

Beach Handball Commission Meeting February 2019

Minutes

Venues and dates

21 February 2019: 13:00 – 15:30
EHF Office, Vienna / AUT

22 February 2019: 09:00 – 18:30
Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Vienna / AUT

Participants

BC
Ole R. Jørstad / Chairman
Marco Trespidi / Events & Competition
George Bebetos / Promotion and Development
Jelena Rakonjac / Member
Ivan Sabovik / Officiating (excused)
Juan Carlos Zapardiel / Game Design and Coaching (excused)

EHF Office
Ivana Jelić
Michiel Demeulenaere (intern)
Lars Erichsen (IT, partly)

Part 1 Daily Business
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1. Welcome

1.1. Minutes BC Meeting August 2018

Ole R. Jørstad welcomed the participants to the first BC meeting in 2019.
The minutes of the last BC Meeting in August 2018 were approved.

1.2. EXEC Meetings December 2018 & January 2019

The BC motion regarding the development project was approved at the EXEC Meeting on 19 January.

1.3. TD Meeting February 2019

The following beach handball relevant topics were discussed at the TD Meeting and reported to the BC members by Jørstad:

- e-learning: Possibilities for education of lecturers and officials within the new platform ILIAS.
- Restructuring EHF Officiating: The new approach may also be adopted for beach handball in the future.
- Rules of the game: National Federations were invited to send their proposals for new rules and amendments for existing rules in Indoor.
- EHF Conference of Secretaries General (CSG): Presentation on beach handball is foreseen.

1.4. Masterplan presentation

All BC members were requested to send an update on their personal “Masterplan” tasks before the meeting. The inputs were discussed during the meeting and the updated “Masterplan” document will be sent out to the BC members accordingly.

2. EHF e-learning project

2.1. Overview and status

Lars Erichsen presented an overview of the current status of the e-learning project and gave some insights into the programme ILIAS, which is used by the EHF for this purpose. The aim is to have a common platform for all e-learning and testing initiatives within the EHF. The platform was used for the club manager education in the past and is now adapted with an e-learning tool for National Federations and EHF indoor delegates. The BC is strongly supporting this way of establishing the future education of EHF Officials, coaches and other relevant stakeholders.

2.2. Perspective for BH

A new e-learning section and the current online testing questions from HQ are to be transferred to ILIAS in the future. In order to use the various possibilities, all questions need to be re-entered into the new system manually. A specific task list will be provided by the EHF Office together with a time schedule for the implementation for beach handball. A pool of pictures, videos, presentation will be collected during the next months and all BC members were requested to submit useful input. The aim is to start with the implementation of the project for beach handball in autumn this year.

3. ebt

3.1. Current status on organisers and teams

Currently 54 teams registered for ebt, consisting of 30 men and 24 women teams. This is an increase in comparison to the last years' registrations, with 42 teams in the same period. The number of registered ebt tournaments so far is same as last year: 15 confirmed tournaments and 5 pending requests.

3.2. Development support

The information about the support for new ebt tournaments will be sent out beginning of March to all member federations and will be presented at the CSG. This support will be funded from the development budget for short term projects.

3.3. Officials' clothing

All EHF Officials were informed about the possibility to request SALMING clothing (basic package) for the current ebt season. In the first place this clothing will be provided to active referees and delegates, who are participating in ebt tournaments in the current season. Subsequently remaining material will be sent to all other EHF Officials after the summer period. Additionally it was agreed to send out an official letter from the office to inform the EHF Officials that it's not allowed to wear any other clothing than SALMING at ebt tournament matches.

4. 2019 ebt Finals in Baia Mare/ROU

4.1. Status inspection workshop

The ebt Finals workshop was held in Baia Mare on 14 February with the presence of Ivana Jelić and Marco Trespidi. The overall impression and the process of the workshop were good. The local organisation is a very motivated team, working hard to fulfil the requested conditions. Due to the lack of experience good guidance by the EHF is essential for the preparation phase. The venue is at the main square and only one hotel is in walking distance. Therefore a well-functioning shuttle system plan needs to be presented in the next months by the organiser. Another crucial part will be the depth of the sand, as it is requested to have at least between 40 to 50 cm sand.

The nearest airport is Cluj Napoca and is around 140km away from Baia Mara. The minutes of the workshop are available. The registration for the teams was sent out beginning of March.

4.2. *Further education course for BH referees & delegates*

A further education course will be held on the occasion of the ebt Finals. At the EHF hotel only one big room will be available. A solution was discussed with the organiser to separate the big room for the meetings. The nominations were sent out and the aim was to have a mix of experienced and new officials at the EURO and respectively at the further education course in ROU.

4.3. *Coaches course – Status*

No further courses are planned during the ebt Finals.

5. 2019 MW17 & Senior BH EURO in Stare Jablonki/POL

5.1. *Status second workshop*

The second workshop was used to clarify open issues regarding the contract, which was finalised during the meeting and the signed version was handed over to the POL federation for their signature. During the meeting organisation matters regarding infrastructure and TV/live streaming conditions were dealt with. Important topics, which need to be solved by the organisers are: the hotel room availability for EHF Officials, the complicated shuttle system during the competition, the airport transfer for teams and the late registration of three teams. The minutes of the workshop are available.

5.2. *Group distribution & playing schedule*

After the receipt of the late registration of MKD and SRB it was agreed to accept the teams to the EURO (senior competition). In order to have a complete 20+20 field of participants one more team from MNE was added for the men's competition. So the EHF will see the biggest EURO in beach handball history in Poland this year. The basic playing schedule was defined and will be finalized in the next week. The group distribution and the playing schedule will be sent out to the teams with team info 1.

5.3. *Nominations*

The nominations for the EURO were sent out and there will be no further nominations despite the increased number of teams and matches.

5.4. *TV status*

Infront was assigned to sell the TV rights for the senior competition. After the final playing schedule and court plan is distributed, the engagement will be intensified. EHF Office is in regular exchange with Infront.

6. 2019 EHF Champions Cup (ChC) in Catania/ITA

6.1. *Status and timeline*

The date and the venue are fixed for the next edition of the ChC: Catania, Sicily from 27 to 30 October. The first workshop will be held in Catania and Rome on the 28/29 of March. Jelić and Trespidi will be present at the workshop.

7. Online testing

7.1. *Status & perspective*

The first testing phase in 2019 started and the three testing periods are:

1. February: 18 February – 04 March (re-test: 06 – 20 March)
2. May: 06 – 20 May (re-test: 22 May – 5 June)
3. October: 30 September – 14 October (re-test: 16 – 30 October)

Currently there are 55 active delegates and 87 active referees.

7.2. *Questions revision*

At the moment no additional questions will be requested from the EHF Officials. Within the next months the existing questions will be checked by Trespidi before entering any new.

8. 2019 EUSA EHF Beach Handball University Championship in Zagreb/CRO

8.1. Status inspection workshop

The venue of the first beach handball university championship was changed to Zagreb in December. The workshop with the local organiser, EUSA and the EHF representatives Jelena Rakonjac and Marco Trespidi was held on 18/19 January in Zagreb. Due to the change of the organiser there is a delay in a few fields of the organisation, but the local organising team is very experienced and working hard to catch up with the tasks. In respect to the promotion of the event the invitation letter for the tournament was sent to all National Federation and news articles were published on the EHF website. Further promotion measures will be undertaken by the local organiser, EUSA and the EHF.

8.2. Status registrations

The current status of participating teams is: two women and five men teams. Beside these confirmed teams (including the payment of the entry fee) two female and three male teams have registered, but not yet paid the entry fee. It was agreed to get weekly updates by the CRO organiser on the registration status.

9. Publications

9.1. Educational short video clips – Timeline

The recording of the short video clips will take place in middle of May. The edition of the videos will be completed before end of August 2019.

10. IHF matters

10.1. Next Meeting EHF/IHF BH Working Group

According to the agreement at the last meeting with the IHF BH Working Group in Poland, the IHF is the host of the next meeting.

10.2. Rules meetings

Upon the initiative of coaches in ChC, a meeting with coaches, referees, delegates will be organised on the occasion of the EURO. The plan is to have the meeting with the persons involved in the EURO and to schedule it between the EUROS on the 1 July. The invitation to the meeting will also be forwarded to the IHF, should they wish to send a representative. Coaches should be motivated to bring up own examples, questions. A detailed plan and agenda for the meeting need to be set-up by Ivan Sabovik in cooperation with Ole Jørstad until the next BC meeting in April.

10.3. Worldwide planned activities

2019 MW17 & Senior BH EUROS in Stare Jablonki/POL, 27 – 30 June & 2 – 7 July

2019 EUSA BH University Championships in Zagreb/CRO, 24 – 27 July

2019 Mediterranean Beach Games in Patras/GRE, 24 – 31 August

2019 ANOC World Beach Games in San Diego/USA, 9 – 14 October

2020 World Championships in Lignano/ITA, 30 June – 5 July

2020 EUSA Games

2020 MW16 BH EChs

2021 World Games in Birmingham (Alabama)/USA, 15 – 25 July

11. Action plan – First phase 2019

11.1. Overview & status

After the review and input by the EXEC the beach handball action plan for the next two year was confirmed. The next steps are to inform all National Federations about the development programme and the possibility to apply for the support for new beach handball nations. The registration deadline for the support will be April. After the registration period the basic package will be ordered and the mentoring programme initiated.

11.2. Promotion activities

Promotion activities in cooperation with other European tournaments and events like the Partille Cup are planned and the possibilities will be evaluated in the next weeks. The aim is to start with a small beach handball promotion in Partille this year and to expand the cooperation next year and also to get in touch with other national tournament organisers for promotion possibilities.

Part 2 Long term activities

12. Events & Competition

12.1. Goal-line technology

It was agreed to continue the use of the goal-line technology on the main court at all beach handball competitions in 2019.

12.2. Digital Score Sheet (DSS)

The use of the DSS for a limited number of matches at each competition this year (12 matches per gender) was confirmed. One access to the DSS per team will be sent out before each competition. BC will motivate all teams to use the DSS actively during the events.

12.3. Improvements Trial line-system and balls

After the very productive annual meeting with Trial the EHF inputs were already implemented and a new ball was developed to suit for rainy weather conditions. The aim was to have a less slippery ball in moist conditions. The new ball will be tested at the ebt Finals for the first time.

Furthermore it was agreed to have a pressure check of the balls by the delegates before and during the matches. Improvements of the line-system were also discussed at the meeting and will be implemented by Trail. The colours of the lines will be evaluated by the EHF media partners and possible colour change requests will be forwarded to Trial.

BC is following the e-ball development in the EHF closely.

12.4. New match-scouting procedure

The new procedure for match scouting, which was implemented at the ChC, will be continued. The long term perspective is to only use volunteers for the scouting. Currently a mix of volunteers and delegates or only volunteers is used for this task. Trespidi proposed to have a pre-education of the volunteers via ILIAS in the future.

12.5. Change of “first come first served“-system

Marco Trespidi presented a new approach to select teams according to a sport nations ranking and not on a “first come first served” basis. This system should be implemented for the Champions Cup this year already and for the ebt Finals in the future.

12.6. Implementation of a sport nations ranking

As a consequence of the proposed change of the “first come first served“-system a new nations ranking based only on sport results is needed and was presented by Trespidi. The proposal is based on the criteria which are also used for the indoor ranking. Two possible options were presented by

Trespidi: 1. to have a sport nations ranking only or 2. to keep the current nations ranking (see point 15.1.) for awarding the best BH nation and have both rankings in place.

12.7. Qualification system in the future (from 2020 on)

Furthermore Trespidi presented a concept for a qualification system for beach handball in the future. Due to the increased interest in EHF beach handball competitions, the current system is not feasible anymore and causes lots of problems regarding the organisation of beach handball events.

The presented concept and the new nations ranking with some inputs were supported by the present BC members. As two persons were absent, further discussions and a decision by the BC were postponed to the next BC meeting in April. All BC members were requested to bring up further ideas and comments on the paper provided by Trespidi.

12.8. Feedback & questionnaire teams

It was agreed to have a feedback form/questionnaire for teams for all beach handball events this year. In the feedback form for the YAC EURO in Poland, date proposals for the next YAC EURO in 2020 will be evaluated.

13. Officiating

Due to the absence of Ivan Sabovik the planned topics were postponed to the April meeting.

14. Game Design and Coaching

14.1. University licence for beach handball coaches – Status

The structure of learning outcomes, assessment criteria and contents were completed by Juan Carlos Zapardiel and sent to Jean Brihault for his inputs and feedback. Together with Christian Thue Bjørndal and the EHF Office the terminology and the proper wording of this structure were adjusted in the last months. The document is now ready to be sent to the contacts in different European universities in order to receive feedback on the document and input on what the universities need to introduce beach handball as a subject.

14.2. Coaches' manual – Status

The beach handball coaches' manual will be based on the structure of the learning outcomes, assessment criteria and contents, which will be presented to the universities. Once the feedback has been received, this manual will be prepared by Zapardiel. The expected completion date is before the end of 2020.

15. Promotion and Development

15.1. Nations ranking

An updated proposal for the nations ranking was presented by George Bebetos and was discussed during the meeting. A decision will be taken at the next BC meeting in April. The proposal will be forwarded to the BC members for their inputs by Bebetos.

15.2. Promotional events & presentation

The presentations for the CSG will be set-up in cooperation with Bebetos and presented by the EHF Office at the conference. All further promotion activities will be implemented in the scope of the action plan.

15.3. Media guide – Concept & status

The layout for the media guide was already confirmed and the content needs to be prepared by Bebetos. Prior to the BC meeting this topic was discussed with JJ Rowland. The proposal from the media department was to have two documents for the different stakeholders: one document for

organisers and one for media representatives. And idea was also to have a tournament guide with information about the competition and teams at future events.

16. Additional Member

16.1. BH transfer regulations – pre-conditions

As the national federations are not ready for a transfer system in beach handball, a new plan concerning the registration of players within the EHF system will be evaluated and presented at the next meeting in April. Jelena Rakonjac will investigate, if the BC can use the database to track individual players from event to event in order to show a players' history same as in indoor.

16.2. Investigation of players in YAC BH and Indoor EUROS

The players of the last year's beach handball and indoor EUROS were analyzed by Rakonjac and the conclusion was that only players from Russia played at the indoor and beach handball EURO. The analysis will be continued to see the development in this area.

17. Activity Plan and Budget 2019

Based on the activity plan for 2019 the respective budget was worked out.

18. Miscellaneous

18.1. 2019 Scientific Conference

The concept and topic of the next Scientific Conference were presented and the aim of the BC is to have more presentations about beach handball. The more general topic of the conference will enable to have articles related to all areas of beach handball compared to the past event. All information needed will be sent to Zapardiel for further handling.

1.1. Evaluation of coaches' courses in Catania & future perspective

According to the input provided by Zapardiel a new questionnaire will be implemented for the next courses. Furthermore the prepared methodology for courses needs to be followed by the lecturers at the next events. Therefore Zapardiel will work closer with the lecturers to guide them in the preparation process. The assessment of the coaches' courses will be evaluated for the future.

1.2. BH Lecturer's – Status and future perspective

A new proposal for a coaching lecturer was presented and the BC recommended adding Alexander Novakovic to the EHF lecturer's list. This request will be presented at the next EXEC meeting. Novakovic is an experienced coach from Germany and can be a great support for implementing the new methodology for teaching in the next courses.

Ole R. Jørstad thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

For the minutes: Ivana Jelić
Vienna, 07 March 2019

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Assignment of tasks

1.4. Masterplan update	EHF Office
2. EHF e-learning project Collection documents for BH e-learning (ILIAS) Timeline BH implementation	BC members EHF Office
3. ebt Development support letter Officials' clothing letter	EHF Office EHF Office
6. Champions Cup (ChC) in Catania/ITA (Workshop)	Trespidi/Jelić
7. Online testing Testing results period 1 Correcting current questions	EHF Office Trespidi
8. EUSA EHF Beach Handball University Championship Event promotion & personal contact universities	BC members/EHF Office
9. Publications (Educational short video clips)	Zapardiel
10. IHF matters Rules meeting concept & agenda	Sabovik/Jørstad
11. Action plan – First phase 2019	Bebetsos/EHF Office
12. Events & Competition Feedback qualification system & sports ranking New questionnaire teams	BC members Trespidi/EHF Office
13. Officiating (open topics update)	Sabovik
14. Game Design and Coaching University curricula distribution	Zapardiel/EHF Office
15. Promotion and Development Nations ranking update Media guide concept	Bebetsos Bebetsos
16. Additional Member Player registration possibilities	Rakonjac/EHF Office
18. Miscellaneous 2019 Scientific Conference – BH Topics Evaluation BH courses New BH lecturer	Zapardiel/BC members Zapardiel EHF Office