goals conceded by each team in each main round match.

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

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

During the main round matches:

- a) Superior goal difference from all group matches
- b) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches
- c) Alphabetical order

After the completion of the main round matches:

- a) Higher number of points obtained in the group matches played amongst the teams in question
- b) Superior goal difference from the group matches played amongst the teams in question
- c) Higher number of goals scored in the group matches played amongst the teams in question
- d) Superior goal difference from all group matches (achieved by subtraction)
- e) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches
- f) If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.
- g) If this procedure does not lead to a decision after completion of all main round matches, the Fair Play Ranking decides about the final group ranking. The Fair Play ranking shall

be set-up by the EHF in accordance with statistic parameters which are rated as follows:

- Yellow cards: 1 point
- Two minutes suspensions: 2 points
- Red cards: 8 points

h) In case the number of points in the Fair Play Ranking are identical, a draw must decide the ranking. The draw must be carried out by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of at least one (1) team official of the delegations concerned.

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

- 9.26. The teams ranked third (3rd) in each group after completion of the main round play a placement match to attribute places five (5) and six (6) in the EHF EURO ranking.
- 9.27. The placement match is played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break of or fifteen (15) minutes.
- 9.28. If the result stands as a draw at the end of the normal period time, an extra time of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.
- 9.29. If the result stands as a draw after the first period of extra time, an additional extra time of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.
- 9.30. If the teams are still equal after the second period of extra time, the winners are determined by penalty throws (article 9.43).

#### **Places 7 to 12**

- 9.31. The teams ranked fourth (4th), fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) in each group after the completion of the main round matches depart from the Competition.

9.32. Places 7 or 8 are attributed to the two teams ranked fourth (4th) in the groups, places 9 and 10 are attributed to the two teams ranked fifth (5th) in the groups, places 11 and 12 are attributed to the two teams ranked sixth (6th) in the group according to the number of points won by the respective teams after completion of the main round matches.

9.33. If the two teams ranked fourth (4th), fifth (5th) or sixth (6th) in the groups have the same number of points after the completion of the main round matches, their ranking is determined as follows:

a) Superior goal difference from all group matches

b) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches

e) In case no decision can be reached with the above-mentioned criteria, the Fair Play Ranking decides about the final ranking.

c) Highest ranked team against which the teams played in the preliminary round according to the final ranking of the EHF EURO

### **Semi-finals**

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

9.35. The teams ranked first (1st) in the main round groups play against the teams ranked second (2nd) in the other main round group.

### **Bronze medal match (Places 3 to 4)**

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

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

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

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

9.38. The semi-finals, bronze final and final matches are played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break fifteen (15) minutes.

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

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

9.41. In case of a second extra-time, the throw-off time for the subsequent match will be automatically delayed for fifteen (15) minutes.

9.42. If the two teams are still equal after the second period of extra time, the winners are determined by penalty throws (article 9.36).

### **Penalty throws rules**

9.43. Rules on the execution of penalty throws:

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

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

- c) The goal to be used must be decided by the referees. The referees draw lots for deciding which team throws first. The team winning the draw has the right to decide whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- d) The team having scored the highest number of goals after both teams have executed their five (5) throws wins. If the match is still undecided after the first round of penalty throws, the process is repeated until a decision is reached. The other team begins. In the second set of five throws each, a further five players entitled to play have to be nominated (players having already thrown may be nominated again).
- e) A decision in the second round of penalty throws is reached once there is a difference in goals after both teams have executed the same number of throws.
- f) Players and goalkeepers eligible to play are those players on the match report who are not suspended or disqualified when the whistle finished the second extra time.
- g) Serious violations during the penalty throws will be punished by disqualification in all cases. If a court player or a goalkeeper is disqualified or injured, a substitute with playing eligibility must be nominated.
- h) During each individual throw, only the player executing the throw, the defending goalkeeper and the referees are allowed to be in the respective half of the playing court.
- i) In the case that the number of players eligible to play is lower than five (5), the team concerned has the right to nominate players for a second throw during the same round.

### **Coaches Challenge**

- 9.44. If a Coaches Challenge is put in place, the respective valid EHF Coaches Challenge Regulations apply.

## VI. TROPHY, MEDALS AND PRIZES

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### Article 10

#### **Trophy**

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

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

- 10.3. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the team that wins the EHF EURO receives a gold medal.
- 10.4. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked second (2<sup>nd</sup>) in the EHF EURO receives a silver medal.
- 10.5. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked third (3<sup>rd</sup>) in the EHF EURO receives a bronze medal.

#### **Prize**

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

#### **Commemorative medals**

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

### **Additional medals**

10.8. Participating federations may order additional medals on their costs.

## VII. COMPETITION / MATCHES DATES AND TIMES

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### Article 11

#### **Playing periods**

- 11.1. The playing period of the EHF EURO is fixed by the EHF. It is communicated to the Member Federations with the announcement of the respective EHF EURO.
- 11.2. In any case, the EHF EURO takes place six (6) months minimum after the end of the corresponding EHF EURO Qualifier rounds.

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

- 11.3. The exact dates and throw-off times of each EHF EURO match are subject to coordination between the EHF, the Host Federation(s), the EHF marketing partner and the TV host broadcaster.
- 11.4. The final decision regarding dates and throw-off times of the final tournament matches lies with the EHF.
- 11.5. Each team must have at least eighteen (18) hours rest between two EHF EURO matches played.
- 11.6. The exact dates and throw-off times of the EHF EURO matches are communicated to the participating Member Federations by the EHF in due time before the EHF EURO.

#### **Training times**

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

- 11.8. A schedule of the teams' training sessions during the EHF EURO is prepared by the Host Federation(s) and the EHF according to the EHF standard requirements and any further requirements defined herein. The EHF EURO training schedule is communicated to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.
- 11.9. Modifications of scheduled times/dates of the training sessions or additional training sessions in the playing hall and/or training hall are not allowed, unless expressly agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation(s).
- 11.10. The respective delegation must inform the Host Federation(s) of the cancellation of any of the team training session twenty-four (24) hours before (in any case on the evening before) the training session scheduled time/date.

#### **Teams arrival dates**

- 11.11. All team players and officials must arrive in their hotel in the respective EHF EURO venue two (2) days prior to their first match day - at 15:00hrs (local time) at the latest.

#### **Open Training Session**

- 11.12. Each team is obliged to hold open training sessions for at least fifteen (15) minutes for the media upon request of the EHF.

## VIII. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

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### Article 12

#### **Nationality**

- 12.1. EHF EURO matches are carried out as international matches. Players of a team participating in an EHF EURO must be in possession of the citizenship of the respective country. Proof of nationality (valid passport or national identity card) is required to take part in the EHF EURO. A player who cannot present either a valid passport or national identity card from the country concerned is not eligible to participate in any match of an EHF EURO.
- 12.2. In addition, every player participating in an EHF EURO must be eligible to play for that country in accordance with the applicable IHF Regulations (IHF Players' Eligibility Code).
- 12.3. A player who has already played for a team of a Member Federation in a European Championship (qualifier rounds, final tournament) is not allowed to play in the same Competition for the team of another Member Federation.

### Article 13

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

##### ***Official Squad***

- 13.1. The Member Federations must submit the list of the players and team officials ("Official Squad List") who will form the basic group of their team during the EHF EURO in writing to the Host Federation(s) and the EHF Office within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to the participating Member Federations.
- 13.2. The Official Squad List must contain a maximum of thirty-five (35) players ("Official Squad"). The players (35 or less) listed in the Official Squad List are the only players eligible to participate in the respective EHF EURO. Changes/insertions of players in the Official Squad List at a later stage are not permitted.

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

13.4. 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, playing position, passport/national identity card numbers. Body height and weight shall be provided to the EHF upon request for scientific purposes or in case of full anonymization.
- c) Colours of the first and second full team kit (dark colours kit/light colours kit), clearly stating colours of shirts and shorts and colours of the first and second kit for the goalkeepers
- d) Photo of the first and second full team kit (court players kits and goalkeepers' kits; original kits to be used during the EHF EURO)
- e) Team officials' names, surnames, function, assigned letter (from A to H)
- f) Up-to-date EHF Coaches Licensing information

13.5. If the Official Squad List of a Member Federation is not received by the EHF Office and the Host Federation(s) within the set deadline, the first thirty-five (35) (or less) players appearing on the official squad list for the last rounds of Qualifiers, or the EHF EURO Cup submitted by the Member Federation are considered by the EHF as the final Official Squad List of this Federation.

### ***Official Delegation***

- 13.6. At the first technical meeting, one day before the start of the EHF EURO, a maximum of twenty (20) players from the thirty-five (35) listed players of the Official Squad as well as a maximum of eight (8) team officials must be nominated as Official Delegation by each delegation. The valid passports or national identity cards of each of the twenty (20) players of the Official Delegation must be presented to the EHF delegates (two at least) 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. The recent player information shall be updated in the system provided by the EHF.
- 13.7. Subject to articles 13.15 to 13.25, only the twenty (20) players of the Official Delegation are allowed to play in matches of the corresponding EHF EURO upon correct nomination in the start list prior to the respective match.

### **Delegation/Start List**

- 13.8. The Start List contains the names and numbers of the twenty (20) players and eight (8) team officials of the Official Delegation. The Start List is prepared and handed over to the team officials in charge in due course before the throw-off of an EHF EURO match. One (1) hour before the throw-off of the match the team officials in charge must check the pre-prepared Start List and reduce the number of players to sixteen (16) and the number of team officials to five (5) by crossing out up to four (4) players and up to three (3) team officials listed. Team officials at the bench respectively in the substitution area during an EHF EURO match shall be exclusively selected out of the group of the eight officials (A to H) announced at the Technical Meetings.
- 13.9. Only the five (5) officials of the Start List not crossed out are eligible to be in the substitution area during the match. Under extraordinary circumstances the EHF Tournament Management may approve a change of an official of the group announced at the Technical Meetings during the course of the event upon request of the delegation concerned. Team officials shall be placed and work in their designated areas only.

### **Eligibility to participate**

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

### **EHF Coaches Licensing**

13.11. Member Federations participating in an EHF EURO must ensure that the EHF is in possession of up-to-date information relating to the EHF Coaches Licensing. According to article 13.5, the up-to-date information shall be submitted to the EHF Office as a part of the Official Squad list within the deadline set by the EHF and announced in due time to the participating Member Federations. Minimum age for an EHF EURO participation is 16; Each player must be 16 years of age on the first match day of the tournament.

13.12. In the event that an official is not registered in the EHF Coaches Licensing database, the EHF will contact the respective Member Federation and request to complete the EHF Coaches Licensing Application Sheet with all the required details and information.

13.13. The Member Federations can fill in the EHF Coaches Licensing Application Sheet for as many coaches as they wish but, in any case, a minimum of one (1) person in possession of the EHF Master Coach Pro Licence must be registered and effectively take part in the matches of the Member Federation.

### **Players' replacement**

13.14. During the EHF EURO, any of the twenty (20) announced players can be replaced by a maximum of six (6) new players from the original contingent of thirty-five (35) or less during the competition in accordance with the following conditions:

- Up to two (2) players during the Preliminary Round
- Up to two (2) players during the Main Round
- Up to two (2) players during the Final Weekend

The date of the replacement(s) within the respective round can be chosen freely by the delegation ("Everyday Replacement Option").

- 13.15. The delegations must inform the EHF Office at the venue (the “EHF Championship Office”) about the replacement of players by submitting in person or sending by email the duly completed stamped and signed official form for replacements as well as the passport or national identity card of the replaced player(s) (original copy). The information shall be submitted (in person or by email) to the EHF Office by 09:00 hrs (in the morning, local time) at the latest on the respective match day.
- 13.16. If a copy of the passport or national identity card of the replacing player(s) is sent/presented to the EHF Championship Office, the original passport or national identity card must be presented one (1) hour prior to the throw-off of the next match at the latest to the relevant EHF delegate (supervisor).
- 13.17. Upon confirmation of the replacement (only after presentation of the original passport or national identity card of the replacing player) by the EHF, the replacing player is added to the official Start List/match report of the next match of the team and the replaced player is removed.
- 13.18. A player being replaced can be entered again with a further replacement under the conditions referred to in articles 13.15 to 13.21. The maximum number of replacements possible in total is six (6)<sup>1</sup>.
- 13.19. If the player replaced is under suspension (for a certain period of time or a number of matches), the replacing player is eligible to participate in matches of the respective EHF EURO only after completion of the entire suspension period.
- 13.20. Additional costs arising from the replacement, or the additional announcement of players must be borne by the related Member Federations, apart from the costs of local

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<sup>1</sup> The number of the replacement(s) is unlimited in case of a proven situation of severe health or security occurrence. The requested replacement(s) are subject to the approval of the EHF Tournament Management. The same holds true for replacements outside the official squad of 35 under appropriately substantiated circumstances.

transportation – including the transport from and to the arrival airport – which are borne by the Host Federation(s). New players entering the competition are obliged to attend the photo shoot/green screening filming immediately upon arrival.

### **Additional announcement of players**

- 13.21. If at the first technical meeting, one day before the start of the EHF EURO, a delegation nominates nineteen (19) or less players out of the Official Squad List to be part of the Official Delegation, the delegation is entitled to nominate one (1) additional player out of the players of the Official Squad under the following conditions:
- 13.22. The delegation must inform the EHF Championship Office about the additional announcement of a player by submitting in person or sending by email the duly completed, stamped and signed official form for additional announcements as well as the passport or national identity card of the additional player (original or electronic copy), on the respective match day before the deadline stipulated by the EHF and communicated in due course to all delegations.
- 13.23. If a copy of the passport or national identity card of the additional player(s) is sent/presented to the EHF Championship Office, the original passport or national identity card must be presented one (1) hour prior to the throw-off of the next match at the latest to the EHF delegate (supervisor).
- 13.24. Upon confirmation by the EHF of the additional announcement (only after presentation of the original passport or national identity card of the replacing player), the player is added to the official Start List/match report of the next match of the team.

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

- 13.25. The use of a player who has been suspended and/or is not eligible to play in any EHF EURO match must be sanctioned in accordance with the applicable EHF Legal Regulations and EHF List of Penalties. Replacements are valid until the end of the tournament for the delegation concerned, except the respective player is replaced again.

## IX. KIT (PLAYERS' CLOTHING – SHIRTS AND SHORTS)

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### Article 14

#### **Team kits requirements**

- 14.1. Each team is required to have at least two (2) kits for field players for the EHF EURO - one (1) kit in light colour, one (1) kit in a dark colour and at least three (3) different colours of goalkeeper kits are required, one (1) in dark, one (1) in light and one (1) either in dark or in light colour. Blue and red are considered dark colours. In case of multi-coloured shirts in any of the field players kits, only one of the colours – and not the main colour – can be repeated in the other full team kit.
- 14.2. Goalkeepers' kit must differ from court players' kit, in both dark colour and light colour kit options.
- 14.3. The colours and the photos of the full team kits (at least one (1) light colour option and one (1) dark colour option) must be provided to the EHF before the beginning of the EHF EURO within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to the participating Member Federations. "Style guide" illustrations of the full team kits are not accepted as photos.
- 14.4. Any modifications requested by the EHF after communication of the full team kits colours and photos by the Member Federations in order to comply with the requirements defined herein must be implemented by the Member Federation(s) concerned within the deadline set forth by the EHF and communicated in due course to the respective Member Federation(s).
- 14.5. The full team kits (at least one (1) light colour option and one (1) dark colour option) of each team must be presented by each delegation at the first technical meeting prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO for final approval by the EHF. If more than two (2) full team kits

have been prepared for the EHF EURO, they must also be presented at the first technical meeting.

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

#### **Choice of kit**

- 14.7. A “Kit Plan” defining the full team kit (light colour option or dark colour option) to be used by each team in each preliminary round match is set by the EHF (based on the composition of the groups and the TV appearance requirements) after the first technical meeting and communicated in due course to the delegations. Subject to article 14.9, the EHF decision is final. Pictures of team kits with full advertising set-up, protective equipment and undergarments in use during the event, shall be provided to the EHF for pre-approval.

- 14.8. 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 14.9, the EHF decision is final.

- 14.9. 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.

- 14.10. Each Team is obliged to provide the EHF up to 20 new official playing shirts free of any costs. The shirts shall be handed over at the occasion of the team photo shooting on the arrival day.

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

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

- 14.12. During the entire duration of the EHF EURO each player must wear the same number (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the first technical meeting) regardless of her/his position (goalkeeper or court player).
- 14.13. The players' surnames announced in the Official Squad List must be displayed in clearly legible Latin letters of a minimum height of 10 cm on the backs of the shirts above the players' numbers, respectively in the area being reserved for printing.
- 14.14. Exceptions to the above-mentioned compulsory requirements regarding players' surnames size on shirts due to long players' surnames are subject to EHF prior approval.
- 14.15. In case two players of the same team have identical surnames, the respective Member Federation must inform the EHF and come to an agreement about the surnames to be displayed on the back of their shirts in due time prior to the deadline to submit the Official Squad List.
- 14.16. 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 H. No letter cards on lanyards around the neck are allowed during the EHF EURO.
- 14.17. During the entire duration of the EHF EURO, each team official must wear the same letter (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the first technical meeting).

#### **Additional requirements**

- 14.18. During the team line-up, the entire team must wear identical clothing which shall consist of the shorts (except goalkeepers) 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 (harmonised for the entire delegation).

14.19. During EHF EURO matches:

- a) The court players and the goalkeepers must wear the approved full team kit specified in the respective Kit Plan or requested by the EHF delegate (supervisor). The surname and number of each player must appear on their shirts as defined here above.
- b) Players are allowed to wear thermo 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 or black and is identical for all team members.
- c) Under their uniforms, players are allowed to wear compression garments such as shorts, leggings or long-sleeve shirts. For visible undergarments, the following provisions apply:
- Items worn under the shirt must be of the same dominant colour as the shirt.
  - Items worn under the shorts must be of the same dominant colour as the shorts, with the exception of black undergarments which may be worn regardless of the dominant colour of the shorts.
  - The colours of the undergarments must be the same for all players of the same team.
- d) The socks of all players of the same team must be identical in colour. Any equipment worn on the lower legs (e.g. calf compression sleeves, ankle protectors, etc.) must be of the same colour as the socks. If a player wears long undergarments under the shorts, the socks must be of the same colour as the socks worn by the other players of his/her team.
- e) 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 kits. 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 15

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

- 15.1. Subject to the restrictions mentioned hereunder, advertising on players' kits is allowed.
- 15.2. Advertising related to drugs, pornography or spirits is strictly prohibited on the players' kits.
- 15.3. For any advertising on kits during an EHF EURO, the provisions and restrictions laid down in the "Regulations on Advertising on Clothing" must be respected.
- 15.4. Each delegation member must comply with any further advertising restrictions communicated by the EHF to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.
- 15.5. The Host Federation must inform the EHF on any local restriction or ban regarding advertising in due time before the EHF EURO.

### **Back shirt advertising restrictions**

- 15.6. The area on the back of the shirts above the player's number must be free of any advertising or writing (see Enclosure 4). Only the surname of the player must be visible.

### **Sleeve advertising**

- 15.7. The left sleeve of the players' shirts must be reserved for EHF's use. Any other type of advertising and/or writing on the left sleeve (see Enclosure 4) is prohibited. The logo of the shirt supplier is permitted to be displayed in a centred position at the back of the shirt in a maximum height of four (4) cm. The logo of the supplier may be combined with the national flag of the nation concerned and/or the logo of the Federation in the respective size.

- 15.8. The badges/markings to be fixed on the players' shirt left sleeves are provided to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO. The detailed procedure will be clarified in due time prior to the EHF EURO.
- 15.9. The participating Member Federations are responsible for the fixing of the badges/markings on the left sleeves of their team players' shirts.
- 15.10. In case the badges/markings are supposed to be fixed on-site, the players' shirts of the full team kits must be brought to the EHF EURO venue free of advertising and/or writing on the left sleeves (see Enclosure 4). The fixing of the badges/markings is then completed by the Host Federation upon arrival of the delegations at the venue before the beginning of the EHF EURO. The team guide of each delegation must coordinate upon arrival with the Host Federation in order to organise the fixing of the respective left sleeve badges/markings.
- 15.11. The positioning of badges/markings on both sleeves (including the right sleeve for which the use remains with the Member Federations) surrounding area (see Enclosure 4) must be coordinated with the EHF in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO in order to ensure an optimal optical appearance. A sufficient space must be left between the badges/markings on both sleeves and the sleeves' surrounding area.
- 15.12. The team official(s) in charge must ensure that the sleeves badges/markings are properly fixed on each player's shirt in due time prior to each match.

#### **Clothing item provided by the EHF for carrying the chip**

- 15.13. The clothing item provided by the EHF for carrying the chip provided by the EHF tracking partner shall be worn underneath the playing shirt by each player during warm-up (on-court, substitution area, corridor, etc.), pre-match procedure, match and match breaks as well as the post-match procedure. Prior to each match the relating data chip shall be inserted in each vest by the responsible team official.

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

15.14. 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

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### Article 16

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

- 16.1. EHF EURO matches are played in conformity with the applicable Rules of the Game promulgated by the International Handball Federation (IHF) subject to the following specifications:
- a) Teams can play with up to sixteen (16) players
  - b) Chairs instead of benches are installed in the substitution area
  - c) The requirements of the EHF EURO Procedures and Guidelines Manual concerning the substitution area set-up prevail

### Article 17

#### **Technical meeting**

- 17.1. A technical meeting is carried out one (1) day before the beginning of each EHF EURO round (preliminary round, main round and final weekend) in each EHF EURO venue in the teams' hotel announced by the EHF.
- 17.2. Technical meetings must be attended by at least one (1) team official of each delegation participating in the respective round.
- 17.3. In the first technical meeting of the EHF EURO, one day prior to the first matches, each delegation must:
- a) Nominate its Official Delegation composed of a maximum of twenty (20) players from the thirty-five (35) players of the Official Squad List and eight (8) team officials. The

team official in charge must complete all fields of the Official Delegation form, must sign it and must hand it over.

b) Present a valid passport or national identity card for each of the players nominated as part of the Official Delegation.

c) Show the full team kits. One piece of each full team kit (dark colour option and light colour option) must be brought along. The full team kits colours of each participating team must be the ones announced at an earlier stage to the EHF (with the required modifications implemented, if any).

d) Confirm the music of the national anthem of the respective country.

17.4. The full team kits of each team must be checked by the EHF during the first technical meeting of the EHF EURO based on the documentation provided in advance.

17.5. The Official Delegation forms presenting the lists of players and team officials nominated as Official Delegation 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 EURO.

## Article 18

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

#### ***Warm-up***

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

#### ***Start List***

18.2. One (1) hour before the start of an EHF EURO match, the pre-prepared Start List containing the names of the Official Delegation of the playing teams must be checked and confirmed

by the team official(s) in charge. Moreover, the team official(s) in charge must reduce the number of players to a maximum of sixteen (16) and the number of team officials to a maximum of five (5) by crossing out the individuals not foreseen to be in the substitution area during the match. Only sixteen (16) players and five (5) team officials are eligible to be in the substitution area during the match.

- 18.3. The Start List must be signed by each team official in charge and handed over to the EHF delegate (supervisor) sixty (60) minutes prior to the throw-off of the match.
- 18.4. The Host Federation(s) is/are responsible to distribute the completed and finalised Start List to the accredited media representatives and to the EHF Championship Office before the match.
- 18.5. The EHF delegate (supervisor) coordinates and is responsible for the Start List procedure assisted by the EHF Office.

#### ***Ahead of the teams' line-up***

- 18.6. Each player being on the playing court for the warm-up must immediately leave the playing court upon EHF referees' instructions to do so (twelve thirty (12:30) minutes before the match throw-off at the latest).
- 18.7. The following fair-play announcement pre-recorded by the captain of each playing team in the official language of the relevant country is broadcast with English subtitles on a video screen or cube:

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

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

- 18.8. Each player of the playing teams must be ready for the official teams' line-up ten (10) minutes prior to the official throw-off of the matches (eleven thirty (11:30) minutes prior to

the official throw-off for the matches of the final weekend). Depending on the entertainment concept and the pre-match programme the warm-up timing and the pre-match procedure may be alternated for the opening day and during the final weekend.

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

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

18.11. The players shall enter the playing court based on the individual player line up. Players shall clap hands (high five) with the Corridor Kids (in case corridor kids are in use during event). The players of the team entering second to the playing court shall in addition clap hands with the players of the other team players before taking their line-up position (Enclosure 5).

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

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

- 12:30 Teams have to leave the court  
Official Presentation of the EHF representative
- 12:00 Announcement of the Fair Play Videos
- 11:50 Fair Play Video Team A
- 11:40 Fair Play Video Team B
- 11:30 Teams have to be ready at the meeting point
- 11:10 Referees, Mascot Childs and EHF Flag enter the court
- 10:40 Announcement of Team A/B (depending on which Team is closer to the Players In)
- 10:30 Player by Player Line Up Team A/B

- 07:50 Announcement of Team A/B (depending on which Team is closer to the Players In)
- 07:40 Player by Player Line Up Team A/B
- 05:00 Official Welcome of Referees, Delegates and EHF Representative of the Match
- 04:10 Announcement of National Anthem Team A
- 04:00 Nation Anthem Team A
- 02:55 Announcement of National Anthem Team B
- 02:45 Nation Anthem Team B
- 01:30 Final Preparation
- 00:00 Throw Off

In case of any awarding's, the EHF preserves the right to adapt the timing of the pre-match procedure.

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

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

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

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

### ***Handshake and line-up***

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

18.17. After the public announcer's announcement of the teams' line-up, the playing teams must line up in the centre of the playing court facing the judges' table according to Enclosure 6.

### ***Player of the Match***

18.18. A fan voting ballot will be installed for electing the best player of an EHF EURO match. Alternately an expert may be nominated for selection.

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

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

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

18.21. All players and officials of a team going to the dressing rooms after a match, without stopping for media interviews, need to return for such interviews no later than 15 min after the end of the respective match.

18.22. TV and radio flash interviews for the EHF and accredited broadcasters, if booked by the respective broadcast partner take place in the marked "flash zone". Players and the head coach of both playing teams must be available for interviews in the "flash zone". Such flash

interviews are part of the immediate post-match procedures and the players and coaches affected must not enter their dressing rooms beforehand.

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

18.24. The flash zone and mixed zone are located outside the player exit on the way from the playing court to the teams’ dressing room. The mixed zone is divided into two (2) sections: walkway for the players and team officials and section for the media representatives. The media representative section is divided into four (4) specific areas: one for the TV rights holders, one for radio right holder, one for the written media and one for non-rights holders.

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

18.26. The Host Federation(s) ensure(s) that the flash zone/mixed zone area is safe and not accessible to the general public or any other unauthorised persons.

### ***Post-match press conference***

18.27. An official post-match press conference takes place in the media center or press conference room of the playing hall twenty (20) minutes after the end of each EHF EURO match or in case a ceremony takes place after the match, twenty (20) minutes after end of the respective ceremony(ies).

18.28. The head coach of each team must take part in the post-match press conference accompanied by an interpreter, if necessary.

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

the right to either cancel or replace the post-match press conference. Any form of replacement of the format of the post-match press conference will be communicated to the teams in due time prior to the respective event. The final format will be communicated through the team media guidelines. In case the press conference is cancelled, the head coach and one (1) key player approved by the EHF of each team must be available in the mixed zone to provide a statement to an EHF Media representative within five (5) minutes after the end of each EHF EURO match accompanied by an interpreter, if necessary.

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

18.30. Half-time results, final match results, match reports, information on the number of spectators, statistic data and any other relevant match and event related information is distributed via the EHF Euro media and communication channels.

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

## **C. Specific awardings and ceremonies**

### ***All-star Team***

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

### ***Medals and closing ceremony***

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> place and European Champion      gold

2 <sup>nd</sup> place	silver
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	bronze

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

18.36. Further details and information about the medal and closing ceremony, including the presentation of trophies to the vice champion and third-ranked team, are communicated to the relevant delegations in due time prior to the ceremony.

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

#### ***Media and promotion***

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

#### ***Gala Dinner***

18.39. On the rest day of the final weekend, a gala dinner or similar event is organised by the Host Federation(s) to close the EHF EURO.

## XI. PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS

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### Article 19

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

- 19.1. Each Member Federation participating in an EHF EURO may travel to the venue with a delegation (including players and officials) of a maximum of thirty-five (35) members.
- 19.2. Any exception to the foregoing must be requested in writing to the EHF and the Host Federation(s) in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO and is subject to the Host Federation's prior approval.
- 19.3. The respective financial terms are defined under section XVII (Financial Provisions) of the present Regulations.

## XII. RESPONSIBILITIES

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### Article 20

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

- 20.1. The Member Federations are legally and financially accountable towards the EHF in respect of their delegation and team participating in the EHF EURO. In particular, the Member Federations are accountable for the conduct of their players, officials, other delegation members, supporters and of any person having a function in the Member Federation, and/or carrying out a function at a match on behalf of the Member Federation, respectively on behalf of the delegation. They may be sanctioned accordingly.
- 20.2. The Host Federation(s) is/are responsible for security and order before, during and after the match. The Host Federation(s) may be called to account for incidents of any kind.

#### **Additional responsibilities**

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

## **XIII. INSURANCE**

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### **Article 21**

#### **General principles**

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

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

- 21.3. The Host Federation(s) is/are responsible for the insurance cover of all sites used for the EHF EURO including hall, facilities and official zones. If the Host Federation(s) is/are not the owner of the hall used, they are also responsible for ensuring that the hall owner and/or tenant in question provides a fully comprehensive insurance cover, including third-party liability and property damage.
- 21.4. A copy of all insurance contracts concluded by the Host Federation(s) for the EHF EURO must be provided to the EHF within the deadline set forth by the latter.

#### **EHF**

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

#### **Further requirements**

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

## XIV. EXCLUSIVITY

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### Article 22

#### **EHF sponsors / partners exclusivity**

- 22.1. The exclusivity of the EHF partners and sponsors during the EHF EURO must be complied with by all delegations, individuals, EHF Officials participating in the EHF EURO. Playing kits defined in article 15 are excluded from this exclusivity.
- 22.2. The names and the respective categories of products/services of the EHF partners and sponsors as well as the necessary measures and restrictions to be taken by all delegations, individuals, EHF Officials participating in the EHF EURO are communicated by the EHF in due course prior the beginning of the EHF EURO.
- 22.3. Non-compliance with the required measures and restrictions in relation to EHF partner product/service exclusivity or any other kind of violation of the EHF partners and sponsors exclusivity during the EHF EURO must be sanctioned according to the EHF Legal Regulations. In addition, the respective individual/entity may be required to reimburse all damages occurred.

## XV. ORGANISATION (VENUES – FACILITIES – EQUIPMENTS)

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### Article 23

#### **General provisions**

- 23.1. The Host Federation(s) staging and organising the EHF EURO is/are responsible for the EHF EURO venues/playing halls set-up in accordance with the requirements defined by the EHF.

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

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

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

#### ***Judges' table - Support table***

- 23.3. A judges' table and a support table must be set-up and installed in the playing hall.
- 23.4. The size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' table and the support table defined in the Bidding Manual and the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF must be complied with (Enclosure 7).
- 23.5. The provisions of the IHF Rules of the Game regarding the size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' tables are not applicable to EHF EURO matches.

#### ***Substitution area - chairs***

- 23.6. A substitution area with substitution chairs must be set-up and installed in the playing hall in accordance with the applicable set-up guidelines for the event.

23.7. The size, position and other requirements concerning the substitution area and the substitution chairs defined in the Bidding Manual and the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF must be complied with (Enclosure 7).

### ***Use of digital technology in the substitution area***

23.8. The participating delegations are entitled to use digital technology in the substitution area for player welfare or tactical/coaching purposes. Direct contact with individuals outside the bench and technical support is permitted, except for suspended players or team officials. The following devices are allowed, provided they are small, mobile, and hand-held:

- Microphones
- Earphones
- Headphones
- Tablets, Laptops, Smartphones, and Smartwatches
- Digital Score Sheet (Coaching App, Kinexon Data, etc.)
- Specific/individual scouting systems

A team official using unauthorized equipment or engaging in inappropriate behavior due to electronic or communication equipment will be removed from the substitution area.

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

### ***Electronic Timekeeping***

23.10. The Electronic Time Keeping Regulations of the IHF (TKR) are ratified for EHF EUROs and are in use for all related matches.

### ***Timekeeping and scorekeeping apparatus***

23.11. For all EHF EURO matches, the playing halls must be equipped with an electric timekeeping (counting 0 to 30 minutes for the first half and from 30 to 60 minutes in the second half) and scorekeeping apparatus which can be read without difficulty and be operated from the judges' table. It is the official timekeeping apparatus and must be in full working order prior to and during matches.

### ***Official TV Count-down***

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

### ***Reserve clock***

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

### ***Match cards***

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

23.15. For requesting team time outs, a buzzer system is in use at the EHF EUROs. As a reserve solution three green cards showing the capital letter "T" must be at the disposal of the timekeeper for the team time-outs.

### ***Playing floor***

23.16. A handball floor with the event identity colours of the Competition must be laid down in the playing hall for each EHF EURO match.

### ***Match and Event related technologies***

23.17. Match and event related technologies such as, video replay, goal light technology, goal line technology, player, buzzer and ball tracking, etc. constitute an integrated part of the event set-up and the event implementation of EHF EUROs.

All parties involved in the event are subordinated to the technology in use and express their acceptance with their involvement.

23.18. For all EHF EURO Matches, it is mandatory for participating players to use only the balls provided through the designated ball retrieval system. Under no circumstances players are permitted to leave the court to retrieve balls on their own, or to use their own balls.

The ball retrieval system may include, but is not limited to, the use of ball kids, storage cones around the court for extra balls, or similar methods. The procedure defined by the EHF shall be followed accordingly.

***Anti-doping facility***

23.19. In all EHF EURO playing halls, an anti-doping infrastructure complying with the WADA Anti-Doping Code and the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping applicable at the date of the beginning of the Event must be set-up (Enclosure 8).

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

- 23.20. The Host Federation(s) must provide a training schedule for each participating team during the EHF EURO in accordance with the requirements defined herein (article 11.7) and those communicated in due course by the EHF at least three (3) months prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO. The training schedule must be fixed in such a way that teams playing against each other do not practice the one after the other in the same hall and that each team has the opportunity to train on the main court during the EHF EURO.
- 23.21. The training schedule must be approved by the EHF. Any change in the training schedule must be agreed on by the EHF and the Host Federation(s).
- 23.22. The EHF reserves the right to alter the training times if required by the circumstances and availabilities.

### **Fair play announcement**

- 23.23. Before the beginning of the EHF EURO, upon arrival of the team delegations in the EHF EURO venues, the Host Federation(s) must record the fair play announcement specified in article 18.7 with the captains of each participating team in their native language (respectively in the official language of the corresponding country), in order to be broadcast before the matches played by the relevant teams.
- 23.24. The captains of each participating team must be available to record the fair play announcement upon arrival in the EHF EURO venue before the beginning of the EHF EURO. Team captains are obliged to wear the correct playing shirt as in use for the competition (including number, advertising, etc.) for the recording of the fair play announcement.

### **EHF EURO draw**

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

### **Others**

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

## XVI. EHF OFFICIALS

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### Article 24

#### **Definition**

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

#### **Code of Conduct**

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

### Article 25

#### **EHF referees' nomination**

- 25.1. The EHF referees of the EHF EURO are appointed by the EHF. The appointed EHF referees must acknowledge the EHF nomination and inform the EHF accordingly without delay.
- 25.2. The nomination of the EHF referees for an EHF EURO can be withdrawn at the EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of referee nomination for the EHF EURO are final.
- 25.3. The EHF referees nomination is communicated by the EHF to all parties concerned in due time prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO.
- 25.4. For each EHF EURO match, in due course before the match, the EHF assigns two (2) referee couples out of those nominated. The second referee couple are "reserve" referees. The EHF decision is final.

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

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

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

### **Unfit referees**

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

### **Special report**

- 25.9. In case of direct disqualifications or any major incidents, the referees have to write an additional detailed report and give it to the EHF Championship Office immediately after the end of the match.
- 25.10. In their report, the referees report in as much detail as possible on any incidents before, during and after the match, such as:
- Misconduct of players leading to direct disqualification
  - Unsportsmanlike behaviour by officials, members, supporters or anyone carrying out a function at a match on behalf of a Member Federation
  - Any other incidents

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

### **Video Replay Assistant (VRA)**

25.12. The Video Replay Assistant (VRA) is nominated by the EHF. The VRA assists the referees in the selection of the available video footage for the review by the referees. The VRA is acquainted with the usage of the relevant technical equipment and the IHF Rules of the Game.

## **Article 26**

### **EHF delegates nomination**

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

26.2. The nomination of the EHF delegates for an EHF EURO can be withdrawn at EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of delegate nomination for the EHF EURO are final.

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

26.4. The EHF delegates must report on all occurrences and irregularities in relation to their individual match nominations (prior, during and after the match).

26.5. For each EHF EURO match, in due course prior to the match, the EHF assigns two (2) delegates out of those appointed for the EHF EURO: one (1) supervisor, one (1) observer. The EHF decision is final.

### **Refusal**

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

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

### **General responsibility**

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

26.9. The EHF delegate (supervisor) with the support of the EHF delegate (observer) supervises the conduct of the match and prevents any occurrences that may lead to a protest or a repetition of a match following EHF requirements. If necessary, the EHF delegate (supervisor) acts as mediator.

26.10. The EHF delegate (observer) guides and supports the referees and observes and assesses their performance. However, the EHF delegate (observer) is not a chief referee. Responsibility on the playing area rests solely with the EHF referees.

26.11. Nonetheless, the EHF delegates must interrupt the match if necessary and bring errors, that may lead to a protest, to the EHF referees' attention. Errors in this context do not mean decisions made by the referees based on their observation of facts. The delegates must not make decisions but only make recommendations.

26.12. The EHF delegates must always sit at the judges' table to have a good view of the substitution area at any time and to be able to intervene if necessary.

### **Special report**

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

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

- Write a specific remark on the match report and cross the box "report follows"

- Report such violation and/or incident in writing to the EHF Championship Office immediately after the match.

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

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

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

#### **Match report / Start list**

26.17. The EHF delegate (supervisor) is responsible for the match report and the start list.

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

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

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

26.21. Further requirements and deadlines regarding the match report and the start list defined in the "Off Court Officiating Guidelines" and in the "Start List, Match Report, Electronic Data

Administration and Electronic Daily Bulletin” information communicated in due course to the EHF delegates by the EHF prior to the beginning of the EHF EURO must be complied with.

#### **Further tasks**

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

26.23. In particular, the EHF delegates must cooperate with the timekeeper and the scorekeeper as defined in the “Off Court Officiating Guidelines”.

### **Article 27**

#### **Other Officials**

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

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

#### **EHF representatives**

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

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

## XVII. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

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### Article 28

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

##### ***Travel costs***

- 28.1. 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.
- 28.2. 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***

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

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

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

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

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

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<sup>2</sup> For the EHF EURO 2024 the participating delegations shall pay a contribution of EUR 350 per delegation member for the arrival day.

28.6. The board, lodging and local transport of additional delegation members up to thirty-five (35) persons per delegation is organised by the Host Federation(s) upon payment by the respective Member Federation of the related costs (daily fee agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation(s)) within the deadline communicated by the EHF.

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

28.7. 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 thirty-five (35) delegation members upon request of a Member Federation.

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

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

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

***Insurance***

28.11. Member Federations having a team participating in the EHF EURO shall arrange, at their own expense insurance for all members of their delegation, including team officials, technical staff and players as further defined in article 21. Upon request of the EHF, the respective proof for such insurance shall be provided to the EHF accordingly. In addition a list of the regular social security details of each of the delegation members shall be provided by the participating federations together with the squad lists.

## Article 29

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

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

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

#### ***Costs related to the delegations***

29.2. The board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the venue(s) for the duration of the EHF EURO is organised by the Host Federation(s) for up to a maximum of thirty-five (35) persons per delegation. The Host Federation(s) may agree, upon a Member Federation's request, to organise the board, lodging and local transport of additional delegation members.

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

a) for a maximum of twenty-four (24) persons per delegation

b) from 12:00 pm (noon/local time) the day before the first match of the team to 12:00 pm (noon/local time) the day after the last match of the team.

#### ***EHF Officials costs***

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

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

- Travel by train/bus/boat:

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

- Travel by plane:

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

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

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

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

- Travel by car in the home town (to and from airport or train station): may be charged with € 0,50 per driven kilometre.

b) Any expenses for visas;

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

d) Daily allowances amounting to 100€ for every travel day and per day for the duration of the stay for the event and the related preparatory period;

e) Additional match fees amounting to the respectively valid amount per match day to each EHF referee and delegate;

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

29.5. The Host Federation(s) must ensure that all EHF Officials can leave the host country(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***

29.6. 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 EURO as further defined in article 21.

## **Article 30**

### **Ticketing**

#### ***Principle***

30.1. The EHF together with the Host Federation(s) must prepare the ticketing and operate the accreditation system of the EHF EURO in accordance with the Bidding Manual, the EHF EURO Setup Manual, and the applicable provisions of the organisation agreement between the Host Federation(s) and the EHF as well as any requirement communicated by the EHF. The characteristics of the ticketing and accreditation system including the relating conditions are defined by the EHF. The Host Federation(s) are obliged to make available the required illustrations and information in due time.

30.2. The participating federation in an EHF EURO together have priority to purchase tickets for its team matches until four (4) months prior to the respective event as follows (priority decisions regarding the use of the contingents to be taken by the EHF if necessary).

30.2.1. For the Preliminary rounds a total of 25% of the after deduction of the set-up blocking available ticket contingents (purchase tickets);

30.2.2. For the main rounds a total of 20% of the after deduction of the set-up blocking available ticket contingents (purchase tickets);

30.2.3. For the Final Weekend a total of 15% of the after the deduction of the set-up blocking available ticket contingents (purchase tickets);

- 30.2.4. One hundred (100) tickets per team qualifying for the semi-finals are reserved until the day before semi-finals 10:00am (CET-Central European Time) for the teams concerned.
- 30.3. The exact number of tickets available per participating Member Federation and the deadline for ordering them is communicated to the participating Member Federations by the EHF and the Host Federation(s) in due course before the beginning of the EHF EURO. Should the participating Member Federations not order the tickets made available to them within the required deadline, they are at the disposal of the EHF.
- 30.4. The tickets are sold to the Member Federations at the regular price.
- 30.5. In addition to the aforementioned ticket contingents, the members of the delegations are provided with spectator places/tickets free of charge for matches in their group and in their parallel groups on rest days, upon request.

***Mandatory ticket contingent to ensure promotional support***

- 30.6. Each Member Federation taking part in the EHF EURO shall sell a minimum contingent of one thousand (1000) tickets, five hundred (500) for the Preliminary Round and five hundred (500) for the Main Round). The conditions (e.g. prices, categories, deadlines etc.) will be defined by the EHF and the Host Federation(s) and communicated to the Member Federations in due time prior to the EHF EURO.

## Article 31

### **Accreditation**

- 31.1. Participating federations are obliged to type and upload all accreditation data including pictures and required documents to the EHF Family for all players mentioned in the Official Squad and all listed Team Officials. Terms and conditions as well as the data privacy statement need to be flagged for each person during this process. The responsibility for all relating data privacy and personality rights are with the participating federation.

- 31.2. The entered accreditation data are checked and verified by the EHF.
- 31.3. On site accreditations are handed out only for persons present, not for those arriving later.
- 31.4. Altogether two accreditations with VIP access, for the president and the secretary general of the federation will be made available for each participating federation for the respective competition phase.
- 31.5. Further accreditations with VIP access may be granted against the payment of a fee, which will be defined by the EHF for the respective event accordingly.

## Article 32

### **Injury fund and Basic Conditions for Injury Compensations to Clubs**

- 32.1. For the matches of the EHF EURO, the EHF makes available an injury fund with an overall amount of one hundred fifty thousand Euros (€150,000).
- 32.2. The following conditions shall be applied:
- The Injury documentation starts with the stipulated deadline for the submission of the Official Squad of the respective EHF EURO and ends with the last match of the respective team at the tournament.
  - If a possible long-term injury (more than one month) happens, the EHF must be informed officially (via the injury report) by the respective team delegation until 12:00 (local time) at the day after the injury happened.
  - The National Federation concerned is obliged to send a written confirmation to the EHF and the respective club in case the player continues playing in the tournament despite a severe injury. Subsequently the entire responsibility for all consequences is with the National Federation.

- For players who return from an injury during the tournament, the return to competition declaration needs to be submitted by the responsible National Federation prior to the respective match.
- Following an EHF EURO, long-term injury cases will be managed directly between the EHF and the relevant clubs (direct contact to be established) once the injured player returns from the event. The club must provide the necessary supporting documentation (e.g., medical reports, pay slips, health insurance details, social security payments, or similar benefits) upon request. Pay slips must be submitted monthly by the club throughout the injury period.
- Reimbursement from the EHF Injury Fund will only be considered for amounts not covered by any social or private insurance. The necessary supporting documentation must be provided to the EHF accordingly.
- The maximum amount which may be refunded is €10,000 per month for long-time injuries. Long-term injury means a minimum period of one (1) month. The refund can be granted for a maximum period of six (6) months.
- Payments from the injury fund, if due, are granted retroactive, after return to play, respectively the period of six (6) months is over.

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

## XVIII. NATIONS TOURNAMENTS

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### Article 33

#### **EHF EURO Cup**

- 33.1. The EHF EURO Cup is a series of matches taking place in the format of a league with home and away matches between four or more participating teams to be organised and hosted prior to the EHF EURO by each Host Federation as well as the best ranked teams of the previous EHF EUROS depending on the number of Host Federations and the further directly qualified teams. Depending on the number of participating teams a final tournament may be played amongst the winners and further teams in the ranking and the 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked teams. The final decision about the format shall be taken by the EHF Executive Committee considering the International Calendar and the relating National Team periods.
- 33.2. For details regarding the EHF EURO Cup please refer to the Qualifier Regulations. The participants shall be the Host Federations and the best ranked teams of the previous EHF EURO relating to the number of Host Federations and the directly qualified teams. Both the Host Federations and the best ranked teams of the previous EHF EURO are obliged to participate in the EHF EURO Cup. Alternatives on the competition format may be decided individually by the EHF Executive Committee.

## XVIII. PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Article 34

#### **Involvement of the participating EHF Member Federations**

- 34.1. EHF Member Federations participating in the EHF EURO final tournament shall actively organise and support promotional activities of any kind taking place prior, during and after the final tournament.
- 34.2. In this respect, all EHF Member Federations shall contribute and implement the following measures:
- Hold open training sessions for at least fifteen (15) minutes for the fans and media upon request of the EHF;
  - Make available up to twenty (20) new official playing shirts signed by the entire team upon request (see 14.10);
  - Each delegation shall sign up to up twenty (20) match balls upon request of the EHF;
  - Participate in media calls;
  - Provide pictures and video recordings complying with EHF guidelines;
  - Ensure the presence of the official web banner and Corporate Identity of the respective EHF EURO on the EHF Member Federation's website and social media platforms;
  - Further distribution as well as distribution in the language of the respective country of news published by the EHF on the respective EHF EURO;
  - Obligation to sell the minimum contingent of one thousand (1000) tickets as defined in the section "Mandatory ticket contingent to ensure promotional support";
  - Find a national tourist/event professional agency to support the promotional activities, e.g. by producing and distributing promotional material and tickets sales.

### **Availability of key players**

34.3. Each EHF Members Federation shall ensure the availability of at least two (2) key players acting as ambassadors to participate in promotional activities taking place prior, during and after the final tournament such as, without limitation:

- Autograph sessions;
- EHF Partners' activation activities (e.g. "Meet and Greet") upon EHF request and limited to the partners of the EHF and of the EHF Marketing partner;
- Media activities (e.g. social media, video and/or photograph sessions);
- Draw events;
- "Event Messenger" in the respective country of the player's club;
- Participation in players ambassadors programmes if implemented.

## XIX. EXPLOITATION OF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

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### Article 35

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

- 35.1. The EHF owns and has the sole right to exploit the marketing and audio-visual rights including betting and advertising rights of the EHF EURO and all related activities (draw, opening and closing ceremonies, etc.). The EHF has the exclusive right to award audio-visual rights related to the EHF EURO as well as advertising rights in playing halls of the EHF EURO and rights to consent to bets. The EHF may exercise its right to exploit those rights at its sole discretion and on a universal basis.
- 35.2. In this regard, no Member Federation may use or exploit, directly or indirectly, any marketing or audio-visual rights of the EHF EURO.
- 35.3. Each Member federation is entitled and obliged to get and to use digital content of their games – 90 seconds per game – for their own and operated digital channels.
- 35.4. Each Member Federation has the non-exclusive right to exploit a maximum of ninety (90) seconds of content of each match on owned and operated platforms of the respective national team(s) participating in the relevant match, in each case not before the end of the match.
- 35.5. Each Member Federation must ensure that its partners, commercial or otherwise, do not use or otherwise exploit directly or indirectly any marketing or media rights of the EHF EURO without the EHF express prior agreement, which may be granted or withheld at its sole discretion.
- 35.6. A participating Member Federation may not display any third-party commercial identification or branding in the playing halls of the EHF EURO and their related areas or at

any official press conference other than on players kits under the conditions defined in article 15.

### **Video recordings**

- 35.7. Upon application to the EHF, all delegations are permitted to make video recordings of the EHF EURO matches for teaching and training purposes.
- 35.8. Video recordings, however, may only be made by one (1) member of the respective delegation, using one (1) camera. Such video recordings must be used solely for the purposes of internal team preparation and match tactic information (education of players). The use of the video recordings for any other purpose whatsoever, including (without limitation) commercial exploitation, is forbidden.
- 35.9. The person of the delegation wishing to record a match on video must have a permit issued by the EHF and an official bib. Persons who do not present an EHF permit and an official bib may be asked to leave the hall.
- 35.10. Due to space limitations in a playing hall, restrictions on video recordings may have to be imposed by the Host Federation(s). Such restrictions must be agreed with the EHF.
- 35.11. A period of altogether two hours shall be made available by each participating delegation upon arrival for the production of video, film and picture material. The time slot shall be defined in coordination between the participating delegation and the EHF Media Management, this includes details regarding the individual production if necessary. The production shall be planned in combination with the photo-shooting and the Green-screen Filming; the produced material is supposed to be used for social media, event promotion and similar purposes.
- 35.12. All intellectual property rights for any material recorded for such purposes must be assigned to the EHF in writing and if so requested by the EHF, a copy of all relevant materials filmed must be provided to EHF within the deadline set forth by the EHF.

### **Online video platform**

35.13. Any live content may be subject to legal restrictions based on the respective contract relationships with the EHF Partners. The rules and principles governing the online video platform are decided and announced by the EHF in due time prior to the EHF EURO.

### **Personality rights**

35.14. All participating Member Federations grant EHF the right (royalty-free) to use photos, videos 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.

35.15. 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 EURO matches for handball/EHF competitions promotions and sport development (training, teaching, etc.) purposes.

35.16. 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.

35.17. Each participating Member Federation must obtain the consent of the respective players and officials participating in the EHF EURO 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.

35.18. The EHF holds exclusive rights to all event-related data such as player and team performance statistics, tracking data derived from player's movement and positioning on the court, individual photographs capturing game moments, The EHF reserves the right to utilise, distribute, or license this data for various purposes, including but not limited to event promotion, analysis, and fan engagement.

#### **Data rights**

35.19. 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.

## XX. LEGAL PROCEDURES – PROTESTS/DISCIPLINARY

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### Article 36

#### **EHF Legal Regulations**

- 36.1. 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 EURO unless stipulated otherwise in the present chapter.

#### **Competent Bodies**

##### ***Jurisdiction***

- 36.2. 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 EURO.

##### ***Disciplinary Commission***

- 36.3. The Disciplinary Commission is responsible as first instance.
- 36.4. The Disciplinary Commission consists of the EHF Court of Handball acting as an ad hoc body.

##### ***Jury***

- 36.5. The Jury is responsible as second instance. It is the highest EHF legal body at the EHF EURO.
- 36.6. The Jury consists of the EHF Court of Appeal acting as an ad hoc body.
- 36.7. Any decision made by the Disciplinary Commission according to the aforementioned provisions may be appealed to the Jury.

### **Regulations Infringements/Disciplinary Matters**

36.8. Delegation members (including players and team officials) and EHF Officials agree to comply with the present Regulations as well as all applicable regulations as defined in Article 3 and EHF directives. 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 EURO 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

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

36.10. 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.

36.11. 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.

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

## **Protests**

### ***Definition***

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

### ***Exclusion of protests***

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

- a) Date, time, venue and draw of the matches
- b) Nomination of referees and delegates
- c) Referees’ decisions on facts in accordance with the Rules of the Game, including those based on EHF delegate’s recommendations.

### ***Procedure***

36.15. Protests shall be handed over in writing and in English to the respective EHF Venue Manager within one (1) hour after the end of the relevant match.

36.16. Moreover, a protest fee of €1,120 shall be paid by the claimant to the EHF. This amount shall be transferred to the EHF bank account or the deduction from the nations account at the EHF shall be requested 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.

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

36.18. The reasons for the protest as well as any relevant statement shall be submitted in writing to the EHF Legal Management by the claimant no later than 09:00hrs local time, the day after the relevant match.

36.19. The deadlines and fees for protests apply equally for any additional information submitted in connection with the EHF EURO.

36.20. The Disciplinary Commission takes a decision by simple majority on the protest no later than 12:00hrs (noon) local time, the day after the relevant match. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.

### **Appeals**

36.21. 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 Championship Office in writing no later than 20:00hrs local time the same day the Disciplinary Commission decision is communicated to the parties.

36.22. Besides, an appeal fee of €1,120 shall be paid by the appellant to the EHF. This amount shall be transferred to the EHF bank account or the deduction from the nations account at the EHF shall be requested at the same time as the appeal is filed/requested. A written proof of payment of the appeal fee in the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.

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

36.24. Such an appeal request is transferred to the Jury. The Jury makes a decision by simple majority following an express procedure. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.

### **Eligibility to play**

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

### **European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)**

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

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

#### **Arising costs**

36.28. 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**

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

## XXI. DOPING

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### Article 37

#### **Doping control**

- 37.1. Doping controls may take place before, during and after the EHF EURO in accordance with the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. As of the qualification of their teams to the EHF EURO, the participating Member Federations must fill in the official “whereabouts” forms and send them to the EHF and the EHF EURO Anti-Doping Official. The “whereabouts” forms must be regularly updated by the participating Member Federations and communicated accordingly to the EHF and the EHF EURO Anti-Doping Official prior and during the EHF EURO.
- 37.2. The EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping, its enclosures and the WADA’s Anti-Doping Code including the list of banned substances are an integral part of these EHF EURO Regulations.
- 37.3. In case of anti-doping rule violations, EHF will instigate disciplinary proceedings against the perpetrators and take the appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.
- 37.4. Member Federations must immediately inform the EHF of any decision at national level sanctioning a player for doping (including interim measures of protection/temporary injunction). A copy of the decision must be sent to the EHF Office. Decisions of Member Federations concerning doping confirmed by the EHF Anti-Doping Unit will be automatically implemented by the EHF at European level.

#### **EHF Anti-Doping activities**

- 37.5. Delegation members (including players and team officials) shall participate in the anti-doping activities organised by the EHF within the frame of the European Championships.

## XXII. FINANCES

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### Article 38

#### **Contributions for National Federations**

- 38.1. Distribution of net income out of media and advertising rights in accordance with the decision of the 2020 EHF Congress.

#### **Contributions for Clubs of the participating players**

- 38.2. Contribution of the participating players in accordance with the respective stakeholder agreements.

## XXIII. CLOSING PROVISIONS

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### Article 39

- 39.1. All enclosures form an integral part of these regulations.
- 39.2. In case a German or French version of these regulations is available and there is any discrepancy in the interpretation between the English, French or German versions, the English version prevails.
- 39.3. These regulations were adopted by the EHF Executive Committee and came into force on 1 November 2010. Lastly amended in May 2024 by the EHF Executive Committee.

# ENCLOSURE 1 OFFICIAL PLAYING SCHEDULE SAMPLE WITH OPENING MATCH DAY

## Match Schedule – Opening Match Day

		Playing Schedule for 24 Teams (17 Playing Days, 19 Days, 65 Matches)														
		Group A			Group B			Group C			Group D		Group E		Group F	
		A 1 A 2 A 3 A 4			B 1 B 2 B 3 B 4			C 1 C 2 C 3 C 4			D 1 D 2 D 3 D 4		E 1 E 2 E 3 E 4		F 1 F 2 F 3 F 4	
Preliminary Round		Group A			Group B			Group C			Group D		Group E		Group F	
		match no.			match no.			match no.			match no.			match no.		
Match Day 1		1	A 1	: A 3												
		2	A 2	: A 4												
Match Day 2											19	D 1	: D 3	25	E 1	: E 3
											20	D 2	: D 4	26	E 2	: E 4
Match Day 3					7	B 1	: B 3	13	C 1	: C 3						
					8	B 2	: B 4	14	C 2	: C 4						
Match Day 4											21	D 3	: D 4	27	E 3	: E 4
											22	D 1	: D 2	28	E 1	: E 2
Match Day 5		3	A 3	: A 4	9	B 3	: B 4	15	C 3	: C 4						
		4	A 1	: A 2	10	B 1	: B 2	16	C 1	: C 2						
Match Day 6											23	D 4	: D 1	29	E 4	: E 1
											24	D 3	: D 2	30	E 3	: E 2
Match Day 7		5	A 4	: A 1	11	B 4	: B 1	17	C 4	: C 1						
		6	A 3	: A 2	12	B 3	: B 2	18	C 3	: C 2						
Departure teams ranked 13 to 24 - groups D, E, F																
Main Round		Group I						Group II								
		match no.			match no.			match no.			match no.			match no.		
Match Day 8							49	1. F	: 2. E							
							50	2. D	: 2. F							
							51	1. D	: 1. E							
Departure teams ranked 13 to 24 - groups A, B, C																
Match Day 9					37	1. C	: 2. B									
					38	2. A	: 2. C									
					39	1. A	: 1. B									
Match Day 10								52	1. F	: 1. E						
								53	1. D	: 2. F						
								54	2. D	: 2. E						
Match Day 11					40	1. C	: 1. B									
					41	1. A	: 2. C									
					42	2. A	: 2. B									
Match Day 12								55	1. D	: 2. E						
								56	2. D	: 1. F						
								57	1. E	: 2. F						
Match Day 13					43	1. A	: 2. B									
					44	2. A	: 1. C									
					45	1. B	: 2. C									
Match Day 14								58	1. D	: 1. F						
								59	2. D	: 1. E						
								60	2. E	: 2. F						
Match Day 15					46	1. A	: 1. C									
					47	2. A	: 1. B									
					48	2. B	: 2. C									
Rest Day / departure teams ranked 7 to 12																
Placement match 5/6		Places 5/6														
Match Day 16								match no.								
					Place 5/6			63	3. I	: 3. II						
Semi-Finals		Place 1-2														
Match Day 16					Place 1-4			match no.								
					Place 1-4			61	1. I	: 2. II						
								62	2. I	: 1. II						
Rest Day / Departure teams ranked 5/6																
Finals		Place 1-2														
Match Day 17								match no.								
					Place 3/4			64	L 61	: L 62						
					Place 1/2			65	W 61	: W 62						
Departure Day																

# ENCLOSURE 2

# OFFICIAL PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR WOMEN'S EHF EURO 2026

## Women's EHF EURO 2026 3 – 20 December

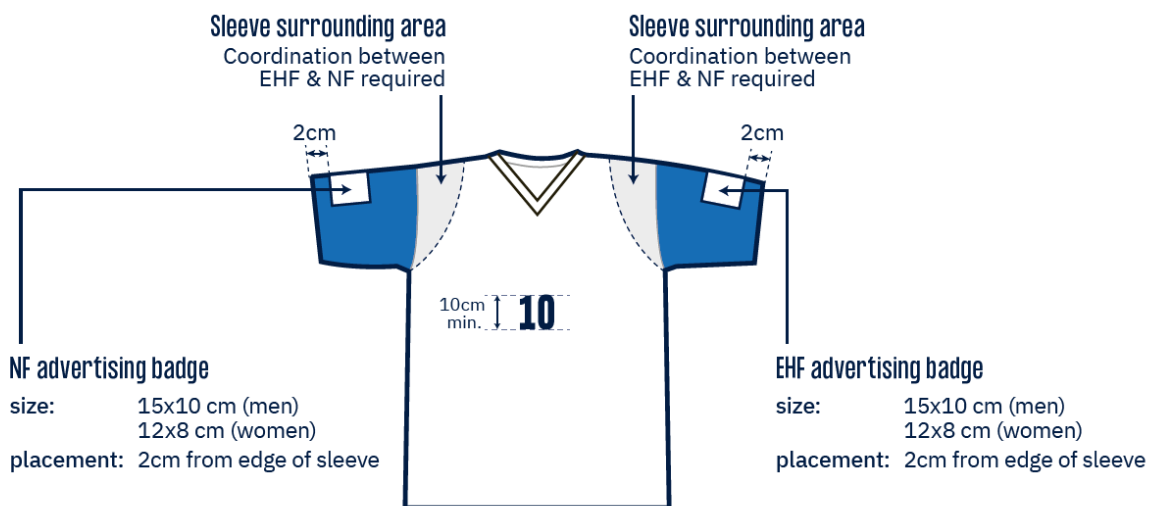
### Playing Schedule for 24 Teams (16 Playing Days, 18 Days, 65 Matches)

	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E*	Group F
	A 1 A 2 A 3 A 4	B 1 B 2 B 3 B 4	C 1 C 2 C 3 C 4	D 1 D 2 D 3 D 4	E 1 E 2 E 3 E 4	F 1 F 2 F 3 F 4
<b>Preliminary Round</b>	Group A	Group B	Group C	Group D	Group E	Group F
1. Thu, 3.12.2026	1 A 3 : A 4	match no.	13 C 3 : C 4	match no.	match no.	match no.
2. Fri, 4.12.2026	2 A 1 : A 2	Rest Day	14 C 1 : C 2	19 D 3 : D 4		31 F 3 : F 4
3. Sat, 5.12.2026	3 A 1 : A 3	7 B 3 : B 4	15 C 1 : C 3	20 D 1 : D 2	25 E 3 : E 4	32 F 1 : F 2
4. Sun, 6.12.2026	4 A 2 : A 4	8 B 1 : B 2	16 C 2 : C 4	Rest Day	26 E 1 : E 2	Rest Day
5. Mon, 7.12.2026	5 A 4 : A 1	9 B 1 : B 3	17 C 4 : C 1	21 D 1 : D 3	Rest Day	33 F 1 : F 3
6. Tue, 8.12.2026	6 A 3 : A 2	10 B 2 : B 4	18 C 3 : C 2	22 D 2 : D 4	27 E 1 : E 3	34 F 2 : F 4
7. Wed, 9.12.2026	Travel Day	11 B 4 : B 1	Travel Day	23 D 4 : D 1	28 E 2 : E 4	35 F 4 : F 1
Departure teams ranked 13 to 24 Groups A, C	Rest Day	12 B 3 : B 2	Rest Day	24 D 3 : D 2	Rest Day	36 F 3 : F 2
Departure teams ranked 13 to 24 Groups B, D, F	Rest Day	Rest Day	Rest Day	Travel Day	29 E 4 : E 1	Travel Day
					30 E 3 : E 2	
<b>Main Round</b>		Group I	Group II			
8. Thu, 10.12.2026		37 1. C : 2. B	38 2. A : 2. C	Rest Day		
Departure teams ranked 13 to 24 - Group E		39 1. A : 1. B	49 1. F : 2. E	50 2. D : 2. F		
9. Fri, 11.12.2026		Rest Day	51 1. D : 1. E			
10. Sat, 12.12.2026		40 1. C : 1. B	41 1. A : 2. C	Rest Day		
11. Sun, 13.12.2026		42 2. A : 2. B	52 1. F : 1. E	53 1. D : 2. F		
12. Mon, 14.12.2026		Rest Day	54 2. D : 2. E			
13. Tue, 15.12.2026		43 1. A : 2. B	44 2. A : 1. C	Rest Day		
14. Wed, 16.12.2026		45 1. B : 2. C	46 1. A : 1. C	55 1. D : 2. E		
Thu, 17.12.2026		47 2. A : 1. B	48 2. B : 2. C	56 2. D : 1. F		
Departure teams ranked 7 to 12		Travel Day	57 1. E : 2. F	58 1. D : 1. F		
		Rest Day	59 2. D : 1. E	60 2. E : 2. F		
<b>Placement match</b>		Place 5/6	61 3. I : 3. II			
15. Fri, 18.12.2026		Place 1-4	62 1. I : 2. II			
<b>Semifinals</b>		Place 1-4	63 2. I : 1. II			
15. Fri, 18.12.2026		Rest Day				
Sat, 19.12.2026		Place 1-4				
Departure teams ranked 5/6		64 L 62 : L 63				
<b>Finals</b>		65 W 62 : W 63				
16. Sun, 20.12.2026		Departure Day				
Mon 21.12.2026						

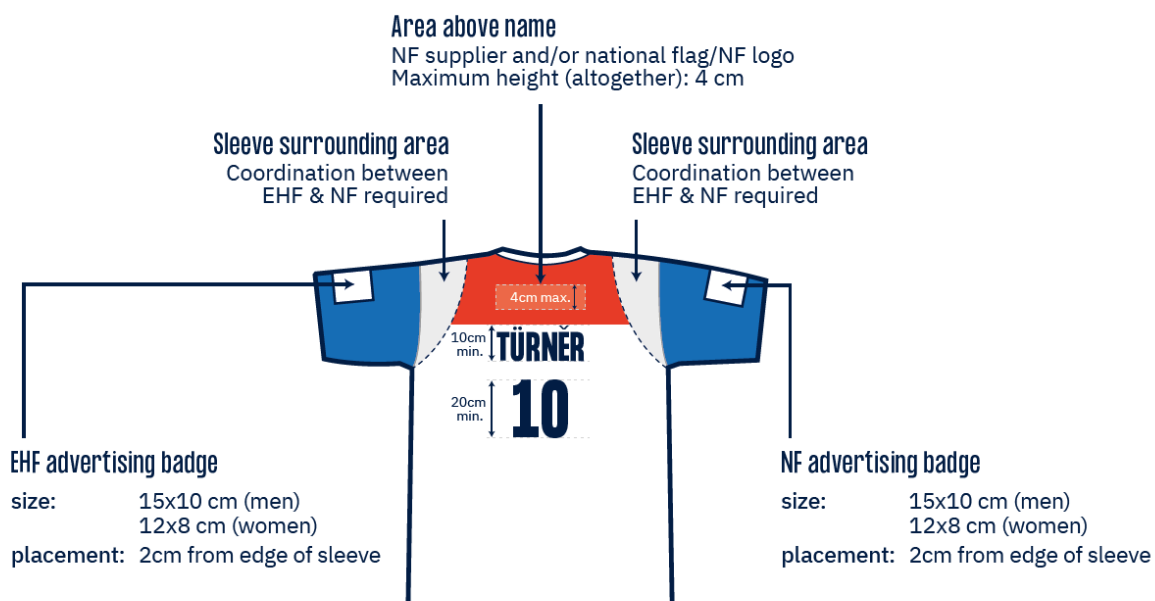
The EHF reserves the right to schedule additional placement matches, if required.

## ENCLOSURE 3 PLAYERS' SHIRT ADVERTISING

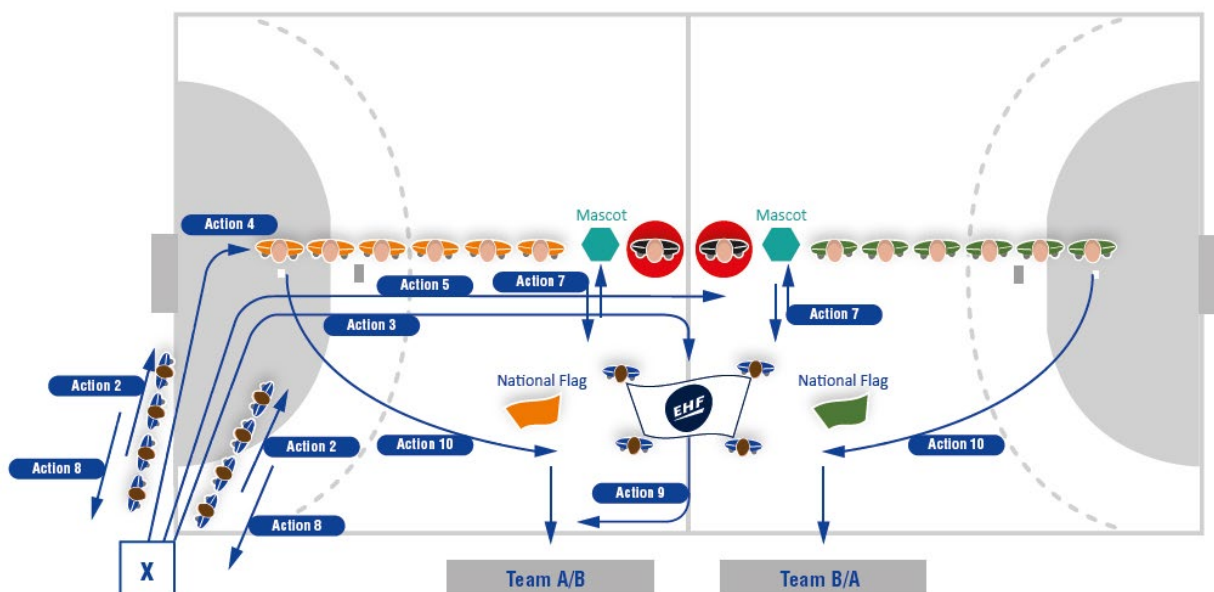
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### Back

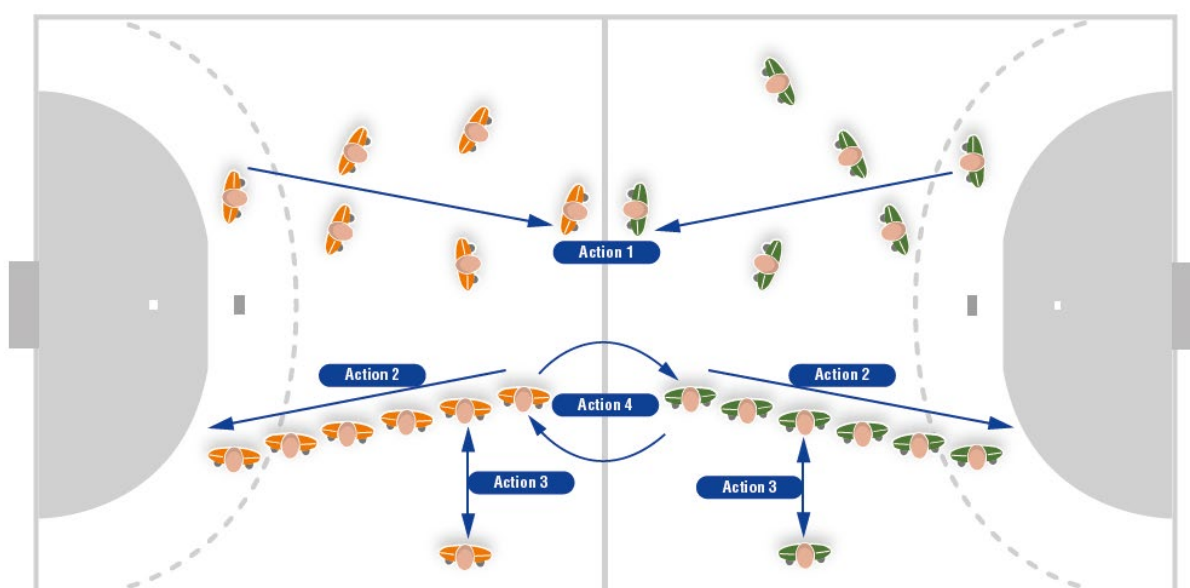


## ENCLOSURE 4      PRE-MATCH PROCEDURE



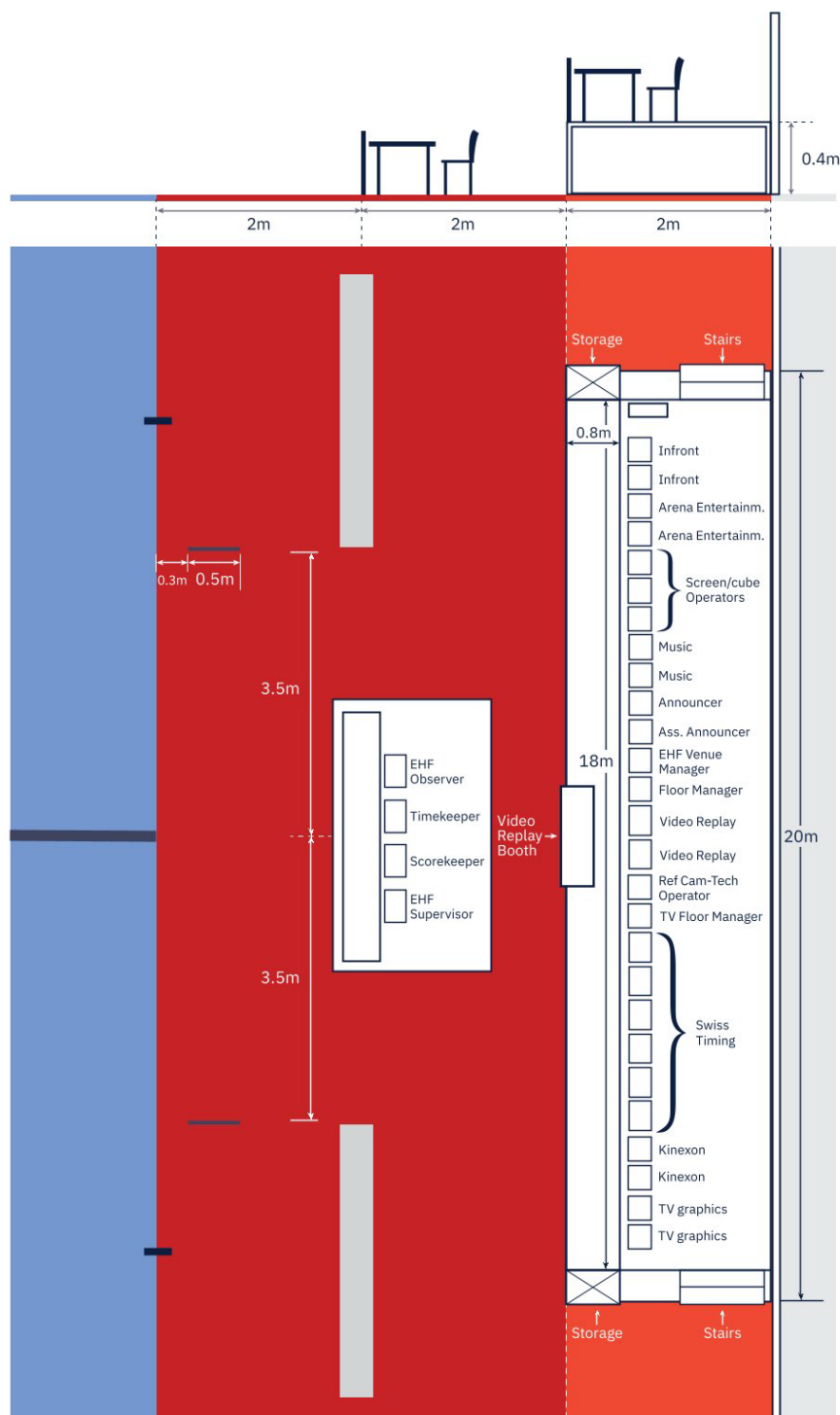
- Action 1** 10' prior to throw-off, line-up assembly at meeting point
- Action 2** 9' 45" prior to throw-off, players' escorts form a corridor in 2 lines (optional)
- Action 3** EURO Championship flag presentation
- Action 4** Team A/B line-up
- Action 5** Team B/A line-up
- Action 6** Presentation of players and officials
- Action 7** National anthems of team A and B, and national flags presentation
- Action 8** Exit of players' escort corridor
- Action 9** Exit of EURO Championship flag mascots
- Action 10** Face to face line-up (exchange of gifts / match preparation / fair play announcement)

## ENCLOSURE 5 POST-MATCH PROCEDURE



- Action 1** Informal handshake at the end of the game
- Action 2** Post-match team line-up
- Action 3** Presentation of the 'Player of the Match'
- Action 4** Official 'passing by' handshake

## ENCLOSURE 6 SUBSTITUTION AREA



## ENCLOSURE 7 ANTI-DOPING INFRASTRUCTURE

