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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Scope of application

1.1. The present Younger Age Category Championship Regulations (“YAC EHF Championship 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 11.2 of the EHF Statutes:

- **Men’s 18 EHF Championship I 2026**
(open for players born 2008 or younger)
- **Men’s 18 EHF Championship II 2026**
(open for players born 2008 or younger)
- **Men’s 20 EHF Championship I 2026**
(open for players born 2006 or younger)
- **Men’s 20 EHF Championship II 2026**
(open for players born 2006 or younger)

These competitions are hereinafter jointly referred to as “YAC EHF Championships” or individually referred to as “M18 EHF Championship I / M18 EHF Championship II / M20 EHF Championship I / M20 EHF Championship II”.

1.2. 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 a YAC EHF Championship 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 YAC EHF EURO shall form an integral part of the present YAC EHF Championship Regulations including (without limitation):
- The EHF Advertising on Clothing Regulations
 - 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 (subject to EHF specifications)
 - The IHF Player's Eligibility Code (part of the IHF Transfer Regulations)
 - The EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping
 - The EHF Codes of Conduct
 - The EHF Off Court Officiating Guidelines
 - The EHF EURO Event Set-up Manual
 - The EHF YAC Brand Guidelines
 - The YAC EHF EURO Procedures and Guidelines Manual

II. COMPETITION BASICS

Article 4

Competition stages and rhythm

- 4.1. The Younger Age Category EHF Championships (the “Competition(s)”) consist(s) of a final tournament (“YAC EHF Championship”).
- 4.2. The M18/M20 EHF Championships take place in a two-year rhythm in even years.

Competition announcement

- 4.3. Each YAC EHF Championship is staged and organised by one EHF Member Federation (the “Host Federation”). Any alteration to this principle must be approved by the EHF Executive Committee.
- 4.4. The official announcement of a YAC EHF Championship is made by the EHF to the EHF Member Federations. The YAC EHF Championships application documents to stage and organise the respective YAC EHF Championship including (without limitation) the relevant bidding manual are sent to each EHF Member Federation in due time before the YAC EHF Championship playing periods.

Allocation of the competitions

- 4.5. The fulfilment of the criteria established by the EHF Executive Committee and/or defined in the corresponding YAC EHF Championship application documents - including (without limitation) the relevant bidding manual - is required for an application by a Member Federation.
- 4.6. The allocation of a YAC EHF Championship to a Member Federation is decided by the EHF Executive Committee.
- 4.7. The EHF Member Federation awarded as Host Federation of the YAC EHF Championship by the EHF Executive Committee, is entrusted with the organisation and staging of the YAC EHF Championship in cooperation with the EHF.

III. ENTRIES/ADMISSIONS/DUTIES – CONDITIONS

Article 5

Right of registration

- 5.1. Notwithstanding the official EHF ranking list, 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 YAC EHF Championship.
- 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 YAC EHF Championship.

Single registration

- 5.3. The registration of the teams participating in a YAC EHF Championship, including the payment of the respective entry fee, takes place within the deadline provided by the EHF.

Admission criteria and fees

Registration documents

- 5.4. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Member Federation must fulfil the following criteria:
 - a) It must confirm in writing that the Member Federation itself, its players and team officials and each and every delegation member agree to respect the statutes, regulations, code of conduct and decisions of the EHF (pledge of commitment/code of conduct – official form).
 - b) It must confirm in writing that the Member Federation itself, its players and team 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 fill in the official registration documents which must be received by the EHF Office within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to all Member Federations.

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

Entry fee

- 5.6. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Member Federation must pay an entry fee of € 400 to the EHF which must be received on the EHF account within the deadline set by the EHF and communicated in due course to all Member Federations.
- 5.7. The entry fee is paid once by the participating Member Federation for the entire Competition.
- 5.8. If the payment is not received by the EHF on the due date, the entry fee is automatically doubled.
- 5.9. If the entry fee is not received within four (4) weeks after the announced deadline, the Member Federation must be fined € 2,390 and must be excluded from the respective Competition.

Deposit

- 5.10. Together with the entry fee, all Member Federations that wish to have a team participating in the Competition must make a deposit (for the use of other purposes) to the EHF. The deposit per team must amount to a minimum of € 2,000 in the case point 5.11. does not apply.
- 5.11. The EHF Executive Committee is allowed to set a permanent deposit of between € 0 and € 6,400 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 transfer the amount as stipulated in Article 5.10.
- 5.12. 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.
- 5.13. The EHF is allowed to ask the Member Federations that wish to have a team participating in the final tournament of the Competition to set an additional deposit with the EHF which would cover the cost of any damage caused by their respective

delegations in the hotels at the playing venues. The deposit is returned to the Member Federations at the end of the Competition if no damage has occurred.

Duties of the Member Federations

- 5.14. On entering the Competition, participating Member Federations and each delegation member agree:
- a) To comply with the IHF Rules of the Game (and with the specifications to the IHF Rules of the Game applying to the YAC EHF Championship).
 - 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 YAC EHF Championship Regulations and any other applicable regulations.
 - 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 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 YAC EHF Championship Regulations.

IV. WITHDRAWAL, FAILURE TO PLAY AND SIMILAR CASES

Article 6

Withdrawal, failure to play and similar cases

- 6.1. A team withdrawing from the YAC EHF Championship or failing to play a YAC EHF Championship match is immediately excluded from the Competition.
- 6.2. In case of withdrawal, the entry fee, the deposit 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 sanctioned (e.g. fine and suspension) in accordance with Article C of the EHF List of Penalties.
- 6.4. In case of failure to play a scheduled match, the entry fee, the deposit and the solidarity contribution must be forfeit 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.
- 6.5. 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.
- 6.6. If a team withdraws, refuses to play or is disqualified during the YAC EHF Championship, the results of all of its matches are declared null and void and the points awarded are forfeited.
- 6.7. If a team that has registered for the YAC EHF Championship withdraws or is disqualified, the EHF may replace it and if so, decides which team is to take its place according to the official EHF ranking list. No draw must take place.
- 6.8. 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.

V. COMPETITION SYSTEM

Article 7

Number of participating teams

- 7.1. The M18 EHF Championship I 2026 will be played with eight (8) teams, the M18 EHF Championship II will be played with six (6) teams, the M20 EHF Championship I 2026 will be played with six (6) teams and the M20 EHF Championship II will be played with six (6) teams.

Article 8

General Basis for participation

- 8.1. The basic requirement to participate in any YAC EHF Championship is to register in due time in compliance with the registration process conditions set forth by the EHF, taking into consideration the system of promotion and relegation defined below.

Basis for participation in the M18 EHF Championship I 2026

- 8.2. Teams ranked third (3rd) in each group (five (5) in total) and the overall three (3) best fourth (4th) ranked teams of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments after completion of all matches are entitled to participate for the M18 EHF Championship I 2026.

Basis for participation in the M18 EHF Championship II 2026

- 8.3. The overall two (2) last fourth (4th) ranked teams of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments after completion of all matches are entitled to participate in the M18 EHF Championship II 2026. In addition to these two (2) teams, teams which did not take part in the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments but registered in due time for the M18 EHF Championship II 2026 in compliance with the registration process conditions set forth by the EHF are entitled to participate in the M18 EHF Championship II 2026.

Basis for participation in the M20 EHF Championship I 2026

- 8.4. Teams ranked twenty-first (21st) to twenty-four (24th) of the last M18 EHF EURO 2024 excluding the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2026, teams ranked fourth (4th) to sixth (6th) of the last M18 EHF Championship I 2024 and teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) of the last M18 EHF Championship II 2024 were allowed to register for and participate in the M20 EHF Championship I 2026.

Basis for participation in the M20 EHF Championship II 2026

- 8.5. All teams, which were not entitled to and hence did not register for the M20 EHF EURO 2026 and the M20 EHF Championship I 2026, were allowed to register for and participate in the M20 EHF Championship II 2026.

Qualification for the M18 EHF EURO 2028

- 8.6. Based on the respective Men's YAC EHF 4-year Ranking List, the top eight (8) nations will receive a direct place at the M18 EHF EURO 2028.
- 8.7. The host nation(s) of the M18 EHF EURO 2028 will receive (a) direct place(s) in the respective competition (if the host nation(s) is (are) not amongst the nations ranked one (1) to eight (8)).
- 8.8. The winning nation of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 will receive a direct place in the M18 EHF EURO 2028 (if the winning nation of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 is not amongst the nations ranked one (1) to eight (8) or the host).
- 8.9. All other registered participants will play the M18 EHF EURO 2028 Qualification Tournaments. These tournaments will be played in autumn 2027.
- 8.10. Depending on the number of registered teams and the remaining open places for the M18 EHF EURO 2028, groups of a maximum of 4 teams will be formed for each qualification tournament.
- 8.11. The EHF reserves the right to award additional direct qualification(s) to the final tournament.

Qualification for the M20 EHF EURO 2028

- 8.12. The three (3) best ranked teams (excluding the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2028) of the M18 EHF Championship I 2026 are directly qualified for the M20 EHF EURO 2028.

Qualification for the M20 EHF Championship I 2028

- 8.13. Should the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2028 be from amongst the teams ranked first (1st) to twenty-fourth (24th) of the M18 EHF EURO 2026, the lowest ranked three (3) teams (excluding the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2028) of the M18 EHF EURO 2026, teams ranked fourth (4th) to sixth (6th) of the M18 EHF Championship I 2026 and the two (2) best ranked teams of the M18 EHF Championship II 2026 will directly qualify for the M20 EHF Championship I 2028.
- 8.14. Should the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2028 not be from amongst the teams ranked first (1st) to twenty-fourth (24th) of the M18 EHF EURO 2026, but any team from the M18 EHF Championship I 2026, the teams ranked twenty-first (21st) to twenty-fourth (24th) of the M18 EHF EURO 2026, two (2) teams from amongst the teams ranked fourth (4th) to sixth (6th) from the M18 EHF Championship I 2026, and the two (2) best ranked teams of the M18 EHF Championship II 2026 will directly qualify for the M20 EHF Championship I 2028.
- 8.15. Should the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2028 not be from amongst the teams ranked first (1st) to twenty-fourth (24th) of the M18 EHF EURO 2026, or any team from the M18 EHF Championship I 2026, but any team from the M18 EHF Championship II 2026, the teams ranked twenty-first (21st) to twenty-fourth (24th) of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 and teams ranked fourth (4th) and fifth (5th) of the M18 EHF Championship I 2026, and the two (2) best ranked teams, and the two (2) best ranked teams (excluding the host) of the M18 EHF Championship II 2026 will directly qualify for the M20 EHF Championship I 2028.

Qualification for the M20 EHF Championship II 2028

- 8.16. Should the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2028 be from amongst the teams ranked first (1st) to twenty-fourth (24th) of the M18 EHF EURO 2026, or any team from the M18 EHF Championship I 2026, the two (2) lowest ranked teams (excluding the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2028) from the M18 EHF Championship I 2026 and teams that are not qualified for the M20 EHF EURO 2028 or M20 EHF Championship I 2028 and

registered for the M20 EHF Championship II 2028 are qualified directly for the M20 EHF Championship II 2028.

- 8.17. Should the host of the M20 EHF EURO 2028 not be from amongst the teams ranked first (1st) to twenty-fourth (24th) of the M18 EHF EURO 2026, or any team from the M18 EHF Championship I 2026, but any team from the M18 EHF Championship II 2026, the teams ranked sixth (6th) to eight (8th) of the M18 EHF Championship I 2026 and teams that are not qualified for the M20 EHF EURO 2028 or M20 EHF Championship I 2028 and registered for the M20 EHF Championship II 2028 are qualified directly for the M20 EHF Championship II 2028.

Article 9

Final tournament playing system(s)

- 9.1. Depending on the number of registered teams, the YAC EHF Championships consist of a preliminary round, cross matches, placement matches, semi-finals and finals or of a preliminary round, placement matches and finals.
- 9.2. A tournament winner is designated for each of the tournaments.

General information

- 9.3. All matches of the YAC EHF Championship are played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break of ten (10) minutes according to the IHF Rules of the Game.
- 9.4. If the teams are still equal after the end of a K.O match (i.e. preliminary round matches excluded), the winners are determined by penalty throws (Article 9.41). No period of extra-time shall take place.

Preliminary round group formation / Draw

- 9.5. The composition of the preliminary round groups of each YAC EHF Championship is decided by a public draw carried out by the EHF. In case a YAC EHF Championship is played with only one (1) preliminary round group, no draw needs to be carried out.
- 9.6. The seeding for the draw of the M18 EHF Championship I and the M18 EHF Championship II is based on the final results of the M18 EHF EURO Qualification Tournaments and the respective YAC ranking list. The seeding for the draw of the

M20 EHF Championship I and the M20 EHF Championship II is based on the respective YAC ranking list and the results of the previous M18 EHF EURO and M18 EHF Championships.

- 9.7. The Host Federation team is seeded according to its ranking position in the respective YAC ranking list but not lower than pot 2.
- 9.8. The draw starts with the pots not containing the Host Federation. Once the pot with the Host Federation is left, the Host Federation has the right to choose one of the groups before the remaining places are drawn.

YAC EHF Championship Playing Schedule for 8 Teams (M18 EHF Championship I 2026)

Match system for the preliminary round

- 9.9. The matches of the preliminary round are played in groups with each team playing all opponents in its group (round robin system). The basic playing schedules are to be found in enclosure 1.
- 9.10. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no point for a defeat.
- 9.11. Teams' ranking in a group is obtained by adding up the number of points won by each team in each group match.

Equality of points during and after the preliminary round matches

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

During the preliminary round matches:

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

Cross and placement matches
Places 5 to 8

- 9.14. The teams ranked third (3rd) and fourth (4th) in each group after completion of the preliminary round matches play a cross match and a placement match to attribute the places 5 to 8 in the YAC EHF Championship.
- 9.15. The team ranked third (3rd) in the first group of the preliminary round plays a cross match against the team ranked fourth (4th) in the second group of the preliminary round. The team ranked fourth (4th) in the first group of the preliminary round plays a cross match against the team ranked third (3rd) of the second group of the preliminary round.
- 9.16. The winners of the cross match mentioned in article 9.15 play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places 5 and 6 in the YAC EHF Championship.
- 9.17. The teams that lost the cross matches mentioned in article 9.15 play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places 7 and 8 in the YAC EHF Championship.

Semi-finals

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

Bronze final (Places 3 to 4)

- 9.20. The teams that lost the semi-finals play a bronze final match to define places three (3) and four (4) in the YAC EHF Championship.

Final (places 1 to 2)

- 9.21. The winners of the semi-finals play in the final to define places one (1) and two (2) in the YAC EHF Championship.

YAC EHF Championship Playing Schedule for 7 Teams

Match system for the preliminary round

- 9.22. The matches of the preliminary round are played in groups with each team playing all opponents in its group (round robin system). The basic playing schedules are to be found in enclosure 1.
- 9.23. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no point for a defeat.
- 9.24. 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

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

During the preliminary round matches:

- d) Superior goal difference from all group matches.

- e) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches.
- f) Alphabetical order.

After the completion of the preliminary round matches:

- f) Higher number of points obtained in the group matches played amongst the teams in question.
 - g) Superior goal difference from the group matches played amongst the teams in question.
 - h) Higher number of goals scored in the group matches played amongst the teams in question.
 - i) Superior goal difference from all group matches (achieved by subtraction).
 - j) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches.
- If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.
- 9.26. If this procedure does not lead to a decision after completion of all preliminary round matches, a draw must decide the ranking. The draw must be carried out by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of at least one (1) team official per delegation concerned.

Cross and placement matches

Places 5 to 7

- 9.27. The two (2) teams ranked third (3rd) and the one (1) team ranked fourth (4th) after completion of the preliminary round matches play in a group system (cross group) to attribute the places 5 to 7 in the championship.
- 9.28. The result of the match between the teams placed third (3rd) and fourth (4th) of the preliminary round group with four (4) teams remains valid.

Semi-finals

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

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

Bronze final (Places 3 to 4)

- 9.31. The teams that lost the semi-finals play a bronze final match to define places three (3) and four (4) in the YAC EHF Championship.

Final (places 1 to 2)

- 9.32. The winners of the semi-finals play in the final to define places one (1) and two (2) in the YAC EHF Championship.

YAC EHF Championship Playing Schedule for 6 Teams (M18 EHF Championship II 2026, M20 EHF Championship I 2026, M20 EHF Championship II 2026)

Match system for the preliminary round

- 9.33. The matches of the preliminary round are played in one single group with each team playing all opponents. The basic playing schedules are to be found in enclosure 1.
- 9.34. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no point for a defeat.
- 9.35. Teams' ranking in the 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

- 9.36. 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.

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

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

Placement matches

Places 5 to 6

- 9.38. The two (2) teams ranked fifth (5th) and sixth (6th) after completion of the preliminary round matches play to attribute the places 5 to 6 in the YAC EHF Championship.

Bronze final (Places 3 to 4)

- 9.39. The two (2) teams ranked third (3rd) and fourth (4th) after completion of the preliminary round matches play to attribute the places 3 to 4 in the YAC EHF Championship.

Final (places 1 to 2)

- 9.40. The two (2) teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) after completion of the preliminary round matches play to attribute the places 1 to 2 in the YAC EHF Championship.

Penalty throws rules

9.41. 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 (coin toss) 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 must be nominated (players having already thrown may be nominated again).
- e) A decision in the second round of penalty throwing is reached once there is a difference in goals after both teams have executed the same number of throws.
- f) Players and goalkeepers eligible to play are those players on the match report who are not disqualified, or suspended when the whistle finished the playing time.
- g) Serious violations during the penalty throws will be punished by disqualification in all cases. If a court player or a goalkeeper is disqualified or injured, a substitute with playing eligibility must be nominated.
- h) During each individual throw, only the player executing the throw, the defending goalkeeper and the referees are allowed to be in the respective half of the playing court.
- i) In the case that the number of players eligible to play is lower than five (5), the team concerned has the right to nominate players for a second throw during the same round.

VI. TROPHY, MEDALS AND PRIZES

Article 10

Trophy

- 10.1. The winners of the YAC EHF Championships receive 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 finalists of the YAC EHF Championships and the teams ranked third (3rd) in the Competition receive from the Host Federation a prize/trophy in different shape than the winner's trophy. The trophies remain in the respective Member Federations' 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 YAC EHF Championship receives a gold medal.
- 10.4. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked second (2nd) in the YAC EHF Championship receives a silver medal.
- 10.5. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) including players and team officials) of the team ranked third (3rd) in the YAC EHF Championship receives a bronze medal.

Commemorative medals

- 10.6. Each delegation member (up to thirty (30) persons including players and team officials) of the teams which compete receives a commemorative medal.
- 10.7. Each EHF Official who participates in the YAC EHF Championship organisation receives a commemorative medal.
- 10.8. A complete set of YAC EHF Championship medals (gold, silver, bronze and commemorative) must be provided by the Host Federation to the EHF Office after the end of the respective YAC EHF Championship.

VII. COMPETITION/MATCHES DATES AND TIMES

Article 11

Playing periods

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

Match dates / Throw-off times

- 11.2. The exact dates and throw-off times of each YAC EHF Championship match are subject to coordination between the EHF and the Host Federation.
- 11.3. The final decision regarding dates and throw-off times of the final tournament matches lies with the EHF.
- 11.4. There must be at least sixteen (16) hours interval between the throw-offs of 2 (two) successive matches of a team.
- 11.5. The exact dates and throw-off times of the YAC EHF Championship matches are communicated to the participating Member Federations by the EHF in due time before the YAC EHF Championship.

Training times

- 11.6. During the YAC EHF Championship, each participating 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 is organised either in the playing hall or in a training hall at a distance of maximum twenty-five (25) kilometres/thirty (30) minutes from the playing hall. During the tournament, each team is given the possibility to train in the playing hall an equal number of times and in any case once prior to their first match.
- 11.7. A schedule of the teams' trainings during the YAC EHF Championship is prepared by the Host Federation and the EHF according to the EHF standard requirements and any further requirements defined herein. The YAC EHF Championship training

schedule is communicated to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the YAC EHF Championship.

- 11.8. Modifications of scheduled times/dates of the training sessions or additional training sessions in the playing hall and/or training hall are not allowed, unless expressly agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation.
- 11.9. The respective delegation must inform the Host Federation 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

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

VIII. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

Article 12

Nationality

- 12.1. YAC EHF Championship matches are carried out as international matches. Players of a team participating in a YAC EHF Championship 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 YAC EHF Championship. A player who cannot present either a valid passport or national identity card from the country concerned is not eligible to participate in any match of a YAC EHF Championship.
- 12.2. In addition, every player participating in a YAC EHF Championship must be eligible to play for that country in accordance with the applicable IHF Regulations (IHF Players' Eligibility Code).
- 12.3. YAC EHF Championship matches are carried out as international matches. Players of a team participating in a YAC EHF Championship must be within the respective age defined by the EHF. Proof of the age (valid passport or national identity card) is required to take part in the YAC EHF Championship. A player who cannot present either a valid passport or national identity card from the country concerned is not eligible to participate in any match of a YAC EHF Championship.

Following age categories are defined for the YAC EHF Championships 2026:

M18 EHF Championship I/II 2026: players born 2008 or younger

M20 EHF Championship I/II 2026: players born 2006 or younger

Article 13

Registration / Official Squad

Official Squad

- 13.1. 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 YAC EHF Championship in writing to the Host Federation 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 YAC EHF Championship. 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 at a later stage (one day before the start of the YAC EHF Championship) are allowed.
- 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) Players’ first names, surnames, dates of birth, clubs/nations, body heights, number of international matches, playing position, passport/national identity card numbers.
 - b) 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.
 - c) Team officials’ names, surnames, date of birth, function, nation and assigned letter (from A to F, with head Coach letter B).

Official Delegation

- 13.5. At the first technical meeting, one day before the start of the YAC EHF Championship, a maximum of eighteen (18) players from the thirty-five (35) listed players of the Official Squad as well as a maximum of six (6) team officials must be nominated as Official Delegation by each delegation. The valid passports or national identity cards of each of the eighteen (18) players of the Official Delegation must be presented to the EHF delegates (two at least) at the technical meeting for verification.
- 13.6. Subject to Articles 13.7 to 13.20, only the eighteen (18) players of the Official Delegation are allowed to play in matches of the corresponding YAC EHF Championship.

Start List

- 13.7. The Start List contains the names and numbers of the eighteen (18) players and six (6) teams' officials of the Official Delegation. The Start List is prepared and handed over to the team officials in charge in due course before the throw-off of a YAC EHF Championship 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 two (2) players and up to one (1) team official 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 six officials (A to F) announced at the Technical Meetings.
- 13.8. Only the five (5) officials of the Start List not crossed out are eligible to be in the substitution area during the match.

Eligibility to participate

- 13.9. 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 YAC EHF Championship.

Players' replacement

- 13.10. During the YAC EHF Championship, up to two (2) players can be replaced by another player of the Official Squad List at any time during the tournament.
- 13.11. The delegations must inform the EHF Office at the venue (the "EHF Office") about the replacement of players by sending via email the duly completed and signed form for replacements as well as the passport or national identity card of the replacing player (scanned version) by 09:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) on the match day. If the respective match starts at 11:00hrs or earlier, the replacement must be communicated by 21:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) on the day prior to the respective match day.
- 13.12. The original passport or national identity card must be presented to the EHF delegate (supervisor) at the technical meeting prior to the next match or in the playing hall one (1) hour prior to the next match at the latest.

- 13.13. Upon confirmation by the EHF of the replacement (only after presentation of the original passport or national identity card of the replacing player), the replacing player is added on the official Start List/match report of the next match of the team and the replaced player is removed.
- 13.14. A player being replaced by another player can be replaced again under the condition of a replacement referred to in Articles 13.10 to 13.16.
- 13.15. If a player being 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 YAC EHF Championship only after completion of the entire suspension.
- 13.16. Additional costs arising from the replacement or the additional announcement of players must be borne by the related Member Federations, including the costs of local transports such as the transport from and to the airport.

Additional announcement of players

- 13.17. If at the first technical meeting, one day before the start of the YAC EHF Championship, a delegation nominates seventeen (17) 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:
- 13.18. The delegation must inform the EHF Office about the additional announcement of a player by sending via email the duly completed-and signed official form for additional announcements as well as the passport or national identity card of the additional player (scanned version), by 09:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) on the match day. If the respective match starts at 11:00hrs or earlier, the announcement must be communicated by 21:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) on the day prior to the respective match day.
- 13.19. 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).
- 13.20. Upon confirmation by the EHF of the additional announcement (only after presentation of the original passport or national identity card of the replacing player), the player is added on the official Start List/match report of the next match of the team.

Replacement of team official

- 13.21. Under exceptional circumstances, the tournament management may, upon request, accept the change of a team official of a participating delegation after the technical meeting.
- 13.22. Additional costs arising from the replacement of team official must be borne by the related Member Federation, including the costs of local transports such as the transport from and to the airport.

Participation of suspended and/or players not eligible to participate

- 13.23. The use of a player who has been suspended and/or is not eligible to play in any YAC EHF Championship match must be sanctioned in accordance with the applicable EHF Legal Regulations and EHF List of Penalties.

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

Article 14

Team kits requirements

- 14.1. Each team is required to have at least one (1) full team kit in light colours and one (1) full team kit in dark colours for the matches of the YAC EHF Championship. Blue and red are considered dark colours. In case of multi-coloured shirts in any of the full team kits, only one of the colours – and not the main colour – can be repeated in the other full team kit.
- 14.2. Goalkeepers' kit must differ from court players' kit, in both dark colour and light colour kit options.
- 14.3. The colours and the photos of the full team kits (at least one (1) light colour option and one (1) dark colour option) must be provided to the EHF before the beginning of the YAC EHF Championship 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. 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 YAC EHF Championship, for final approval by the EHF. If more than two (2) full team kits have been prepared for the YAC EHF Championship, they must also be presented at the first technical meeting.
- 14.5. The full team kits approved at the first technical meeting are the only ones allowed during the entire YAC EHF Championship.

Choice of kit

- 14.6. A "kit plan" defining the full team kit (light colour option or dark colour option) to be used by each team in each preliminary round match is set up by the EHF (based on the composition of the groups and the TV appearance requirements) after the first technical meeting and communicated in due course to the delegations. Subject to Articles 14.8 and 14.9, the EHF decision is final. The "kit plan" must be respected by each participating team.

- 14.7. Such a “kit plan” is also set up by the EHF for the main round matches, the intermediate round matches, placement group matches, cross matches, placement matches and the final weekend matches after the respective technical meetings and communicated in due course to the delegations. Subject to Articles 14.8 and 14.9, the EHF decision is final.
- 14.8. The EHF delegate (supervisor) of each match is allowed to request any of the teams 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. The teams must comply with the EHF delegate’s (supervisor) instruction accordingly.
- 14.9. Any EHF Official (EHF delegate or EHF referee) of the match is allowed to request any of the team officials to change their clothing, if the EHF Official considers that colours of the team official’s clothing are likely to cause confusion, in particular with the court players of the opposing team. The team officials must comply with the EHF Official’s instruction accordingly.

Players’ names / numbers – Officials’ letters

- 14.10. Each player’s number announced during the first technical meeting must be affixed on the back and front of the shirt of the respective player. The number must be clearly legible, must range from 1 to 99 and be at least 20 cm high on the back and at least 10 cm high on the front. The colour of the number must contrast clearly with the colour of the shirt.
- 14.11. During the entire duration of the YAC EHF Championship, each player must wear the same number (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the first technical meeting) regardless of her/his position (goalkeeper or court player).
- 14.12. The letter assigned by the delegations to their team officials during the first technical meeting must be affixed on the officials’ accreditations. They must range from A to F. No loose letter card is allowed during the YAC EHF Championship.
- 14.13. During the entire duration of the YAC EHF Championship, each team official must wear the same letter (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the first technical meeting).

Additional requirements

- 14.14. 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 jerseys or jackets of the tracksuits. Under exceptional circumstances the EHF responsible for the match may permit long tracksuit trousers (harmonized for the entire delegation).
- 14.15. In accordance with the present regulations as well as the IHF Rules of the Game: Regulations on Protective Equipment and Accessories, the following shall apply during YAC EHF Championship 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 number of each player must appear on their shirts as defined here above.
 - b. For further information related to clothing issues, please refer to the respective IHF Regulations on Protective Equipment and Accessories.
 - c. The team officials on the bench must wear clothing having clearly distinct colour(s) from the colour(s) of the opposing team’s playing kit.

Article 15

Advertising on players’ kits

- 15.1. Subject to the restrictions mentioned hereunder, advertising on players’ kits is allowed.
- 15.2. Advertising related to drugs, pornography or spirits is strictly forbidden on the players’ kits.
- 15.3. For any advertising on kits during a YAC EHF Championship, the provisions and restrictions laid down in the Advertising on Clothing Regulations 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 YAC EHF Championship.

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

Back shirt advertising restrictions

- 15.6. The area on the back of the shirts above the player's number can be used for the surname of the player or for a sponsor instead.

Sleeve advertising

- 15.7. Sleeves of the players' shirts must be reserved for EHF advertising. Any other type of advertising and/or writing on the sleeve is forbidden.
- 15.8. The team official(s) in charge must ensure that the sleeves badges and/or logos are properly fixed on each player's shirt in due time prior to each match.
- 15.9. The EHF informs the participating Member Federations if the aforementioned EHF right to sleeve advertising will not be used at least six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the respective YAC EHF Championship.

Non-obedience of the applicable points

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

X. MATCH PROCEDURE

Article 16

Laws of the game

- 16.1. YAC EHF Championship 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 YAC EHF Championship 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 YAC EHF Championship round (preliminary round, cross matches, placement matches and final weekend) in each YAC EHF Championship 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 and the team guides. The team officials attending the technical meetings must be able to communicate in English.
- 17.3. In the first technical meeting of the YAC EHF Championship, one day prior to the first matches, each delegation must:
- a. Nominate its Official Delegation composed of a maximum of eighteen (18) players from the thirty-five (35) players of the Official Squad List and six (6) team officials. The team official in charge must complete all fields of the Official Delegation form, must sign it, and must hand it over.
 - b. Present a valid passport or national identity card for each of the players nominated as part of the Official Delegation.

- c. Show the full team kits. One piece of each full team kit (dark colour option and light colour option) must be brought along. The full team kits colours of each participating team must be the ones announced at an earlier stage to the EHF (with the required modifications implemented, if any).
 - d. Confirm the 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 YAC EHF Championship.
- 17.5. The Official Delegation forms presenting the lists of players and team officials nominated as Official Delegation must be checked with the players' passports or national identity cards and be approved and signed by at least two (2) EHF delegates during the first technical meeting of the YAC EHF Championship.
- 17.6. During the following technical meetings of the YAC EHF Championship, the full team kits must be once again presented by each participating delegation.

Article 18

A. Pre-match procedure

Warm up

- 18.1. In due time before the start of a YAC EHF Championship 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 a YAC EHF Championship match, the pre-prepared Start List containing the names of the Official Delegation of the playing teams must be checked and confirmed by the team officials in charge. Moreover, the team officials in charge must reduce the number of players to a maximum of sixteen (16) by crossing out up to two (2) players and the number of team officials to a maximum of five (5) by crossing out up to one (1) team officials listed. Only 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) thirty (30) minutes prior to the throw-off of the match.

- 18.4. The Host Federation is responsible to distribute the completed and finalised Start List to the press, press agents and to the EHF Office before the match.
- 18.5. The EHF delegate (supervisor) coordinates and is responsible for the Start List procedure assisted by the EHF Office.

Before team's line-up

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

Teams' line-up

- 18.7. Each player of the playing teams must be ready for the official teams' line-up ten (10) minutes prior to the official throw-off of the matches (twelve (12) minutes prior to the official throw-off for the matches of the final weekend).
- 18.8. Before entering the playing court for the official teams' line-up, ten (10) minutes before the match throw-off, the players must follow both the EHF referees' and floor managers' instructions and gather at the defined collection point (pre-defined corner of the playing court surrounding area).
- 18.9. Once the EHF referees have given the playing teams the instruction to gather, none of the player is allowed to leave the playing court area.
- 18.10. The players must individually/as a team enter the playing court, in ascending order by jersey numbers following the respective EHF referee and flag bearer carrying the flag of the teams' country. The players of the team entering second on the playing court must pass by the first team in the centre of the court and high five with the other team players before taking their line-up position (Enclosure 2).

Pre-match procedure schedule

- 18.11. The detailed pre-match procedure schedule is the following:

- 12:00 Teams must leave the court
- 10:00 Teams must be ready for the line-up at the meeting point
- 09:45 Flag, mascots, referees, teams ready at the entry meeting point. Player escorts (children) form tunnel.
- 09:30 Start of the protocol flag presentation by four flag presenting children

- 09:00 Line-up of Team A/B (team seating in the first substitution area after the players' entrance point)
- 08:30 Line-up of Team B/A
- 08:00 Introduction of Team A – players and officials
- 06:30 Introduction of Team B – players and officials
- 05:00 Introduction of the referees, EHF officials
- 04:00 National anthem of Team A
- 02:45 National anthem of Team B
- 01:30 Final match preparations of the teams and fair-play announcement
- 00:00 Throw-off/Order by EHF delegate (supervisor)

18.12. The detailed pre-match procedure schedule of the final weekend matches is adapted with two (2) additional minutes to the schedule defined under Article 18.11.

18.13. Further details and information about the pre-match procedure are provided to the delegations before the beginning of the YAC EHF Championship and before each match. The provided information may contain modifications to the schedule mentioned under Article 18.11 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 playing team and individual causing a delay in the throw-offs (start/half-time/timeout) of a YAC EHF Championship match is liable for any damage incurred and may be sanctioned by the EHF accordingly.

Fair play announcement

18.16. The following fair-play announcement is read by the announcer in English and optionally in the official language of the country of the Host Federation once the teams lined-up, before the throw-off:

“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.”

B. Post-match procedures

Handshake and line up

18.17. Immediately after the end of a YAC EHF Championship match, 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 and carry out the official passing-by handshake after the players of the match awards according to enclosure 3.

Player of the match award

18.18. The nominations are made by the EHF and the Local Organising Committee. It is recommended that the Local Organising Committee appoint experts to participate in the nominations.

18.19. The players of the match are automatically nominated to join the EHF 'Respect Your Talent' programme. Details of the programme will be announced ahead of the start of the YAC EHF Championship.

18.20. The name of the 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 player of the match award is handed over to the player by the EHF representative or a person nominated by the EHF representative in cooperation with a Host Federation representative.

18.21. The Player of the Match Awards shall be handed over by a member of the Local Organising Committee together with an EHF representative (if not available, an EHF delegate) to the selected Player of the Match of each team during a Player of the Match Award ceremony to be carried out as part of the short ceremony organised at the end of each match.

18.22. The awards for the Player of the Match will be provided by the EHF for all matches.

Mixed zone

18.23. After the end of each YAC EHF Championship match and the respective ceremonies, all players and officials of the playing teams (physiotherapists and doctors excepted) must pass through the mixed zone, respectively through the official routing system.

18.24. Mixed zone must be equipped with the official event/sponsor backdrop. The layout of the backdrop must be sent to the EHF for approval before the event.

Post-match press conference

- 18.25. The organisation of post-match press conferences at YAC EHF Championship is optional, depending on the level of media interest. Organisers may propose alternative ideas (e.g. flash or super flash interviews) and the EHF welcomes new initiatives and innovations. Approval must be sought from the EHF ahead of the start of the YAC EHF Championship.
- 18.26. If organised, official post-match press conference must take place in the media centre or in a dedicated press conference room. The press conference room needs to be equipped with the official event/sponsor backdrop, table, chairs and microphones.
- 18.27. The official post-match press conference starts fifteen (15) minutes after the end of each YAC EHF Championship match or in case a ceremony takes place after the match, fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the respective ceremony(ies). The head coach of each playing team together with one (1) key player approved by the EHF must take part in the post-match press conference/interviews accompanied by an interpreter, if necessary.
- 18.28. During the post-match press conference/interviews of the semi-finals and the final, the head coach must be accompanied by two (2) key players approved by the EHF.
- 18.29. At the request of the EHF the official post-match press conference must be streamed live.

Transmission of results and tables

- 18.30. The Host Federation is responsible to distribute the half-time results, the final match results, the match reports as well as information on the number of spectators and any other relevant match information of each YAC EHF Championship match to the media, immediately after each respective match.
- 18.31. Person(s) in charge must be nominated by the Host Member Federation accordingly.
- 18.32. Match reports and tables showing results after completion of the matches in the respective round or group may be published only after being officially approved by the EHF.

C. Post-match specific ceremonies

All-star Team

18.33. The All-star Team of the YAC EHF Championship, composed of the best player of the YAC EHF Championship 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 YAC EHF Championship and nominated by the EHF during the final weekend of the YAC EHF Championship.

18.34. The All-star Team is announced by the public announcer on the final day.

Farewell ceremony

18.35. A farewell ceremony for each team (except for the 1st-3rd ranked teams) takes place on the playing court at the end of the placement matches as well as at the end of the bronze final, following the players of the match award ceremony.

18.36. The Official Delegation of the team(s) receives commemorative medals and local gifts (for up to thirty (30) persons) from a representative of the Host Federation.

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

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

Medals and closing ceremony

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

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

- 1st place gold
- 2nd place silver
- 3rd place bronze

- 18.41. Besides the medals, the first ranked team receives the YAC EHF Championship trophy and the second and third ranked teams receive a trophy of a different shape.
- 18.42. Further details and information about the medals and closing ceremony are communicated to the relevant delegations in due time before the ceremony.
- 18.43. Instructions regarding the medals and closing ceremony given by the floor manager, respectively the EHF official in charge prevail and must be followed by any person involved in this ceremony.

Media and promotion

- 18.44. After the final match, the winner of the YAC EHF Championship must be available for media and promotion purposes upon EHF request.

Final Reception

- 18.45. At the evening of the final day of the Event a reception may be organised by the Organiser in an appropriate way: dinner for the EHF Officials, Organising Committee and Team Representatives (2 persons per Team delegation).
- 18.46. Alternative ideas/activities may be proposed to the EHF and require for their conduct EHF prior approval.

XI. PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS

Article 19

Number of delegation members

- 19.1. Each Member Federation participating in a YAC EHF Championship may travel to the venue with a delegation (including players and officials) of a maximum of twenty-one (21) members.
- 19.2. Any exception to the foregoing must be requested in writing to the EHF and the Host Federation in due time prior to the beginning of the YAC EHF Championship 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.
- 19.4. The hosting federation is obliged to offer accommodation, local transfer for a maximum of 21 persons per delegation (8 twin and 5 single rooms) for the fixed daily rate of € 130/day/person.

Promotion support

- 19.5. Each Member Federation participating in a YAC EHF Championship must actively promote the event and their participation through their official channels and their national media. Each federation is required to display an official event banner and EHFTV banner promoting event live streaming on their official website. Web banners and additional PR materials will be provided by the EHF ahead of the start of each YAC EHF Championship.

XII. RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 20

Responsibilities of the Member Federations

- 20.1. The Member Federations are legally and financially accountable towards the EHF in respect of their delegation and team participating in the YAC EHF Championship. 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 is responsible for security and order before, during and after the matches. The Host Federation 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 YAC EHF Championship about any further guidelines, directives or decisions related to the YAC EHF Championship to be respected and provides them with all relevant documents in due time.

XIII. INSURANCE

Article 21

General Principles

- 21.1. Everyone involved in the YAC EHF Championship 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 YAC EHF Championship. On request of the EHF a written confirmation must be provided by the participating federations.
- In case of a delegation member is not properly insured and needs medical assistance, the occurring costs will have to be borne by the respective National Federation.

Host Federation(s)

- 21.3. The Host Federation is responsible for the insurance cover of all sites used for the YAC EHF Championship including hall, facilities and official zones. If the Host Federation is not the owner of the hall used, the Federation is 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. Hence, the Host Federation shall arrange, at its own expense insurance covers necessary to cover all risks and damages resulting from or relating to the staging and the organisation of a YAC EHF Championship.
- 21.5. In addition to Articles 21.1 and 21.2, the Host Federation staging the YAC EHF Championship must conclude at its own expense adequate insurance cover (including cancellation) for all risks arising from organising and staging the YAC EHF Championship, in accordance with its responsibilities. The insurance must fulfil the minimum conditions set out in the organisation agreement between the EHF and the Host Federation and those communicated by the EHF accordingly.
- 21.6. A copy of all insurance contracts concluded by the Host Federation for the YAC EHF Championship must be provided to the EHF within the deadline set forth by the latter.

EHF

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

Further requirements

21.8. All insurances must cover the full period of the YAC EHF Championship, including the preparation and post-competition phase.

21.9. 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 their participation in the respective YAC EHF Championship.

21.10. The Host Federation and the EHF must not be held responsible of any claims resulting from accidents or illnesses.

XIV. EXCLUSIVITY

Article 22

EHF sponsors / partners exclusivity

- 22.1. The exclusivity of the EHF partners and official suppliers during the YAC EHF Championship must be complied with by the Host Federation.
- 22.2. The names and the respective categories of products/services of the EHF partners and official suppliers as well as the necessary measures and restrictions to be taken by the Host Federation will be communicated six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the respective YAC EHF Championship at the latest.
- 22.3. The Host Federation must send the EHF the list of all sponsors and partners (name, nationality, products/services) which will be represented during the YAC EHF Championship at the venue (including without limitation in the playing hall and all related areas) two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the respective YAC EHF Championship at the latest.
- 22.4. 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 YAC EHF Championship 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–EQUIPMENT)

Article 23

General provisions

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

Choice venues/playing halls

- 23.5. YAC EHF Championship playing venues are proposed by the Host Federation to the EHF.
- 23.6. The Host Federation must propose to the EHF venues where the facilities (playing halls, hotels, transports...) meet the criteria defined in the EHF EURO Set-up Manual, in the Bidding Manual as well as any other criteria set out in the organisation agreement between the Host Federation and the EHF or communicated by the EHF.
- 23.7. YAC EHF Championship matches must be played only in venues and playing halls which have been expressly agreed upon by the EHF following one or several inspections.

Venues/playing halls set-up

- 23.8. Regarding venues and playing halls set-up, the Host Federation 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 and the EHF as well as any further requirements communicated by the EHF.
- 23.9. Subject to the foregoing, the following basic equipment and infrastructures must be prepared and set-up for each YAC EHF Championship match:

Judges' table – Support table

- 23.10. A judges' table and a support table must be set-up and installed in the playing hall.
- 23.11. The size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' table and the support table defined in the Bidding Manual and the organisation agreement between the Host Federation and the EHF must be complied with (enclosure 4).
- 23.12. The provisions of the IHF Rules of the Game regarding the size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' tables are not applicable to YAC EHF Championship matches.

Substitution area - chairs

- 23.13. A substitution area with substitution chairs must be set-up and installed in the playing hall.
- 23.14. The size, position and other requirements concerning the substitution area and the substitution chairs defined in the Bidding Manual and the organisation agreement between the Host Federation and the EHF must be complied with (enclosure 4).
- 23.15. The provisions of the IHF Rules of the Game regarding the size, position and other requirements concerning the substitution area and substitutes' benches are not applicable to YAC EHF Championship matches.

Timekeeping and score-taking apparatus

- 23.16. For all YAC EHF Championship matches, the playing halls must be equipped with an electric timekeeping (counting 0 to 30 minutes for each half) and score taking 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.

Score boards

23.17. For all YAC EHF Championship matches, the playing halls must be equipped with two (2) score boards on each short side of the halls. The score boards must indicate at least the score, nations, time, playing time (counting 0 to 30 minutes during the first half and 30 to 60 during the second half), 2 minutes suspensions. All indications must be synchronised between the two (2) boards and the table. No remote-control system to be used.

Reserve clock

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

Match cards

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

23.20. Three (3) green cards (size A5) showing the capital letter "T" must be at the disposal of the timekeeper for the team time-outs. They are handed over to the responsible members of the respective playing teams at the beginning of each half-time of the regular playing time.

23.21. A card to indicate that a player is injured must also be available.

Playing floor

23.22. For all YAC EHF Championship matches, a clean handball floor with handball lines only shall be installed.

Anti-doping facility

23.23. In all YAC EHF Championship 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. Such infrastructure must include without limitation:

- An anti-doping room of at least 10m² with working infrastructure (table, chairs, control equipment, etc.) for the anti-doping control staff and a refrigerator
- A direct access to a toilet

- A waiting room

Playing balls

23.24. The matches of the YAC EHF Championship must be played with balls approved by the EHF. The EHF provides the balls to be used during the matches of the YAC EHF Championship. No other balls shall be used.

Seats for disqualified players

23.25. Seats in the spectators' stands must be reserved by the Host Federation for the players receiving a red card during the matches of the YAC EHF Championship. A person nominated by the Host Federation supervises those seats and ensure that the disqualified players remain in the defined stand area until the end of the draw for the anti-doping controls or, if no draw takes place, until the final whistle of the respective match.

Ambulance – first aid team

23.26. An ambulance (car) with the required qualified personnel and a first aid team must be present in the playing halls during all matches of the YAC EHF Championship.

Training halls – Training schedule

23.27. The Host Federation must draw-up a training schedule for each participating team during the YAC EHF Championship in accordance with the requirements defined herein (Articles 11.6 and 11.7) and those communicated in due course by the EHF at least two (2) months prior to the beginning of the YAC EHF Championship. 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 same opportunity to train on the main court during the YAC EHF Championship.

23.28. 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.

YAC EHF Championship draw

23.29. The YAC EHF Championship draw defining the preliminary round groups is organised by the EHF.

Others

23.30. The Host Federation must comply with and/or implement any other requirements related to the staging and organisation of the YAC EHF Championship defined in the Bidding Manual, in the organisation agreement between the Host Federation and the EHF and/or communicated by the EHF.

XVI. EHF OFFICIALS

Article 24

Definition

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

Code of Conduct

- 24.2. Any EHF Official nominated to participate in a YAC EHF Championship 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 referee nomination

- 25.1. The EHF referees of the YAC EHF Championship 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 a YAC EHF Championship can be withdrawn at the EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of referee nomination for the YAC EHF Championship are final.
- 25.3. The EHF referee's nomination is communicated by the EHF to all parties concerned in due time prior to the beginning of the YAC EHF Championship.
- 25.4. For each YAC EHF Championship 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

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

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

Refusal

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

Unfit referees

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

Special report

25.9. In case of direct disqualifications or any major incidents, the referees must write an additional detailed report and give it to the EHF 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.

Further tasks

25.12. The EHF referees nominated for the YAC EHF Championship must attend the Officials’ Conference taking place prior to the YAC EHF Championship and any preparatory activity defined as mandatory by the EHF.

25.13. The EHF referees nominated for the YAC EHF Championship must fulfil the preparatory tasks defined and communicated by the EHF. The Member Federations of the referees must supervise those tasks and send a written confirmation to the EHF regarding their completion by the nominated EHF referees within the deadline set-up by the EHF.

Article 26

EHF delegates nomination

- 26.1. The EHF delegates of the YAC EHF Championship 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 a YAC EHF Championship can be withdrawn at EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of delegate nomination for the YAC EHF Championship 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 YAC EHF Championship.
- 26.4. For each YAC EHF Championship match, in due course prior to the match, the EHF assigns two (2) delegates out of those appointed for the YAC EHF Championship: one (1) supervisor, one (1) observer. The EHF decision is final.

Arrival of delegates

- 26.5. The EHF delegates nominated for the YAC EHF Championship must arrive at the relevant venue on the date and time communicated by the EHF, as planned and organised by the Host Federation in cooperation with the EHF delegates and the EHF.
- 26.6. If any of the delegates does not arrive at the match venue as planned and organised, the EHF will take the appropriate decisions. If the EHF decides to replace the delegates, such a decision is final and no protest against the person or nationality of the referee is allowed.

Refusal

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

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

General responsibility

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

26.10. When on duty, the delegates must always carry a copy of the relevant EHF regulations as well as the IHF Rules of the Game.

26.11. 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.

26.12. 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.

26.13. 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.

26.14. 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

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

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

- Write a specific remark on the match report and cross the box "report follows"
- Report such violation and/or incident in writing to the EHF Office immediately after the match

26.17. 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

26.18. 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.

Digital Match report / Start List

26.19. The EHF delegate (supervisor) is responsible for the match report and the Start List.

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

26.21. The YAC EHF Championships shall be administered by the digital match report (DMR) system, the host Federations have the obligations to prepare the software for the scorekeeper.

26.22. The nominated EHF Delegates are responsible for the pre-prepared match report. The official delegation lists will be published on the delegate portal.

26.23. The host Federations shall offer a computer with internet access for the period right after the technical meeting (for the preparation of the match report) and also right after the match (for the completion of the match report).

26.24. The EHF Delegate shall take/print the DMR ticket and provide it to the scorekeeper.

26.25. The host federations shall secure that the scorekeeper duly handles the provided Digital Match Report (DMR) ticket by opening such ticket prior to the match. The scorekeeper shall put the match data directly into digital match report during the match and he/she shall compare the match data with the EHF Delegate during the half time and after the end of the match, following that he/she completes the digital match report.

26.26. The host federations shall secure that the timekeeper managing the match data (goals, time, etc.) on the score board shall continuously checking the data on the scoreboard with the EHF Delegate.

26.27. After the match the EHF Delegate shall check the digital match report with his match data and statistics, and he/she shall sign the digital match report.

Further tasks

26.28. 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 YAC EHF Championship.

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

26.30. The EHF delegates nominated for the YAC EHF Championship must attend the Officials’ Conference taking place prior to the YAC EHF Championship and any preparatory activity defined as mandatory by the EHF.

26.31. The EHF delegates nominated for the YAC EHF Championship must fulfil the preparatory tasks defined and communicated by the EHF.

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 YAC EHF Championship.

Score-taker, timekeeper and announcer

27.5. The score-taker, timekeeper and announcer are not EHF Officials. They are appointed by the Host Federation.

XVII. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 28

A. Member Federations

Travel costs

- 28.1. The Member Federations must organise the travel of their delegation to and from the playing venue. The place of arrival of the delegation must be the nearest international airport or train station from the playing venue.
- 28.2. The travel expenses of any and all delegation members to and from the playing venue must be borne by the respective Member Federation.

Visa costs

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

Entry fee/ Deposit

- 28.4. The entry fee and deposit defined under article 5 must be paid by the respective Member Federation within the announced deadline to enter the YAC EHF Championship.

Daily rate

- 28.5. For the board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the YAC EHF Championship venue(s) of a delegation of twenty-one (21) members or less, each Member Federation must pay a daily rate to the Host Federation.
- 28.6. The daily rate for the twenty-one (21) delegation members is announced to the Member Federations by the EHF during the bidding process.
- 28.7. Such rate must be paid to the EHF account within the deadline duly communicated by the latter to the participating Member Federations.
- 28.8. The number of days is the basis for the calculation of the global rate per delegation. The total is calculated from 12:00 pm (noon) on the day of arrival at the venue (the

day prior to the first match day at the earliest) to 12:00 pm (noon) on the day of departure (the day after to the last match day at the latest). The day of arrival and of departure are calculated as one (1) day when charging the daily rate (additional meals such as breakfast on the arrival day and lunch and lunch on the departure day must be paid extra).

- 28.9. The board, lodging and local transport of additional delegation members up to twenty-five (25) persons per delegation is organised by the Host Federation upon payment by the respective Member Federation of a daily rate within the deadline communicated by the EHF. The daily rate for the four (4) additional delegation members is agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation. The daily rate for the additional delegation members must be paid directly to the Host Federation account.

Additional days of stays/ Additional persons

- 28.10. If agreed by the Host Federation, the Host Federation may organise the board, lodging and local transport of more than twenty-one (21) delegation members, i.e. twenty-one (21) delegation members plus four (4) additional persons, delegation members upon request of a Member Federation at the respective Member Federation's costs.
- 28.11. If agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation, a delegation may arrive before the YAC EHF Championship and/or leave after the YAC EHF Championship a few days before/after the planned dates.
- 28.12. All costs and expenses related to those additional days at the venue must be borne by the respective Member Federation. The daily rate per delegation member for each additional day agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation is communicated in due time to the Member Federations by the Host Federation and must be paid within the deadline set forth by the latter.

Solidarity contribution

- 28.13. Each Member Federation participating in the Competition receives a solidarity contribution from the EHF amounting to:

€ 8,000 for Men's 20 age category

50% of the daily rate – with a minimum support payment of € 10.000 and a maximum of €16.380 for Men's 18 age category

- 29.1. The contribution is paid in due time prior to the beginning of the YAC EHF Championship.

Article 29

B. Host Federation(s)

Staging and organisational costs

- 29.1. All expenses incurred in the host country to stage and organise the YAC EHF Championship must be borne by the Host Federation. This includes (without limitation) expenses and costs for local transport of the participating delegations from their place of arrival to the respective venue(s) and between the venues and expenses and costs for all kinds of activities at the venue (rest day programme, receptions, banquets, etc.).

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 YAC EHF Championship is organised by the Host Federation for up to a maximum of twenty-one (21) plus four (4) additional persons per delegation and up to a maximum of ten (10) days (one day prior to the first match day at the earliest and one day after the last match day at the latest) against payment of a daily rate. The respective daily rates are defined as stated in Articles 28.5 to 28.9.
- 29.3. The Host Federation may agree, upon a Member Federation's request, to organise the board, lodging and local transport of additional delegation members.

Event liability insurance

- 29.4. The Host Federation shall arrange, at its own expense insurance covers necessary to cover all risks and damages resulting from or relating to the staging and the organisation of a YAC EHF Championship as further defined in Article 21.

Article 30

Tickets and accreditations

- 30.1. An accreditation system meeting the needs of the Event will be set up by the EHF.

- 30.2. Special consideration will be given to the need of restricting access to the playing area and facilities adjacent to it (changing room, access to the playing court, etc.) to duly authorised persons.
- 30.3. Every member of participating delegations for whom the daily rate has been paid shall receive an accreditation and shall be provided with a spectator place dedicated for the teams for matches in their respective groups.
- 30.4. Any change to the above must be agreed between the Organiser and the EHF.

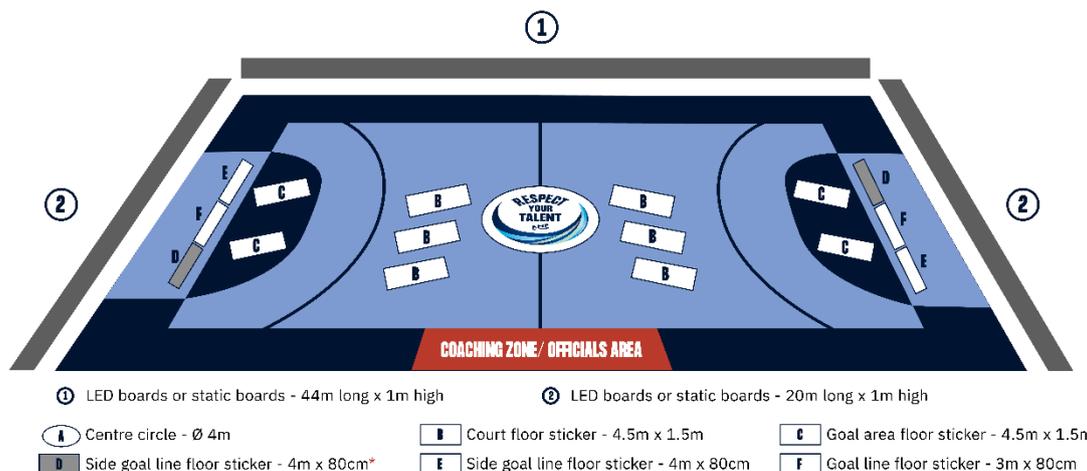
XVIII. EXPLOITATION OF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

Article 31

Marketing and media rights

- 31.1. Subject to the retained EHF rights defined in Articles 31.2, 31.3 and 31.4, the Host Federation is granted the exclusive right to exploit the marketing rights of the YAC EHF Championship and all related activities (draw, opening, closing ceremonies, etc.).
- 31.2. The EHF retains the following marketing rights, which it may use free of charge: two (2) bands of advertising with a maximum length of six (6) metres or five (5) minutes LED time per match within the range covered by the TV cameras; one (1) additional band of advertising with a maximum length of six (6) metres in a central position or two and half (2.5) minutes LED time per match; two (2) goal-side floor stickers (position D) and one (1) floor advertising in the middle circle during all matches of the YAC EHF EURO.
- 31.3. One six (6) metre band of advertising in a central position (or 2.5 minutes LED time) within the range covered by the TV cameras per match is used by the EHF for event identity purpose. If the EHF wishes to use its other retained marketing rights it must inform the Host Federation no later than six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the YAC EHF Championship.
- 31.4. The audio-visual rights (television, radio, film, video, internet, etc.) of the Event, in particular of the matches of the Event are retained by the EHF, except for the rights on the home market of the organiser, which are retained by the Host Federation. The Host Federation is required to inform the EHF if it intends to sell these rights, if any matches (e.g. final weekend) will be produced for television and if geo-blocking is required for the home market.
- 31.5. The EHF reserves the following audio-visual rights on a non-exclusive basis in the home market and on an exclusive basis worldwide for its own use, for use by national federations and for use by EHF partners or official suppliers: live-feed for operation of observer system; archive rights for promotion and development purposes; live and on-demand streaming of all matches on EHF OTT platform and right to produce and edit content including highlight clips and near-live content.

31.6. The advertising set-up shall be as follows:



Live streaming

31.7. A live and on-demand streaming of all matches of the YAC EHF Championship must be made available by the Host Federation free of charge to the EHF for streaming on the EHF OTT platform.

Video recordings

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

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

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

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

31.12. During the YAC EHF Championship, videos of the matches played are made available free of charge to the EHF on each respective match day for analysis. After the YAC EHF Championship, the Host Federation must provide the EHF, free of charge, with videos of matches as specified by the EHF.

Video rental system

31.13. A YAC EHF Championship match video service is put in place by the Host Federation for the duration of the YAC EHF Championship. Videos of the matches played shall therefore be made available by the Host Federation in each venue on each respective match day.

31.14. The rules and principles governing this system are decided and announced by the EHF in due time prior to the YAC EHF Championship.

Photographs

31.14. A professional photographer must be hired by the Host Federation to make high resolution pictures of the YAC EHF Championship matches:

- 4 pre-match photos (fans, full arena, warm-up, entry ceremony)
- 6 action/emotion photos from the first half (one photo of each team in action)
- 10 match photos – sent not later than 20 minutes after the match

31.15. These photographs (minimum 20) must cover at least the scenes as outlined below:

- Match pictures (action/emotions) with sponsor presence on barrier boards and floor stickers and with both teams represented
- Cheering picture of the winning team
- Goalkeepers in action
- Coaches in action
- Referees in action
- Team line-up
- Beauty shot of the arena showing the full playing court
- Team pictures before the match (changing room, on-court during warm up, etc.)
- Team timeout
- Ceremonies (EHF Representatives + VIPs)
- Opening and awarding ceremony
- Fans emotion/close up

31.16. The pictures must be provided free of charge to the EHF Media and Communications Department and participating teams via upload to the EHF photo system immediately after the match for use on the owned and operated communication channels of the EHF and participating federations. The details of uploading process will be distributed to the respective Host Federation in due time prior to the tournament. The following quality criteria shall apply to each photo:

- Minimum resolution of at least 8 Megapixel per picture
- 300dpi
- Jpg format

Article 32

Personality rights

- 32.1. All participating Member Federations, including the Host Federation, grant the EHF the right (royalty-free) to use photos and graphic materials of players and officials as well as Member Federations names, emblems and players uniforms within the framework of the Competition for non-commercial purposes.
- 32.2. All participating Member Federations, including the Host Federation, 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 YAC EHF Championship matches for handball/ EHF competitions promotions and sport development (training, teaching, etc.) purposes at any time during or after the Competition.
- 32.3. The EHF has the right to transfer these aforementioned rights of use to partner companies 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.
- 32.4. Each participating Member Federation, including the Host Federation, must obtain the consent of the respective players and officials participating to the YAC EHF Championship 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.

XIX. PROTESTS/VIOLATIONS — LEGAL PROVISIONS

Article 33

EHF Legal Regulations

- 33.1. 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 YAC EHF Championships unless stipulated otherwise in the present chapter.

Competent Bodies

Jurisdiction

- 33.2. 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 YAC EHF Championships.

Disciplinary Commission

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

Jury

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

Regulations Infringements/Disciplinary Matters

- 33.8. 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 YAC EHF Championship 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
- 33.9. If deemed appropriate by the EHF to ensure the proper running of the YAC EHF Championship and/or the respect of the applicable regulations during the YAC EHF Championship, violations of the present Regulations and/or any other EHF regulations applicable to the YAC EHF Championship, 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.
- 33.10. 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.
- 33.11. 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.
- 33.12. The carrying out of legal/disciplinary proceedings as defined herein is independent of any reporting obligations.

Direct disqualification

- 33.13. Any player sent off by the referees with a direct disqualification in a YAC EHF Championship match is not eligible to play in the respective team's next match of the current tournament.

Protests

Definition

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

Exclusion of protests

33.15. With regard to all and any YAC EHF Championship matches, protests shall not be permitted when relating to:

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

Procedure

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

33.17. Moreover, a protest fee of € 1,120 shall be paid by the claimant to the EHF. This amount shall be paid directly to the EHF delegate (supervisor) or shall be transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time as the claim is handed over. A written proof of payment of the protest fee in the defined deadline shall be deemed enough.

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

33.19. The reasons for the protest as well as any relevant statement shall be submitted in writing to the EHF delegate or to the EHF Office by the claimant no later than 9:00hrs local time, the day after the relevant match.

33.20. The deadlines and fees for protests apply equally for any additional information submitted in connection with the YAC EHF Championship.

33.21. 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

33.22. Unless otherwise provided in the decision of the Disciplinary Commission, an appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Commission shall be received by the EHF Office in writing no later than 20:00hrs local time the same day the Disciplinary Commission decision is communicated to the parties.

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

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

33.25. 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

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

European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)

33.27. 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.

33.28. 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

33.29. 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

33.30. 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 YAC EHF Championship.

XX. ANTI-DOPING

Article 34

Doping control

- 34.1. Doping controls may take place before, during and after each YAC EHF Championship in accordance with the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. As of the registration of their teams to the YAC EHF Championship, the participating Member Federations must fill in the official “whereabouts” forms and send them to the EHF and the EHF Anti-Doping Official/Unit (EAU). The “where-about” forms must be regularly updated by the participating Member Federations and communicated accordingly to the EHF and the EHF Anti-Doping Official/Unit (EAU) prior and during the YAC EHF Championship.
- 34.2. The EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping, their enclosures and the WADA’s Anti-Doping Code including the list of banned substances are an integral part of these YAC EHF Championship Regulations.
- 34.3. In case of anti-doping rule violations, EHF will initiate 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.
- 34.4. 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.
- 34.5. Each delegation is required to have an AD responsible person who has successfully completed the WADA online training.
- 34.6. Each delegation is mandated to attend a NADA education workshop (confirmation of participation to be sent to the EAU).

EHF Anti-Doping activities

- 34.7. Delegation members (including players and team officials) shall participate in the Anti-Doping activities organised by the EHF within the frame of the YAC EHF Championship.

XXI. CLOSING PROVISIONS

Article 35

- 35.1. All enclosures form an integral part of these regulations.
- 35.2. These regulations were adopted by the EHF Executive Committee on 23 September 2011 and came into force on 1 October 2011, and lastly amended by the EHF Executive Committee in December 2025.
- 35.3. Any amendment to the present regulations decided by the EHF Executive Committee and/or the EHF Congress will be communicated via circulars or reports to the EHF Member Federations.

ENCLOSURE 1 — OFFICIAL PLAYING SCHEDULES

PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR 8 TEAMS

20 MATCHES, 2 REST DAYS, 5 MATCHES PER TEAM

PRELIMINARY ROUND									
Group A					Group B				
		A1					B1		
		A2					B2		
		A3					B3		
		A4					B4		
PLAYING SCHEDULE									
Group Phase Day 1	1	A2	:	A4	Group Phase Day 1	7	A2	:	B4
Group Phase Day 1	2	A1	:	A3	Group Phase Day 1	8	A1	:	B3
Group Phase Day 2	3	A3	:	A4	Group Phase Day 2	9	A3	:	B4
Group Phase Day 2	4	A1	:	A2	Group Phase Day 2	10	A1	:	B2
1ST REST DAY									
Group Phase Day 3	5	A4	:	A1	Group Phase Day 3	11	A4	:	B1
Group Phase Day 3	6	A2	:	A3	Group Phase Day 3	12	A2	:	B3
2ND REST DAY									
SEMIFINALS (PLACE 1-4) & CROSS MATCHES (PLACE 5-8)									
Place 5-8	13		:		3. A	:	4. B		
Place 5-8	14		:		3. B	:	4. A		
Place 1-4	15		:		1. A	:	2. B		
Place 1-4	16		:		1. B	:	2. A		
FINAL MATCHES (PLACE 1-4) & PLACEMENT MATCHES (PLACE 5-8)									
Place 7/8	17		:		L13	:	L14		
Place 5/6	18		:		W13	:	W14		
Place 3/4	19		:		L15	:	L16		
F	20		:		W15	:	W16		

PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR 7 TEAMS

15 MATCHES, 2 REST DAYS, 4–5 MATCHES PER TEAM

PLAYING SCHEDULE			
Group A		Group B	
A1		B1	
A2		B2	
A3		B3	
A4			

PRELIMINARY ROUND			
match no.		match no.	
1	A1:A3	7	B3:B1
2	A2:A4		
3	A4:A1	8	B2:B3
4	A3:A2		
5	A3:A4	9	B1:B2
6	A1:A2		

SEMIFINALS AND CROSS-MATCHES			
PLACE 1-7			
Cross Group			
C1	10	3.B	3.A
C2	11	4.A	3.B
C1	10	3.B	3.A
SF1	12	1.A	2.B
SF2	13	1.B	2.A

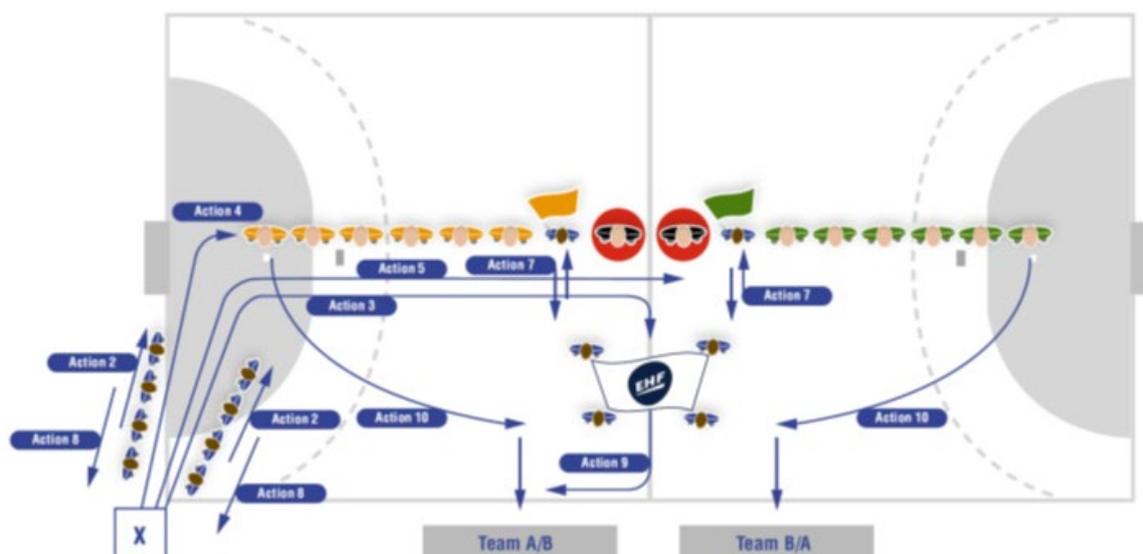
FINALS AND PLACEMENT MATCHES			
PLACE 1-7			
match no.			
C2	11	4.A	3.B
Place 3/4	14	L 12	L 13
Final	15	W 12	W 13

PLAYING SCHEDULE FOR 6 TEAMS

18 MATCHES, 2 REST DAYS, 6 MATCHES PER TEAM

PRELIMINARY ROUND			
Group A			
	A 1		
	A 2		
	A 3		
	A 4		
	A 5		
	A 6		
PLAYING SCHEDULE			
1	A 1 : A 4	1. Playing Day	
2	A 2 : A 6		
3	A 3 : A 5		
4	A 5 : A 6	2. Playing Day	
5	A 3 : A 4		
6	A 1 : A 2		
1ST REST DAY			
7	A 1 : A 6	3. Playing Day	
8	A 2 : A 3		
9	A 4 : A 5		
10	A 2 : A 5	4. Playing Day	
11	A 3 : A 1		
12	A 6 : A 4		
2ND REST DAY			
13	A 4 : A 2	5. Playing Day	
14	A 5 : A 1		
15	A 6 : A 3		
FINAL AND PLACEMENT MATCHES			
Place 5/6	16	5. A : 6. A	6. Playing Day
Place 3/4	17	3. A : 4. A	
Final	18	1. A : 2. A	

ENCLOSURE 2 – PRE-MATCH PROCEDURE



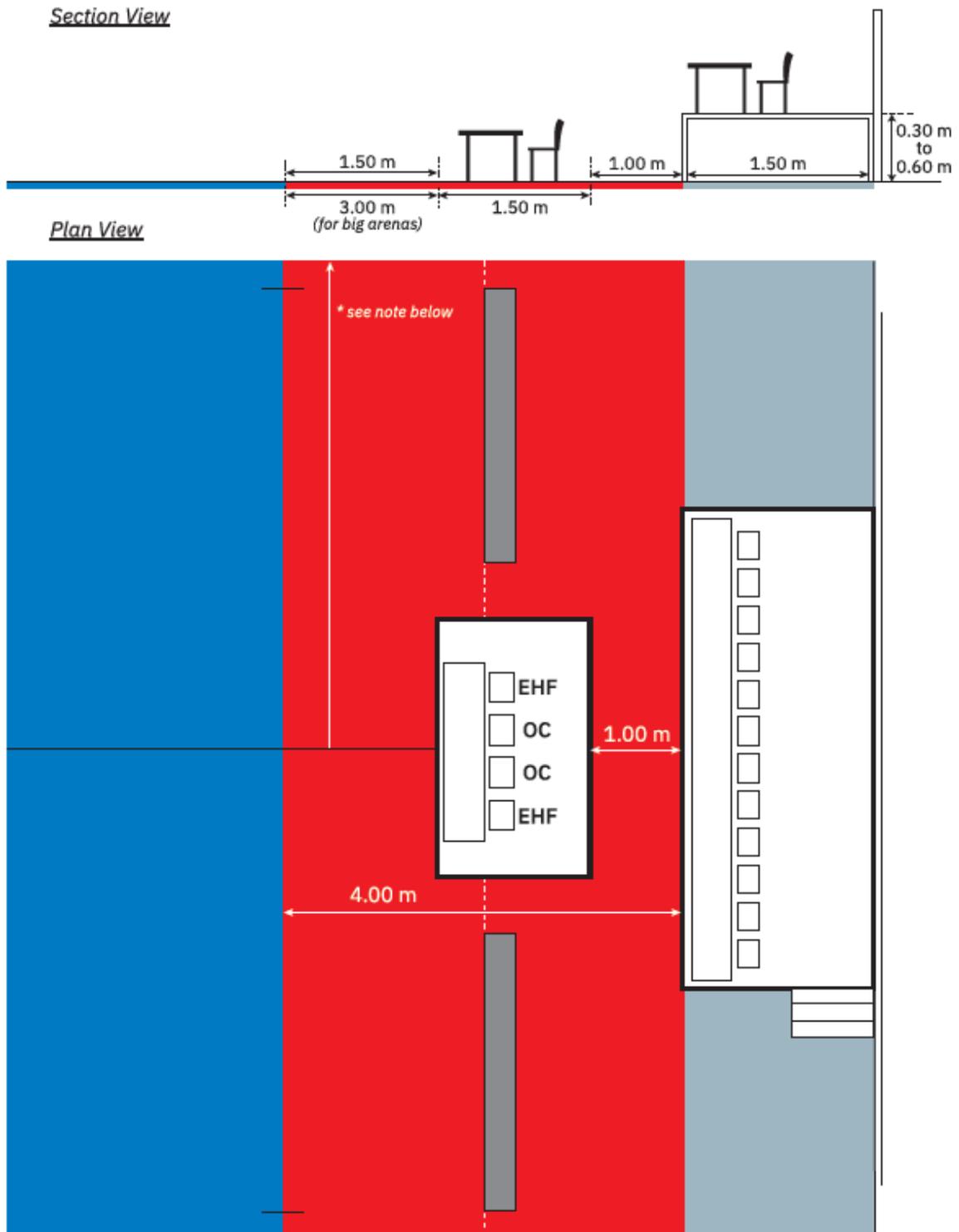
- 12:00 Teams must leave the court
- 10:00 Teams must be ready for the line-up at the meeting point
- 09:45 Flag, mascots, referees, teams ready at the entry meeting point. Player escorts (children) form tunnel
- 09:30 Start of the protocol flag presentation by four flag presenting children
- 09:00 Line-up of Team A/B (team seating in the first substitution area after the players' entrance point)
- 08:30 Line-up of Team B/A
- 08:00 Introduction of Team A – players and officials
- 06:30 Introduction of Team B – players and officials
- 05:00 Introduction of the referees, EHF officials
- 04:00 National anthem of Team A
- 02:45 National anthem of Team B
- 01:30 Final match preparations of the teams and fair-play announcement
- 00:00 Throw-off/Order by EHF delegate (supervisor)

ENCLOSURE 3 – POST-MATCH PROCEDURE



- Action 1: Informal handshake at the end of the game
- Action 2: Post-match team line-up
- Action 3: Awarding of the best player
- Action 4: Official "passing by" handshake

ENCLOSURE 4 – SUBSTITUTION AREA



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