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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Scope of application

1.1. The present Younger Age Category European Open Regulations (“YAC EHF European Open 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:

- **Women’s 16 EHF European Open 2026
(open for players born 2010 or younger)**

These competitions are hereinafter referred to as “YAC EHF European Open”.

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 European Open 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 and the YAC EHF Championship shall form an integral part of the present YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open (the “Competition”) consists of a final tournament (“YAC EHF European Open”).
- 4.2. The Women’s 16 EHF European Open take place in a two-year rhythm in even years.

Allocation of the competitions

- 4.3. The YAC EHF European Open is staged and organised by the Partille World Cup (the “Host Federation”) in cooperation with the Swedish Handball Federation and the European Handball Federation. Any alteration to this principle must be approved by the EHF Executive Committee.

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 European Open.
- 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 European Open.

Single registration

- 5.3. The registration of the teams participating in a YAC EHF European Open, 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 European Open).
 - 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 European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open or failing to play a YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open, 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 European Open 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 W16 EHF European Open will be played with twenty (20) teams.

Article 8

Basis for participation

- 8.1. The basic requirement to participate in a YAC EHF European Open 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.

Article 9

Final tournament playing system

- 9.1. The W16 EHF European Open consists of a preliminary round, placement round, quarterfinals, semi-finals, cross matches, placement matches and final matches.
- 9.2. A tournament winner is designated for the YAC EHF European Open.

General information for the Preliminary Round and Placement Round (group phase matches)

- 9.3. All matches of the YAC EHF European Open Preliminary Round and Placement Round are played in two times twenty (2 x 20) minutes with a half-time break of five (5) minutes.
- 9.4. All matches of the YAC EHF European Open Preliminary Round and Placement Round are played with two (2) team time-outs per team and match (one (1) team timeout in each half only).

**General information for placement matches
(for places 9 to 20)**

- 9.5. Placement matches for places 9 (nine) to 20 (twenty) of the YAC EHF European Open are played in two times twenty (2 x 20) minutes with a half-time break of five (5) minutes.
- 9.6. Placement matches for places 9 (nine) to 20 (twenty) YAC EHF European Open are played with two (2) team time-outs per team and match (one (1) team timeout in each half only).
- 9.7. If the teams are still equal after the end of a placement match (for places nine (9) to twenty (20)), the winners are determined by shoot-outs (Article 9.53). No period of extra-time shall take place.

**General information for Quarterfinals
(for places one (1) to eight (8))**

- 9.8. Quarterfinals for places one (1) to eight (8) of the YAC EHF European Open 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.
- 9.9. Quarterfinals for places one (1) to eight (8) of the YAC EHF European Open are played with three (3) team time-outs according to the IHF Rules of the Game.
- 9.10. If the result stands as a draw at the end of the normal period time, an overtime of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.
- 9.11. If the result stands as a draw at the end of the first overtime, an additional overtime of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.
- 9.12. If the two teams are still equal after the second period of overtime, the winners are determined by shoot-outs (Article 9.53).

**General information for cross & placement matches
(for places 5 to 8)**

- 9.13. Cross and placement matches for places 5 (five) to 8 (eight) of the YAC EHF European Open 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.
- 9.14. Cross and placement matches for places 5 (five) to 8 (eight) of the YAC EHF European Open are played with three (3) team time-outs according to the IHF Rules of the Game.
- 9.15. If the teams are still equal after the end of a placement match (for places five (5) to eight (8)), the winners are determined by shoot-outs (Article 9.53). No period of extra-time shall take place.

**General information for semifinals, bronze final match & final match
(for places one (1) to four (4))**

- 9.16. Semifinals and final matches for places one (1) to four (4) of the YAC EHF European Open 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.
- 9.17. Semifinals and final matches for places one (1) to four (4) of the YAC EHF European Open are played with three (3) team time-outs according to the IHF Rules of the Game.
- 9.18. If the result stands as a draw at the end of the normal period time, an overtime of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.
- 9.19. If the result stands as a draw at the end of the first overtime, an additional overtime of two times five (2 x 5) minutes with a half-time break of one (1) minute and a changeover is played after a five (5) minutes break.
- 9.20. If the two teams are still equal after the second period of overtime, the winners are determined by shoot-outs (Article 9.53).

Preliminary round group formation / Draw

- 9.21. The composition of the preliminary round groups of the YAC EHF European Open is decided by a public draw carried out by the EHF.

- 9.22. The seeding for the draw of the W16 EHF European Open 2026 is based on the current EHF Women's YAC Four-Year National Team Ranking.
- 9.23. The draw procedure is sent out to the participating federations in due time before the draw event.

Match system for the preliminary round

- 9.24. 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.
- 9.25. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no point for a defeat.
- 9.26. 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

- 9.27. 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.

- 9.28. 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.

Match system for the placement round
Places 9 to 20

- 9.29. The teams ranked third (3rd), fourth (4th) and fifth (5th) in each group after completion of the preliminary round matches play in the Placement Round.
- 9.30. The Placement Round is played in two (2) groups consisting of six (6) teams each.
- 9.31. Teams ranked third (3rd), fourth (4th) and fifth (5th) in the Preliminary Round Groups A and B compose Placement Round Group I. Teams ranked third (3rd), fourth (4th) and fifth (5th) in the Preliminary Round Groups C and D compose Placement Round Group II.
- 9.32. The matches of the Placement Round are played in groups with each teams playing all opponents of the other Preliminary Round Group in its group (round robin system). The basic playing schedules are to be found in enclosure 1.
- 9.33. The preliminary round results including points, goals scored, and goals received from the matches between the opponents who reached the placement round are kept and remain valid for the ranking of the placement round.
- 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 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 placement round matches

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

During the placement 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 placement 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.

9.37. 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 9 to 20)**

- 9.38. After completion of the placement round matches, all teams play a placement match to attribute the places 9 to 20 in the YAC EHF European Open.
- 9.39. The teams ranked sixth (6th) in the Placement Round Groups I and II play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places nineteen (19) and twenty (20).
- 9.40. The teams ranked fifth (5th) in the Placement Round Groups I and II play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places seventeen (17) and eighteen (18).
- 9.41. The teams ranked fourth (4th) in the Placement Round Groups I and II play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places fifteen (15) and sixteen (16).
- 9.42. The teams ranked third (3rd) in the Placement Round Groups I and II play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places thirteen (13) and fourteen (14).
- 9.43. The teams ranked second (2nd) in the Placement Round Groups I and II play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places eleven (11) and twelve (12).
- 9.44. The teams ranked first (1st) in the Placement Round Groups I and II play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places nine (9) and ten (10).

**Quarterfinals
(places 1-8)**

- 9.45. The teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in each group after completion of the preliminary round matches play quarterfinals, cross matches or semi-finals and placement matches or final matches to attribute the places 1 to 8 in the YAC EHF European Open.
- 9.46. The pairings of the quarterfinals (QF) result from the final standing of the Preliminary Round:

QF 1:	1. Preliminary Round Group A	vs.	2. Preliminary Round Group C
QF 2:	1. Preliminary Round Group B	vs.	2. Preliminary Round Group D
QF 3:	1. Preliminary Round Group C	vs.	2. Preliminary Round Group A
QF 4:	1. Preliminary Round Group D	vs.	2. Preliminary Round Group B

**Cross & placement matches
(places 5 to 8)**

- 9.47. The teams that lost the quarterfinals mentioned in article 9.41 play against each other in a cross match to attribute the places 5 to 8 in the YAC EHF European Open. The team that lost the QF 1 match play against the team that lost the QF 2 match, the team that lost the QF 3 match against the team that lost the QF 4 match.
- 9.48. The winners of the cross matches mentioned in article 9.42 play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places 5 and 6 in the YAC EHF European Open.
- 9.49. The teams that lost the cross matches mentioned in article 9.42 play against each other in a placement match to attribute the places 7 and 8 in the YAC EHF European Open.

**Semi-finals, bronze medal & final match
(places 1 to 4)**

- 9.50. The winners of the quarterfinals mentioned in article 9.41 play in the semi-finals. The winner of QF 1 play against the winner of QF 2, the winner of QF 3 against the winner of QF 4.
- 9.51. The teams that lost the semi-finals play a bronze medal match to define places three (3) and four (4) in the YAC EHF European Open.
- 9.52. The winners of the semi-finals play in the final match to define places one (1) and two (2) in the YAC EHF European Open.

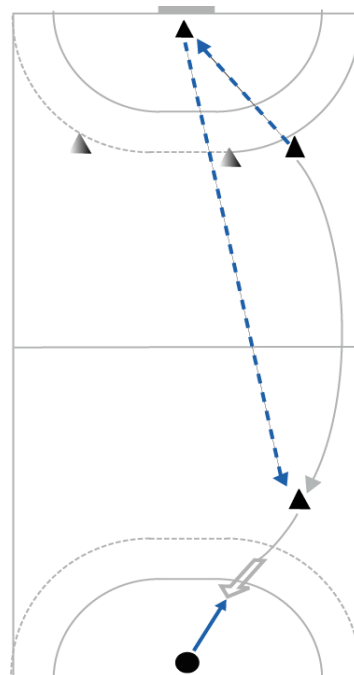
Shoot-out rule

9.53. Rules on the execution of the shoot- out :

- a) Five (5) players (these players do not have to be pre-nominated prior to the shoot-out phase), who are eligible to play take throws alternating with the opposite team (a goalkeeper can also be a thrower). If the number of players drops below five (5) in one round due to sanctions, the team in question will have correspondingly fewer opportunities.
- b) The winner is the team that has scored more goals after 5 throws.
- c) If the outcome has not been decided after the first round, the “shoot-out” is continued. For this purpose, the ends shall be changed and then the other team goes first repeating the procedure. In the second round, and any subsequent rounds, the match is decided as soon as one team takes the lead once there have been an equal number of attempts by each team.
- d) In the “shoot-out”, the referees use a coin toss to determine the choice of ends, and which team starts. If a team has won the coin toss and elects to start the “shoot-out”, the opponents have the right to choose the end. Alternatively, if the team that wins the coin toss prefers to choose ends, then the opponents have the right to begin the “shoot-out”.

- e) The passing (attacking) goalkeeper begins by standing on the goal line at least with one foot. The court player with the ball must stand in the playing area with one foot on the 9- meter line (the player decides where).

- f) When the referee whistles, the player plays the ball back to the goalkeeper on the goal line. During the pass or the catch of the goalkeeper the ball is not allowed to touch the ground. Once the ball has left the player’s hand, the defending goalkeeper may move forward, however both goalkeepers must remain in their goal area. The attacking goalkeeper must pass the ball to her teammate, who is running towards the opponent’s goal. Also, during this pass or the catch of the attacking player, the ball is not allowed to touch the ground.



- g) The attacking player must catch the ball and try to score a goal without dribbling or making any other rule violation. If the attacking goalkeeper or the court player commits a rule violation the attack is over.
- h) In case of the defending goalkeeper committing a rule violation by leaving her goal area during a shoot-out attempt of an attacking player, the following rule specification concerning "progressive punishment" shall apply:
 - i. Defending goalkeeper not touching the attacking player:
 - 1. In case of a regular goal scored by the attacker - goal decision and warning (yellow card) for the defending goalkeeper
 - 2. In case of no goal scored by the attacker - 7m penalty for the attacking team and warning (yellow card) for the defending goalkeeper
 - 3. Any repeated leaving of the goal area by the defending goalkeeper during a shoot-out attempt by the attacking player shall be penalized by disqualification (red card) - Any player eligible to play can replace the goalkeeper in that case.
 - ii. 2) Defending goalkeeper touching the attacking player
 - 1. In case of a regular goal scored by the attacker - goal decision and disqualification (red card) for the defending goalkeeper
 - 2. In case of no goal scored by the attacker - 7m penalty for the attacking team and disqualification (red card) for the defending goalkeeper - any player eligible to play can replace the goalkeeper in that case.

VI. TROPHY, MEDALS AND PRIZES

Article 10

Trophy

- 10.1. The winners of the YAC EHF European Open 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 finalist of the YAC EHF European Open 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 twenty-one (21) persons including players and team officials) of the team that wins the YAC EHF European Open receives a gold medal.
- 10.4. Each delegation member (up to twenty-one (21) persons including players and team officials) of the team ranked second (2nd) in the YAC EHF European Open receives a silver medal.
- 10.5. Each delegation member (up to twenty-one (21) including players and team officials) of the team ranked third (3rd) in the YAC EHF European Open receives a bronze medal.

VII. COMPETITION/MATCHES DATES AND TIMES

Article 11

Playing periods

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

Match dates / Throw-off times

- 11.2. The exact dates and throw-off times of each YAC EHF European Open 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 four (4) hours interval between the throw-offs of 2 (two) successive matches of a team on the same day.
- 11.5. There must be at least twelve (12) hours interval between the throw-offs of 2 (two) successive matches of a team on different day.
- 11.6. The exact dates and throw-off times of the YAC EHF European Open matches are communicated to the participating Member Federations by the EHF in due time before the YAC EHF European Open.

Teams' arrival dates

- 11.7. All team players and officials must arrive in their hotel in the respective YAC EHF European Open venue one (1) day prior to the first match day - at eight (8) pm at the latest.

VIII. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

Article 12

Nationality

- 12.1. YAC EHF European Open matches are carried out as international matches. Players of a team participating in a YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open. 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 European Open.
- 12.2. In addition, every player participating in a YAC EHF European Open must be eligible to play for that country in accordance with the applicable IHF Regulations (IHF Players' Eligibility Code).

Age

- 12.3. YAC EHF European Open matches are carried out as international matches. Players of a team participating in a YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open. 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 European Open.

Following age category is defined for the respective YAC EHF European Open :

W16 EHF European Open 2026: players born 2010 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 European Open 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 European Open. 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 European Open) 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 European Open, 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 European Open.

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 European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open.

EHF Coaches Licensing

- 13.10. Member Federations participating in YAC EHF EURO must ensure that the EHF is in possession of an up-to-date EHF Coaches Licensing Application Sheet. Any modification (e.g. change of coach(es), change of coaching level) relating to the respective YAC EHF EURO must be communicated to the EHF Office by submitting a new and up-to-date sheet. According to Article 13.5, the up-to-date sheet shall be submitted to the EHF Office with the Official Squad list within the deadline set by the EHF and announced in due time to the participating Member Federations.
- 13.11. The EHF Coaches Licensing Application Sheet shall be completed with all the required details and information.
- 13.12. The Member Federations can fill in the EHF Coaches Licensing Application Sheet for as many coaches as they wish but, in any case, a minimum of one (1) person with the proper licence (i.e. minimum Category III of the EHF Rinck Convention) must be registered and take effectively part in the matches of the Member Federation.

Players' replacement

- 13.13. During the YAC EHF European Open, up to two (2) players can be replaced by another player of the Official Squad List at any time during the tournament.
- 13.14. 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.
- 13.15. 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.
- 13.16. 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.
- 13.17. 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.
- 13.18. 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 European Open only after completion of the entire suspension.
- 13.19. 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

- 13.20. If at the first technical meeting, one day before the start of the YAC EHF European Open, 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:

- 13.21. 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.
- 13.22. 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).
- 13.23. 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

- 13.24. Under exceptional circumstances, the tournament management may, upon request, accept the change of a team official of a participating delegation after the technical meeting.
- 13.25. 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

- 13.26. The use of a player who has been suspended and/or is not eligible to play in any YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open. 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 European Open 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 European Open, for final approval by the EHF. If more than two (2) full team kits have been prepared for the YAC EHF European Open, 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 European Open.

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

Additional requirements

- 14.13. 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).

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

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 European Open.

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 European Open 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 European Open 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 the YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open, 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 technical meeting of the YAC EHF European Open.
- 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 European Open.
- 17.6. During the following technical meetings of the YAC EHF European Open, 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 European Open 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 European Open 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 and teams' line-up

- 18.6. Details and information about the pre-match procedure are provided to the delegations before the beginning of the YAC EHF European Open and before each match.
- 18.7. 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.
- 18.8. Any playing team and individual causing a delay in the throw-offs (start/half-time/timeout) of a YAC EHF European Open match is liable for any damage incurred and may be sanctioned by the EHF accordingly.

B. Post-match procedures

Handshake and line up

- 18.9. Immediately after the end of a YAC EHF European Open 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.

Transmission of results and tables

- 18.10. 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-tournament ceremonies

All-star Team

- 18.11. The All-star Team of the YAC EHF European Open, composed of the best player of the YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open and nominated by the EHF during the final day of the YAC EHF European Open.

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

Farewell, medals and closing ceremony

18.13. Details and information about the farewell, medals and closing ceremonies are provided to the delegations before the beginning of the respective event of the YAC EHF European Open.

Media and promotion

18.14. After the final match, the winner of the YAC EHF European Open must be available for media and promotion purposes upon EHF request.

XI. PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS

Article 19

Number of delegation members

- 19.1. Each Member Federation participating in a YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open 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 communicated in the registration documents.

Promotion support

- 19.5. Each Member Federation participating in a YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open.

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 European Open. 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 European Open about any further guidelines, directives or decisions related to the YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open.
- 21.3. On request of the EHF a written confirmation must be provided by the participating federations.
- 21.4. 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

- 21.5. The Host Federation is responsible for the insurance cover of all sites used for the YAC EHF European Open 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.
- 21.6. 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 European Open.
- 21.7. In addition to Articles 21.1 and 21.2, the Host Federation staging the YAC EHF European Open must conclude at its own expense adequate insurance cover (including cancellation) for all risks arising from organising and staging the YAC EHF European Open, 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.

21.8. A copy of all insurance contracts concluded by the Host Federation for the YAC EHF European Open must be provided to the EHF within the deadline set forth by the latter.

EHF

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

Further requirements

21.10. All insurances must cover the full period of the YAC EHF European Open, including the preparation and post-competition phase.

21.11. 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 European Open.

21.12. 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 European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open is responsible for the YAC EHF European Open venues/playing halls set-up in accordance with the requirements defined by the EHF.
- 23.2. The EHF Set-up Manual regulating the YAC EHF European Open venues/playing halls set-up is an integral part of the present Regulations.
- 23.3. 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 Set-up Manual.
- 23.4. In case of discrepancy 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 European Open 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 Set-up 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 European Open 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 Set-Up 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 European Open match:

Judges' table

- 23.10. A judges' table must be set-up and installed in the playing hall.
- 23.11. The size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' table defined in the organisation agreement between the Host Federation and the EHF must be complied with.
- 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 European Open 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 organisation agreement between the Host Federation and the EHF must be complied with.
- 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 European Open matches.

Timekeeping and score-taking apparatus

- 23.16. For all YAC EHF European Open matches, the playing halls must be equipped with an electric timekeeping (counting 0 to 30 minutes for the first half and 30 to 60 minutes for the second 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 European Open matches, the playing halls must be equipped with one (1) score boards. The score boards must indicate at least the score, nations, and playing time (counting 0 to 30 minutes during the first half and 30 to 60 during the second half). All indications must be synchronised between the board 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 European Open matches, a clean handball floor shall be installed.

Anti-doping facility

23.23. In all YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open must be played with balls approved by the EHF. The EHF provides the balls to be used during the matches of the YAC EHF European Open. 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 European Open. 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 European Open.

YAC EHF European Open draw

23.27. The YAC EHF European Open draw defining the preliminary round groups is organised by the EHF.

Others

23.28. The Host Federation must comply with and/or implement any other requirements related to the staging and organisation of the YAC EHF European Open defined 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 European Open.
- 24.2. The tournament matches might be officiated by referee pairs appointed from the EHF Young Referee Program (YRP).
- a. EHF Young Referees are referees officially nominated within the European Handball Federation (EHF) Young Referee Project (YRP)—a structured development program aimed at identifying, educating, and preparing promising referees at an early stage of their international career.
 - b. Referees in the YRP are selected by their National Federations and approved by the European Handball Federation. They undergo targeted training, mentoring, and continuous evaluation under the supervision of EHF officiating experts. The program focuses on accelerating their technical, physical, and communication competencies in line with EHF standards.
 - c. Within competitions designated for YRP officials, EHF Young Referees act in an official refereeing capacity and are entrusted with match management responsibilities as part of their practical development pathway.

Code of Conduct

- 24.3. Any EHF Official nominated to participate in a YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open can be withdrawn at the EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of referee nomination for the YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open.
- 25.4. For each YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open must attend the Officials' Conference taking place prior to the YAC EHF European Open and any preparatory activity defined as mandatory by the EHF.
- 25.13. The EHF referees nominated for the YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open can be withdrawn at EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of delegate nomination for the YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open.
- 26.4. For each YAC EHF European Open match, in due course prior to the match, the EHF assigns at least one (1) delegate out of those appointed for the YAC EHF European Open. The EHF decision is final.

Arrival of delegates

- 26.5. The EHF delegates nominated for the YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open, including without limitation of the present YAC EHF European Open 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 reserves the right to use the digital match report. All involved parties will be informed in due time before the start of the tournament.

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

- 26.21. 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.
- 26.22. The YAC EHF European Open shall be administered by the digital match report (DMR) system, the host Federations have the obligations to prepare the software for the scorekeeper.
- 26.23. The nominated EHF Delegates are responsible for the pre-prepared match report. The official delegation lists will be published on the delegate portal.
- 26.24. 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).
- 26.25. The EHF Delegate shall take/print the DMR ticket and provide it to the scorekeeper.
- 26.26. 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.
- 26.27. 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.
- 26.28. 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

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

26.31. The EHF delegates nominated for the YAC EHF European Open must attend the Officials' Conference taking place prior to the YAC EHF European Open and any preparatory activity defined as mandatory by the EHF.

26.32. The EHF delegates nominated for the YAC EHF European Open 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 European Open.

Score-taker and timekeeper

27.5. The score-taker and timekeeper are selected for each match out of group of the nominated EHF referees.

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 European Open.

Daily rate

- 28.5. For the board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the YAC EHF European Open venue 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 registration process.
- 28.7. Such rate must be paid to the Host Federation's account within the deadline duly communicated by the latter to the participating Member Federations.

Additional days of stays/ Additional persons

- 28.8. 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.
- 28.9. If agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation, a delegation may arrive before the YAC EHF European Open and/or leave after the YAC EHF European Open a few days before/after the planned dates.
- 28.10. All costs and expenses related to those additional days at the venue must be borne by the respective Member Federation.

Solidarity contribution

- 28.11. Each Member Federation participating in the Competition receives a solidarity contribution from the EHF amounting to € 8.000 for the Women's 16 age category.
- 28.12. The contribution is paid in due time prior to the beginning of the YAC EHF European Open.

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 European Open 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 European Open (one day prior to the first match day at the earliest and one day after the last match day at the latest) is organised by the Host Federation for up to a maximum of twenty-one (21) plus four (4) additional persons

per delegation against payment of a daily rate. The respective daily rates are defined as stated in Articles 28.5 to 28.10.

- 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 European Open 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

Live streaming

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

Video recordings

- 31.2. Upon application to the EHF, all delegations are permitted to make video recordings of the YAC EHF European Open matches for teaching and training purposes.
- 31.3. 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.
- 31.4. 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.
- 31.5. 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.
- 31.6. During the YAC EHF the YAC EHF European Open, 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 European Open, the Host Federation must provide the EHF, free of charge, with videos of matches as specified by the EHF.

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 European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open 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 European Open.

Disciplinary Commission

- 33.3. The Disciplinary Commission is responsible as the body of first instance.
- 33.4. The Disciplinary Commission is composed of three nominated EHF Delegates 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 European Open.
- 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 European Open 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 European Open and/or the respect of the applicable regulations during the YAC EHF European Open, violations of the present Regulations and/or any other EHF regulations applicable to the YAC EHF European Open, 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 European Open 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 European Open match.

Exclusion of protests

33.15. With regard to all and any YAC EHF European Open 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 deadlines and fees for protests apply equally for any additional information submitted in connection with the YAC EHF European Open.

33.20. The Disciplinary Commission takes a decision by simple majority. Cases of suspension and/or disqualification of players or teams shall be decided in accordance with the relevant regulations; the decision of the EHF Disciplinary Commission shall be announced to the parties at least one hour prior to the next match of the party(ies) involved.

Appeals

- 33.21. Unless otherwise provided in the decision of the Disciplinary Commission, an appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Commission shall be received by the EHF Office in writing no later than 20:00hrs local time the same day the Disciplinary Commission decision is communicated to the parties.
- 33.22. 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.
- 33.23. If the appeal is fully granted, the fee shall be refunded; otherwise the appeal fee is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.
- 33.24. Such an appeal request is transferred to the Jury. The Jury makes a decision by simple majority following an express procedure. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.

Eligibility to play

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

European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)

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

Arising costs

- 33.28. In principle the actual costs for personnel and material arising from the activities of the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury shall be charged in connection with the procedure. Rules governing the apportionment and payment of costs related to the EHF bodies' legal proceedings by and between the parties are stated in Article 48 of the EHF Legal Regulations

Exclusion of liability

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

XX. ANTI-DOPING

Article 34

Doping control

- 34.1. Doping controls may take place before, during and after each YAC EHF European Open in accordance with the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. As of the registration of their teams to the YAC EHF European Open, 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 European Open.
- 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 European Open 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 European Open.

XXI. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Article 35

Qualification to the 2026 IHF Women's Under 16 World Championship

- 35.1. Based on the places available to the continents for the 2026 IHF WU16 World Championship, the top ranked teams of the W16 EHF European Open 2026 qualify directly for the 2026 IHF WU16 World Championship.
- 35.2. Further places can be directly assigned by the EHF based on the final result of the W16 EHF European Open 2026, depending on the number of places available for Europe.

Qualification to the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) 2027

- 35.3. Based on the places available for the EHF for the women's competition in the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF) 2027, the top ranked teams of the W16 EHF European Open 2026 qualify directly for the European Youth Olympic Festival (EYOF).
- 35.4. Further places can be directly assigned by the EHF based on the final result of the W16 EHF European Open 2026, depending on the number of places available for the EHF.

XXII. CLOSING PROVISIONS

Article 36

- 36.1. All enclosures form an integral part of these regulations.
- 36.2. These regulations are an excerpt of the YAC EHF Championship Regulations.
- 36.3. In the event of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or omission within these Regulations, the YAC EHF Championship Regulations shall serve as the authoritative reference for purposes of interpretation.
- 36.4. 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 – YAC EHF EUROPEAN OPEN

20 TEAMS | 76 MATCHES | 7 – 8 MATCHES PER TEAM

PRELIMINARY ROUND							
Group A		Group B		Group C		Group D	
A 1		B 1		C 1		D 1	
A 2		B 2		C 2		D 2	
A 3		B 3		C 3		D 3	
A 4		B 4		C 4		D 4	
A 5		B 5		C 5		D 5	
1	A1 : A3	11	B1 : B3	21	C1 : C3	31	D1 : D3
2	A5 : A2	12	B5 : B2	22	C5 : C2	32	D5 : D2
3	A2 : A4	13	B2 : B4	23	C2 : C4	33	D2 : D4
4	A3 : A5	14	B3 : B5	24	C3 : C5	34	D3 : D5
5	A5 : A1	15	B5 : B1	25	C5 : C1	35	D5 : D1
6	A3 : A4	16	B3 : B4	26	C3 : C4	36	D3 : D4
7	A1 : A2	17	B1 : B2	27	C1 : C2	37	D1 : D2
8	A4 : A5	18	B4 : B5	28	C4 : C5	38	D4 : D5
9	A4 : A1	19	B4 : B1	29	C4 : C1	39	D4 : D1
10	A2 : A3	20	B2 : B3	30	C2 : C3	40	D2 : D3
PLACEMENT ROUND							
Group I			Group II				
I - 1		(3. A)		II - 1		(3. C)	
I - 2		(3. B)		II - 2		(3. D)	
I - 3		(4. A)		II - 3		(4. C)	
I - 4		(4. B)		II - 4		(4. D)	
I - 5		(5. A)		II - 5		(5. C)	
I - 6		(5. B)		II - 6		(5. D)	
41	4. A : 5. B		50	4. C : 5. D			
42	5. A : 3. B		51	5. C : 3. D			
43	3. A : 4. B		52	3. C : 4. D			
44	4. B : 5. A		53	4. D : 5. C			
45	5. B : 3. A		54	5. D : 3. C			
46	3. B : 4. A		55	3. D : 4. C			
47	5. A : 5. B		56	5. C : 5. D			
48	4. A : 4. B		57	4. C : 4. D			
49	3. A : 3. B		58	3. C : 3. D			
QUARTER-FINALS							
QF	59	1. A : 2. C		QF	61	1. C : 2. A	
QF	60	1. B : 2. D		QF	62	1. D : 2. B	
SEMIFINALS & CROSS MATCHES							
CM 5-8	63	L 59 : L 60		SF	65	W 59 : W 60	
CM 5-8	64	L 61 : L 62		SF	66	W 61 : W 62	
FINAL & PLACEMENT MATCHES							
PM 19/20	67	6. I : 6. II		PM 9/10	72	1. I : 1. II	
PM 17/18	68	5. I : 5. II		PM 7/8	73	L 63 : L 64	
PM 15/16	69	4. I : 4. II		PM 5/6	74	W 63 : W 64	
PM 13/14	70	3. I : 3. II		PM 3/4	75	L 65 : L 66	
PM 11/12	71	2. I : 2. II		FINAL	76	W 65 : W 66	