

## Beach Handball Commission Meeting

April 2019

### Minutes

#### Venue and dates

25 April 2019: 13.00 - 15.30  
26 April 2019: 09.00 - 18.30  
Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Vienna / AUT

#### Participants

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

EHF Office    Ivana Jelić  
                  Michiel Demeulenaere (intern)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Part 1</b> <b>Daily Business</b></p>
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#### 1. Welcome

##### 1.1. Minutes BC Meeting in February 2019

Ole R. Jørstad welcomed the participants to the second BC Meeting in 2019.  
The minutes of the last meeting in February 2019 were approved without any comments.

##### 1.2. EXEC Meeting 4/5 April 2019

O. Jørstad informed on the last EXEC Meeting dated 4/5 April 2019 in Copenhagen / DEN.  
I. Jelić briefly reported on the Secretaries General Conference, which was held before the EXEC Meeting in Copenhagen/DEN. The presentation about beach handball gave an overall overview of the EHF beach handball activities and had a focus on the newly launched development initiative.

##### 1.3. TD Meeting 25 April 2019

The following topics were dealt with at the TD Meeting and reported to the BC members by Jørstad:

- EURO Indoor: Decision to increase the women's EUROS to 24 teams and to reduce officials and EHF staff after each phase from the next EUROS on.
- Technology: Request to intensify the use of the implemented technologies and to bring new ideas for the future.
- Rules working group meeting with IHF: Document with possible changes in the future will be the follow-up of the meeting.
- Scientific Conference: The focus on the Grassroots topic was pointed out.
- e-learning: Current status for Indoor and implementation for beach handball was presented.
- BH University Curricula: Next steps and a general approach for promoting beach handball among European Universities were discussed.

## **2. EHF e-learning project**

### *2.1. Timeline & task distribution*

The task distribution was presented 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. In the next steps the required teaching material (pictures, videos and presentations) will be collected via the EHF cloud. The implementation of the e-learning material and online testing in ILIAS will be done by the EHF Office.

## **3. ebt season 2018/19**

### *3.1. Current status on organisers and teams*

Currently 96 teams registered consisting out of 53 male teams and 43 female teams, compared to 83 teams last year consisting out of 45 male and 38 female. 40 tournaments are registered at the moment and 4 of them are still pending. Last year 51 tournaments were registered at that time. One ebt tournament was cancelled after being approved (Beach Handball Billund/DEN).

### *3.2. Salming clothing for referees and delegates*

So far 22 requests from referees for SALMING clothing were received and 10 referee basic packages (2 shorts, 2 shirts and one cap) were already sent out. From the delegates the EHF received 13 requests and 6 packages were sent. The remaining packages will be delivered in the next weeks.

## **4. 2019 ebt Finals in Baia Mare/ROU**

### *4.1. Status update*

The registration of the teams is closed and 14+14 teams registered in total. After some last minute cancelations further substitute teams for the women's competition were accepted and all registered teams paid the deposit payment now.

The playing schedule is ready and was distributed to the teams with the team info 2. There will be night matches played on court 1 and live-streaming from all courts during the entire competition. The cooperation with the local organiser is very satisfying and there is a regular exchange on the progress and important issues.

Two updates concerning the ebt Finals regulations need to be implemented in the next version:

- The nation of the teams registered is also taken into account, when choosing substitute teams.
- The deposit payments need to be transferred immediately together with the registration for the next editions.

## **5. 2019 MW17 & Senior BH EUROS in Stare Jablonki/POL**

### *5.1. Status update*

M. Trespidi informed on the current status and pointed out that an important open topic is the accommodation for EHF Officials for the arrival day on Tuesday.

He also raised the topic concerning the playing shorts for women. Last year an agreement with the IHF was made to add an amendment to the clothing regulations in the Rules of the Game in order to allow hipster shorts for women. So far no decision was taken by the IHF in this matter. Based on a request from a NF and in respect of incidents at the past competitions, the BC recommended (with one vote against) allowing hipster shorts as a test at the EUROS in Poland this year in order to take conclusions for the future.

Furthermore Trespidi proposed a co-operation with a PhD student from Italy for a performance analysis in beach handball during the YAC EURO in Poland. The aim is to present the outcomes of the studies at the Scientific Conference. BC is in favour of setting up the cooperation with the student. The data privacy issues will be evaluated together with the EHF legal department.

## 5.2. *Rules Development Meeting (RDM)*

The Rules Development Meeting will be held on the 1 July before the Technical Meeting with Ivan Sabovik as the responsible person. An official invitation letter was sent to the IHF and all teams were informed about the meeting via the team info 1. The coaches will be asked to provide their input and an agenda will be sent to the teams prior to the event.

## 5.3. *TV status (Infront)*

Based on the information received from the POL Federation Infront is working on selling the TV rights for the eight matches (semi-finals and finals) on the final weekend of the Senior EURO. Weekly exchanges with Infront and the EHF Office are scheduled. Furthermore Infront is working on a co-operation with the Olympic Channel ([www.olympicchannel.com](http://www.olympicchannel.com)) for live-streaming the matches on the platform.

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

### 6.1. *Status workshop and inspection*

The first workshop took place in Catania (inspection of hotels and venue) and in Rome in the FIGH office end of March. For this year's edition only one hotel for EHF Officials and teams is foreseen. A new position for court 3, next to court 2 was defined. The shortcomings of last year were discussed. More details are laid down in the minutes of the workshop.

Regarding the future perspectives of the EHF Champions Cup as of 2021 in order to keep the format of the competition in autumn, the BC is starting to evaluate possibilities of potential organisers. First talks will be done with the current organiser Italy.

## 7. **Online testing**

### 7.1. *Status update*

After the first testing phase in 2019 the current number of active officials is: 54 active delegates and 86 active referees. There was one drop-out from the referees and one from the delegates list. The next testing period is scheduled in May: 06 – 20 May (re-test: 22 May – 5 June).

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

### 8.1. *Status registrations*

The current status of participating teams is: 4 women and 9 men teams. Beside these confirmed teams, 8 female and 11 male teams have registered, but not yet paid the entry fee. The last deadline for the team registration is 15 May. The referees and delegates will be nominated in the next weeks. O. Jørstad will be present on the final weekend of the tournament as representative of the EHF.

## 9. **Publications**

### 9.1. *Educational short video clips*

Due to availability problems of the required SALMING equipment, a new schedule for the recording was defined in September. The clothing problem will be either solved with SALMING or with a supplier from Spain (neutral clothing). The topics for the short-clips are already fixed.

## 10. **IHF matters**

### 10.1. *Meeting EHF/IHF BH Working Group*

The IHF will come back to the EHF BC in order to define a date for the next common meeting with the IHF BH working group.

### 10.2. *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 – 15 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, July (date tbc)

### 10.3. *Mediterranean Beach Games*

G. Bebetos informed on the status of the Mediterranean Beach Games and showed current figures. The total number of participating NOCs is 14. From European side the following NOCs are registered for the BH tournament: MLT, KOS, ITA, GRE, CYP, CRO, POR and ALB. KOS is a new beach handball nation, who joined for the first time and shows their interest in getting involved in beach handball activities.

## 11. Action plan – First phase 2019

### 11.1. *Status update*

Following the information sent to all NF regarding the beach handball development support seven federations requested support so far (CZE, CYP, LAT, MLT, RUS, SCO, SWE). All material requests are connected to a seminar/workshop, which will be fixed in the next weeks.

### 11.2. *BH Mentor nominations*

The respective BH Mentor for each federation will be defined according to the topic and the geographical proximity.

### 11.3. *Promotion activities*

A presentation and introduction of beach handball at the Partille Cup in SWE this year and a bigger involvement next year are planned.

## Part 2 Long term activities

## 12. Events & Competition

### 12.1. *Improvements Trial line-system and balls*

To avoid misuse of the ball, the delegates will be instructed to check the pressure of the balls before the matches in the upcoming EHF competitions. A ball pump from Trial will be available at each event.

### 12.2. *Sport nations ranking*

Due to the absence of two members in February, the concept of the sport nations' ranking was presented again by M. Trespidi. The introduction of a sport based nations ranking is independent from the introducing of a qualification system for the EURO events. The aim of the new nations ranking is to replace the "first come first served" principle, as it is not practical and feasible anymore due to increasing participating figures.

The proposal is to implement the ranking system of indoor, where the results of the last three years are taken into consideration. With one difference: to include the YAC results in BH in order to encourage NFs to register youth teams to the EUROS.

It was agreed to keep the current nations ranking system until the next EHF Congress and to award the most involved nations and their overall development in BH as in the past years. The BC recommended implementing the sport nations ranking for the ChC 2019 already. A technical term for the new ranking will be defined and the respective motion will be forwarded to the EXEC at the meeting in June.

### *12.3. Qualification system in the future (from 2020 on)*

Due to the increasing interest in EHF BH competitions and the higher number of team registrations in the last years, resulting in the biggest EURO with 20+20 teams, a new competition format with a qualification for the EURO was presented by M. Trespidi and sent out to the BC before the meeting. This great development is very promising for beach handball but at the same time causing challenges concerning the playing schedule, including more pressure on the officials, unpredictable conditions for organisers and the commercialisation of the event.

With regard to the possible introduction of BH to the Olympic Games the interest in participating in EUROs will boost and the aim should be to make sure to send the best nations to the Olympic Games.

The following options for the qualification system for EUROs were discussed by the BC:

- **Option 1:** playing in the same venue the weekend before the ECHs week with the presented quali-system; in case of YAC in the first days of the same week.
- **Option 2:** playing in the same venue and in the same period and accepting all teams, but dividing them in two groups based on the sport nations ranking: 1. Group: EURO played with 16 +16 (first 16) teams and 2. Group: Championships with N + N (all remaining teams applied); 4 teams relegating to the Championship and 4 teams being promoted to the EURO in the following edition (same system for Senior and YAC).
- **Option 3:** playing the qualification and the EURO in different venues and in different years, e.g.: qualification for Senior event in even years and qualification for YAC in the same venue of the Senior event in uneven years.
- **Option 4:** dividing the women's and men's EURO (remark: this option was not discussed at the meeting, but will be evaluated in the next steps)

The BC recommended to evaluate the presented option in the next months and proposed the following timeline:

- April: BC general recommendation for implementing the qualification system
- June/July: Infront/EHF Media involvement and feedback
- August: BC motion to EXEC
- September: EXEC decision
- *Test event: YAC 2020 (tbc)*
- *Implementation: EURO 2021 (tbc)*

## **13. Officiating**

### *13.1. Referee and delegate education videos*

The video exports from the Digital Score Sheet (DSS) will be used to create new education videos.

Ivan Sabovik will prepare the topics and the briefing for the University Las Palmas / ESP immediately after the EUROs. The timeline for completing the videos is August 2019.

Furthermore it was agreed to use the videos from the DSS also for the BH e-learning. The responsible person for choosing the video material is I. Sabovik.

### *13.2. Status nominations ebt tournaments*

Currently nominations for EHF referee pairs for almost all 19 ebt tournaments with more than 250 points have been sent out so far.

### *13.3. Feedback EHF BH Officials*

For all courses from 2020 on there will be a questionnaire distributed to evaluate the lecturers.

## **14. Game Design and Coaching**

### *14.1. University curricular*

The beach handball learning structure including the learning outcomes, the assessment criteria and the contents was completed and is ready to be sent out. The document was sent to Jean Brihault and he provided his input regarding the distribution. A folder including the learning structure, information about BH, further education material and information sheets about the EHF beach handball partners (for equipment) will be prepared and sent out by the EHF Office in the next weeks.

### *14.2. Fair play awarding procedure*

The following procedure for the fair play awarding will be kept as in the past years:

1. Fair play award in the scope of the “All-Star Team” awarding
2. Day by day awarding of the best fair play action/moment at the EUROs

## **15. Promotion and Development**

### *15.1. Nations’ ranking*

It was agreed to only cross out the points for the coaches for the evaluation for 2019.

### *15.2. Development tools*

George in cooperation with the EHF Office will be updating the available BH brochures in the next months.

### *15.3. Media guide – Status*

The implementation of the media guide with a Greek graphic company is ongoing.

## **16. Additional Member**

### *16.1. Registration of players*

Based on the current project for implementing a new player registration system for indoor, a concept for BH will be set-up for the future.

### *16.2. Women in BH (+ meeting at EURO)*

J. Rakonjac presented the agenda for a meeting “Women in BH” in the scope of the YAC EURO. It is planned to organise the meeting on the arrival day before the YAC event.

## **17. Miscellaneous**

### *17.1. 2019 Scientific Conference*

The possibilities to organise an event with kids to introduce BH in the scope of the conference will be evaluated.

### *17.2. BH Lecturers*

Based on the BC recommendation the EXEC has confirmed the nomination of Alexander Novakovic as an EHF Lecturer.

BC recommended including Peter Fröschl on the list of EHF BH Lecturers for event management and this request will be forwarded to the EXEC at the next meeting.

### 17.3. Competition dates 2020

The following dates for the events in 2020 were defined and will be published:

- **ebt Finals:** 4 – 7 June 2020
- **YAC EURO:** 9 – 12 July 2020 (tbc after the YAC EURO in POL)
- **Champions Cup:** 15 – 18 October 2020 (tbc)
- **National Team Week BH:** 22 – 28 June 2020

O. Jørstad thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

For the minutes: Ivana Jelić  
Vienna, 7 May 2019

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## Assignment of tasks

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| <p><b>2. EHF e-learning project</b><br/>Collecting teaching material for BH e-learning (ILIAS)<br/>Revising of the current online testing questions</p> | <p>BC members<br/>Trespidi</p>             |
| <p><b>3. ebt season 2018/19</b><br/>Salming clothing distribution to EHF Officials</p>  | <p>EHF Office</p>                          |
| <p><b>4. 2019 ebt Finals in Baia Mare/ROU</b><br/>Update regulations new edition in 2020</p>  | <p>Trespidi/EHF Office</p>                 |
| <p><b>5. 2019 MW17 &amp; Senior BH EUROs in Stare Jablonki/POL</b><br/>Performance analysis cooperation<br/>Rules Development Meeting agenda</p>        | <p>Trespidi/EHF Office<br/>Sabovik</p>     |
| <p><b>7. Online testing</b><br/>Testing period 2 (May/June)</p>   | <p>EHF Office</p>                          |
| <p><b>9. Publications</b><br/>Educational short video clips implementation (September)<br/>Salming equipment order/replacement</p>                      | <p>Zapardiel<br/>EHF Office</p>            |
| <p><b>11. Action plan – First phase 2019 (follow up)</b></p>  | <p>Bebetsos/EHF Office</p>                 |
| <p><b>12. Events &amp; Competition</b><br/>Qualification system EUROs (feedback &amp; further input)</p>  | <p>BC members</p>                          |
| <p><b>13. Officiating</b><br/>Referee and delegate education videos briefing<br/>Nominations ebt tournaments</p>  | <p>Sabovik<br/>Sabovik/EHF Office</p>      |
| <p><b>14. Game Design and Coaching</b><br/>University curricula distribution</p>  | <p>Zapardiel/EHF Office</p>                |
| <p><b>15. Promotion and Development</b><br/>BH brochures update<br/>Media guide</p>   | <p>Bebetsos/EHF Office<br/>Bebetsos</p>    |
| <p><b>16. Additional Member</b><br/>“Women in BH” meeting preparation</p>   | <p>Rakonjac</p>                            |
| <p><b>17. Miscellaneous</b><br/>2019 Scientific Conference<br/>New BH lecturer</p>  | <p>Zapardiel/EHF Office<br/>EHF Office</p> |

### Motion to the EXEC - Meeting in Austria on 28 June 2019:

1. Sport nations ranking