

Minutes to the 3rd Beach Handball Commission Meeting in August 2019

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Venue: EHF Office / Session I
Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, Vienna (AUT) / Session II

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<p>Part 1 Daily Business</p>
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1. Welcome

1.1. Minutes of BC Meeting in April 2019

Jørstad welcomed the members of the BC and the office to the third and last BC Meeting in 2019. The minutes of the meeting in April 2019 were approved without any comments.

1.2. EXEC Meeting June 2019

Jørstad continued to inform on the last EXEC Meeting dated 28 June 2019 in Vienna (AUT), where the BC motion concerning the new Nations' Ranking was approved.

1.3. TD Meeting input 28 August 2019

The following BH related topics were defined to be discussed at the TD Meeting, to take place after the BC meeting this time:

- Technology support and future strategy
- EUSA cooperation concerning beach handball university curricula
- Rules development meeting and follow-up
- "Coaches' challenge" pilot project

2. EHF eLearning project

The further timeline for the implementation of the eLearning for EHF Officials will be defined in the next months. Currently input from the BC members and the EHF Office is collected. These documents will be looked through by the EHF Office also in prospects of the new website and the updated content structure. Additional material (pictures, videos and presentations) for referees and delegates education are needed in order to have proper teaching material on the new platform.

3. IT matters

3.1. Scoreboards

Trespidi explained the importance of the scoreboards for BH and the challenges at the past events. The obligation for providing proper scoreboards is on the local organiser. In the past the renting from “Swiss Timing” and the Croatian company “Furki sport” was too expensive for most of the organisers. So EHF had to rely on the devices the organisers supplied, which were partly not sufficient for outdoor use, too small or had no adequate software for the steering.

Due to these problems on-site Trespidi proposed to test a software provided by Armand Steiger from “Vision Sport”. The software will be tested at the Champions Cup in Catania and the usage for the future will be evaluated afterwards. The plan for the next EHF BH events is to oblige the organisers to rent LED boards and use this software, if verified after the ChC this year.

Krywult pointed out that it is important to define the respective specifications connected to the used LED boards in advance to avoid further problems.

The possibility to connect the scoreboards to our system is not considered currently, due to high investment costs (server on-site, extended IT support, etc.). The details were explained by Krywult.

3.2. Video match report

Krywult reported on the existing EHF video match report, which is already in place for a few years. This video match report is connected to the extended match report and is not used yet. As a next step a long term strategy for the use of the DSS and a potential switch to the EHF video match report system needs to be analysed by the BC for the future. Following a concrete specification and usage manual, a cost calculation and investment budget can be estimated by the EHF IT department.

The general approach is to use the video match report for players, media, coaches and EHF officials.

3.3. PluriScout Beach

A list of changes of the “PluriScout Beach” system will be finalized by Großschmidt in cooperation with Trespidi. The changes will then be evaluated by the EHF IT and a time schedule will be reported back, until when the changes can be implemented and tested.

4. ebt

4.1. Current status and comparison to season 2017/18:

For the ebt season 2018/19 72 tournaments and 214 teams (91 female and 123 male teams) in total were registered. Out of the 72 registered tournaments 8 tournaments have been cancelled in total. At each tournament female and male teams were attending.

After the introduction of the obligatory reporting for all ebt tournaments by the head delegate this season, lots of tournament verifications were delayed due to the absence of the report (+pictures) and the availability of the head delegates. Further steps will be taken by the EHF Office to reduce the delays in the next season.

In comparison at the last ebt season (2017/18) 66 tournaments and 196 (84 female and 112 male teams) teams were registered in total.

Furthermore CYP referees reported missing payments of their daily allowances at a GRE tournament in June. Also with involving the GRE federation this case couldn't be solved until now. So it was agreed to follow the legal rules and to report this case to the Court of Handball.

4.2. ebt Regulation update

Updated organiser criteria for the next ebt season regulations will be set-up by Trespidi and Jelić until end of September and send to the BC for final confirmation before being published.

4.3. SALMING equipment officials

For the ebt season 2018/2019 32 EHF Referees and 21 EHF Delegates in total requested and were provided with Salming equipment (two shirts and shorts). For the next season the supply of the EHF Officials with SALMING equipment will be continued, as long as the contract is valid and equipment is needed.

4.4. Status nominations ebt tournaments:

After the first season, where EHF referees were nominated to ebt tournaments with more than 250 points, a summary and statistics of current nominations and the past years was sent out to the BC. In total 15 EHF referee pairs were nominated to ebt tournaments in Europe during this season.

4.5. Nominations of referees for ebt tournaments in 2019/20

For the next season the selection of the nominated EHF referees will be done by the EHF Office directly according to the agreed principles to avoid delays.

The lack of updating the private off-times by the EHF Officials in the EHFfamily portal caused problems this season. Therefore an information letter will be sent to all EHF Officials, to remind them of their obligation to confirm their nominations and in particular the ebt nominations in time and to keep their information on the EHFfamily portal updated (email address, private off-times, etc.).

4.6. Education courses 2020

Two education courses are planned for 2020. The first one should be implemented at the **EUSA Games** in Belgrade (SRB) and is aiming to have new candidates from the neighbouring federations.

The **EHF Education Course**, which was advertised for bids to ebt organisers, will be organised in the Netherlands in the scope of the ebt tournament "TSHV Camelot" in Oosterhout.

The general approach for the next year is to focus on female EHF Officials and motivate new National Federations to send candidates for the courses. The WHB support for the courses next year will be requested as in the past.

Furthermore a second reminder concerning the obligation of attending national education courses as a pre-condition to attend EHF courses will be sent out to the federations together with the registration for the course in NED.

4.7. ebt Finals 2019

The organisation of the last ebt Finals in Baia Mare (ROU) was very positive with new approaches and a very motivated team. Last minute problems were solved in cooperation with the EHF.

4.8. ebt Finals 2020

Interested nations/organisers for the next editions are POL (Plock), CYP (for next years), RUS and ALB. Trespidi will do a site-inspection in ALB on the 29 August to discuss an overall plan for the federation to start with beach handball activities and to apply for next events. The first step was already achieved by having an ALB team in the Mediterranean Beach Games in Patras for the first time.

The aim for the next edition of the ebt Finals is to go back to the beach, if possible.

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

5.1. Evaluation

The cooperation with the Hotel Anders, as the local organiser was very good.

The general impression of EHF referees was good. For the future more preparation before EHF events will be expected from the nominated persons.

The evaluation of the referees by the delegates was very different and showed the importance to have experienced persons as officials. The target for the future is to have uniformed evaluation guidelines and a common education part before a tournament.

Given the tough match schedule, unpredictable (weather) conditions and lots of matches, the BC will make a proposal to the EXEC for an additional payment for EHF Officials for EUROS (YAC & Senior) in the future. The conditions should be the same as for Indoor, just with a different fee (not per match, but for the tournament period).

Trespidi pointed out the very good cooperation with the present EHF Office persons during the event. The aim for the future is to involve internal persons and to secure a proper knowledge transfer. New manuals for the next events for media and marketing issues, ceremonies and procedures need to be set-up. Furthermore a new bid document for organisers from 2021 will be established in cooperation with Infront/DAZN in the next weeks.

The rules development meeting took place during the Senior EURO competition with around 15 team representatives present. From EHF side Jørstad, Sabovik and Opava were present and leading the meeting, supported by Harald Mulder, the GER U17 male team coach. It was a very well accepted and good initiative. The discussions and clarifications of unclear situations were topic of the meeting. It was decided to continue with these meetings, if the event schedule allows it and to ask for more input from the coaches before the meeting.

The TV figures showed a big increase compared to the last EURO in 2017. The increase of numbers and users on ehfTV was as well very high and on the level of the EURO qualifier matches. A detailed report on the TV, live-streaming and social media figures will be presented in the event report. In general the focus is to increase the BH community through the different media channels. It was proposed to focus on the information about the live-streaming during the next EUROS.

5.2. Qualitative analysis

The qualitative analysis will be completed by Zapardiel until January 2020. It was agreed to have a similar structure as for the last analysis and to keep it simple and clear.

6. 2020 EHF Champions Cup (ChC) in Catania/ITA

6.1. Current status & team registrations

After the registrations deadline 16 male and 12 female teams were registered for the Champions Cup. The preparations by FIGH were a bit delayed over the summer, but the open tasks are being finalized currently.

6.2. Coaches course (level 3)

It was agreed to not have a level 3 coaches' course in Catania this year, due to the limited preparation time. Zapardiel will prepare a concept and adequate programme for the level 3 course for the meeting in February. New lecturers need to be found for this course as well.

7. 2019 EUSA EHF Beach Handball Championship 2019 in Zagreb/CRO

7.1. Evaluation

Rakonjac informed about the first edition of the EUSA EHF BH Championship in Zagreb in July, where 10 male & 8 female teams participated in the end. A total number of 180 participants (players + officials) were present and the level of performance was varying between the present teams.

According to the feedback of EUSA at the meeting during the final day of the Championship, the involved persons were satisfied with the event and the number of participating teams in the end. Some technical requirements (eg. tribunes, scoreboards, streaming) were not provided in the agreed

quality by the organiser, but the positive outcome of the event was, that the teams were satisfied. The media coverage needs to be improved by EUSA and the organisers for the next events, nevertheless due to the short preparation time it was a very well organised tournament in general. The common aim is to raise the number of participants in the next event and therefore to start with the registration of teams earlier.

For the championship in CRO EHF nominated 4 referee pairs and 4 delegates. Due to serious health problems one female CRO referee dropped out and was replaced by a male colleague from CRO one day before the tournament started.

Due to a different procedure at EUSA events, as OC is dealing with the participating universities directly, some minor issues came up regarding playing kits and squad lists. But all issues were solved in a good way on site.

The resulting and ranking system was done through the EUSA system ("Furki sport"). A feedback to EUSA regarding adaptations in the system for the next BH event will be provided by Rakonjac.

At the meeting in Zagreb it was agreed to provide the same material support from EHF for the EUSA Games 2020 as for the championship in CRO (goals, line-systems and balls) and to intensify the cooperation with EUSA and EHF. A support for distributing information concerning the BH learning structure for university curricula and to promote the project among the universities through EUSA was also agreed. For further information please refer to the meeting minutes from July.

7.2. Future perspective – EUSA Games 2020

It was agreed to have a common cooperation meeting both for indoor and beach handball with EUSA in Vienna in autumn. A suitable date will be fixed within the next weeks.

8. Online testing

The current status of the number of active delegates is 54 and the number of active referees is 86. Trespidi is working on the review of the questions.

The next testing period is: 30 September – 14 October (re-test: 16 – 30 October).

9. Publications

The recording of the educational short video clips is scheduled for 8 September. The briefing was uploaded to the cloud by Zapardiel and input from the other BC members is appreciated. The plan is to record all planned short videos (20 in total) with different exercises at the same time.

10. IHF matters

10.1. Meeting EHF/IHF BH Working Group

There is no date for the next meeting with the IHF BH Working Group fixed yet.

10.2. Worldwide planned activities

2019 ANOC World Beach Games in Doha/QAT, 9 – 15 October

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

2020 EUSA Games in Belgrade/SRB, 12 – 25 July (BH tournament: tbc)

2020 MW16 BH EURO, 9 – 12 July (venue: tbc)

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

2021 World Championships Youth (U17)

2022 Youth Olympic Games

10.3. Mediterranean Beach Games

Bebetsos informed the BC about the status of the Mediterranean Beach Games per email. Beach Handball was the biggest sport at the Games, with a total of 15 national teams (10 men + 5 women) and 150 athletes. The following European National Federations participated in the Games: ALB, CRO, CYP, ITA, GRE, MLT, POR.

11. Action plan – Evaluation first phase 2019

11.1. Status update

Since the introduction of the action plan 10 National Federations requested support so far (ALB, CZE, CYP, IRL, ISL, LAT, MLT, RUS, SCO, SWE) and three education course we supported in CYP, MLT and IRL. The next education course is planned in SWE and a meeting including a site-inspection was organised in ALB. Further national BH course are planned in 2020. The first phase of the BH development programmes was very successful with new countries starting with beach handball activities and course.

11.2. Promotion activities 2020

The potential promotion possibilities at the Partille Cup in SWE next year will be evaluated in the next months. Further promotional activities will be defined at the next BC meeting at the latest.

Part 2 Long term activities

12. Events & Competition

12.1. Technology (GLT & IVR)

The goal-line-technology (GLT) was used at EHF BH events the second year. Additional to the GLT the instant video replay (IVR) was used for the EURO in Poland for the first time. The technologies were accepted very well. Compared to the EURO in MNE there was an increase in GLT cases this year.

Further education on this topic for delegates and referees will be done at the next competition. The referees will be more encouraged to use the available technologies at the next event.

It was defined that the only involvement of the delegate in this procedure can be, if the referees want to use the technology in an improper way and to remind them of the cases of use.

The GLT & IVR is only used on court 1 so far. In order to give the teams the same conditions in the future, an equal distribution of matches on court 1 during the group phase could be envisaged taking into consideration TV and spectator aspects. Additional use of the technologies in the future will be evaluated until the next BC meeting.

12.2. Regulations updates 2020 EHF BH events

The following regulations updates for the next BH events will be implemented:

- I. New squad list procedure**
 - Official squad list with 28 players and 6 officials 21 days prior each event
 - Final delegation list with 12 player and 4 team officials at the technical meeting
- II. Late registration of players:** A late registration of players can only be made, in case the team announced less than 10 players on the final delegation list.
- III. Court plan change:** The home teams will be automatically granted the presence on court 1 until the quarter-finals. Changes on the final days need to be requested 12 hours before the match at the latest. The decision upon the request will be made by the TM considering the time of the other matches, e.g. placement matches 1-8, semi-final and finals of both genders, which will always to be played on court 1. The possibility of changes of the playing schedule due to organiser or TV requests will be included in the regulations and announced during the TM.
- IV. Pre-match procedure:** With any exceptions the pre-match procedure including the national anthems will only be done at the semi-finals and final matches.

- V. Clothing for cold temperature:** Following the positive experience at the EURO in POL, it was agreed to leave the decision on the usage of additional clothing due to severe weather conditions to the EHF Delegate present at the match (not the TM). A respective coordination will be done by the EHF Delegates on the different courts directly.
- VI. Alcohol & smoking:** The BC is in favour to ban alcoholic drinks and smoking from the tribunes in BH events in the future. This topic will be dealt with at the next organisers' workshops.
- VII. Advertising players' clothing:** The information about local restrictions concerning the advertising on players' clothing will be sent out with the registration letter to the teams. The OC needs to inform the EHF before about any local restrictions. After this deadline the organiser is responsible for any damage occurring to the teams.
- VIII. "Coaches' challenge":** The BC will make a request to the EXEC in order to test a "coaches' challenge" regarding the IVR during the next BH events. A detailed plan will be provided by Trespidi to be forwarded to the EXEC for a decision.

12.3. New BH Nations' Ranking implementation

As confirmed by the EXEC the new BH Nations' Ranking was implemented and published. The ranking is already used for the team registration for the Champions Cup this year.

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

The BC agreed to forward a motion to the EXEC in order to decide on the BC proposal to introduce a qualification system for BH EUROS and to fix the teams for the Senior EURO to 16+16 teams. The proposal is to play a qualification tournament before the EUROS with all teams registering in order to fix the 16+16 places for the EURO in the following year. More details will be provided in the motion to the EXEC.

12.5. Goals

During the EURO in POL a meeting with the technical responsible and sales person of Sport Transfer was held. There it was agreed to evaluate possible changes of the installation system of the goals for the future. The requests from EHF were noted and a possible solution will be prepared and tested during the Champions Cup in Catania.

12.6. Line-system and balls

The Trial line-system is working perfectly. Only a new fixation of the line-system, which was provided for the event in Zagreb, need to be clarified with Trial by Trespidi. The only part, which needs to be improved, is the pick, which goes into the ground. It was already agreed to make this part more stable to not bend.

Furthermore new balls inspired by the water polo balls will be produced by Trial and tested in Catania.

13. Officiating

13.1. Referee and delegate education videos

Videos from the EURO in Poland will be chosen by Sabovik for the new education videos. The deadline for submitting the videos including the explanations to the EHF is beginning of October.

14. Game Design and Coaching

14.1. University curricula

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 to all federations and partner universities. This information will also be forwarded by EUSA to their partners at the universities. Furthermore EUSA proposed to have a

presentation of the beach handball university curricula at the “Rectors’ Conference” before the EUSA Games in 2020.

14.2. Teaching material EHF website

The current teaching material on the EHF website will be checked and a new structure for the website relaunch will be set-up by the EHF Office in cooperation with Zapardiel.

15. Additional Member

15.1. Registration of players

It was agreed to finalize the project concerning the registration of players’ for BH national team competitions and the ChC following the indoor principles. A detailed plan will be presented at the next BC meeting in February.

15.2. BH transfer regulations

For the future a feasible BH transfer system needs to be set-up in cooperation with the EHF transfer department.

15.3. Women in beach handball

The minutes from the workshop in POL were distributed. In total 15 participants from six different National Federations participated in the meeting. The support by the WHB in the past was very much appreciated by the participants. The BC will continue to request funding through the WHB in the future as well to encourage more women to take part in the courses. Further workshops will be scheduled for the next EHF events. As a next step, role models and ambassadors to promote beach handball in the futures need to be identified. Within the new online EHF project “Legends in Handball” also beach handball players should be involved and included.

16. Miscellaneous

16.1. 2019 Scientific Conference

Three abstracts with beach handball related topics at the Scientific Conference were registered including the new “Mini/Ultimate Beach Handball” project, which will be presented for the first time at the conference in Cologne.

16.2. Activity Plan and Budget 2020

Following the planned activities and the development project the regular budget for 2020 will be presented at the BC meeting in February 2020. Furthermore a detailed strategy for additional investments in beach handball in the future, need to be prepared in the next months.

16.3. All-Star team

A proposal was made by Trespidi regarding changes of the All-Star team awarding and will be discussed in the meeting in February 2020.

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

For the minutes: Ivana Jelić

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Assignment of tasks

2. EHF eLearning project (LIAS)	
Additional teaching material for BH referees and delegates education	BC members
3. IT matters	
Testing new scoreboard management software at ChC	Trespidi/Großschmidt
Video match report future concept	Trespidi/BC members
Changes within the “PluriScout Beach” system	Trespidi/Großschmidt
4. ebt	
Regulations update for season 19/20	Trespidi/Jelić
Letter to EHF BH Officials	Jelić
Education courses 2020 (invitation & reminder national courses)	Jelić
5. 2019 MW17 & Senior BH EUROs in Stare Jablonki/POL	
EURO manual including all EHF procedures	Bebetsos/ Jelić
7. 2019 EUSA EHF Beach Handball Championship 2019 in Zagreb/CRO	
Inputs for updates of the EUSA resulting and ranking system	Rakonjac
8. Online testing	
Testing period 3 (September/October)	Jelić
Revising of the current online testing questions	Trespidi
9. Publications	
Recording of educational short video clips (8 September)	Zapardiel
12. Events & Competition	
Regulations updates for next BH events	Trespidi/Jelić
Concept “coaches’ challenge”	Trespidi
13. Officiating	
Referee and delegate education videos briefing (October)	Sabovik
14. Game Design and Coaching	
University curriculum distribution	Zapardiel/Jelić
New structure for teaching material on website	Zapardiel/Jelić
Teaching concept level 3 coaches’ courses	Zapardiel
16. Additional Member	
Registration of players and transfer concept for BH	Rakonjac
Identification of roles models and ambassadors for BH	Rakonjac
17. Miscellaneous	
Activity Plan and Budget 2020	Bebetsos/EHF Office

Motions to the EXEC

Meeting in Belgrade on 19 September 2019

12. Events & Competition

1. EURO qualification system
2. “Coaches’ challenge” - Instant video replay