

## 2ND MEETING 2022

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**DATE:** Friday, 08 April 2022 / 09:00 – 18:00

**VENUE:** “Courtyard by Marriott Wien Prater/Messe”, Vienna / “Krieau 2” Meeting Room

### Participants

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<b>BC:</b>	Gabriella Horváth (HUN)	Chairwoman
	Mário Bernardes (POR)	Promotion and Development
	Marek Goralczyk (POL)	Events & Competition (Online attendance)
	Jiri Opava (CZE)	Officiating
	Marco Trespidi (ITA)	Game Design and Coaching
<b>EHF OFFICE:</b>	Martin Hausleitner	Secretary General (partly)
	Tobia Pisani	Beach Handball Manager
	Nancy Johnson	Beach Handball Coordinator

### Minutes

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#### 1. WELCOME & REVIEW

The EHF Beach Handball Commission (BC) chairwoman Gabriella Horváth welcomed the members of the EHF Beach Handball Commission to the second meeting in 2022. She underlined the important progress that all the beach handball processes are making so far within the year and the BC is looking forward to a successful season.

During the opening of the meeting, EHF Secretary General Hausleitner welcomed the BC Members and shared general information about the EHF and the current situation regarding competitions and events. He reported about the Secretary General Conference, where beach handball was part of the discussion with Federations and underlined the importance of involving more National Federations in beach handball activities and to support them in terms of finance, knowledge and materials. The registration project for beach handball players and clubs is highly relevant for the development and the professionalisation of BH. Hausleitner expressed the full support regarding the initiatives and the upcoming projects from BC.

### 1.1. Minutes BC Meeting in February 2022

The minutes of the last meeting in February 2022 were approved without any comments.

### 1.2. TD Meeting (7 April 2022)

Horváth informed on the TD meeting hold on the 7 April, minutes available.

## **2. ONLINE TESTING & ELEARNING**

### 2.1. Status update – Last test results

The first 2022 testing period for BH Officials was held in February. The test was performed on the platform ILIAS. The number of active BH referees is 77 – 29 Women and 48 Men – from 21 NFs, and the number of active BH delegates is 58 – 12 women and 46 Men – from 26 NFs.

The next testing phases are as follows:

- May: 2 – 15 May (re-test: 20 May – 3 June)
- October: 10 – 23 October (re-test: 28 October – 11 November)

## **3. EUROPEAN BEACH HANDBALL TOUR (ebt)**

### 3.1. ebt season - Status tournaments and teams

Johnson shared with the members a presentation with the current ebt season data and statistics. At the moment, 32 tournaments in 16 countries and 84 teams (37 female and 47 male) are already registered. Opava shared the willingness to nominate EHF Officials for the tournaments with more than 250 points, following the ebt Regulations.

### 3.2. EHF Officials Reports

With the aim of having a peculiar control on the ebt tournaments, a new tailored and fileable event report was sent to all EHF Officials. The EHF Cloud will be the platform to upload the reporting materials (event report, ebt team delegation list, EHF Officials list).

### 3.3. ebt Finals 2022 – status update

The EHF ebt Finals 2022 will take place in Isola delle Femmine, Palermo (ITA) from 9 to 12 June 2022. The team' registration process is closed with 16 male teams and 15 female teams.

The preparations are proceeding according to the planned timeline.

### 3.4. EHF support for new ebt tournament

A status of the last BC decision on this topic was presented to the BC members. In addition the BC evaluated and confirmed the new supporting request from the National Federations, who will be informed accordingly in order to receive the required beach handball materials for the ebt tournaments and for the overall development of beach handball in their Countries.

### 3.5. ebt Future Concept

The BC agreed on the actions proposed by the office for the implementation of the standard graphics that were presented in the last meeting. The goal is to have a more homogeneous and consistent image in all ebt tournaments. The regulation will be updated accordingly in the next months for the EXEC approval on September.

#### 3.5.1 ebt organisers – survey and online meeting

The BC Members agreed on the importance to increase the communications with the ebt organisers and the overall beach handball community around Europe. In that respect, a survey to all ebt organisers will be shared by the end of the season, asking for a feedback about the current season with the aim of having input for the future development of ebt. Moreover, an online meeting will be organized with them for a common discussion about the future structure of the ebt competitions.

## 4. BEACH HANDBALL EUROS

### 4.1. EHF YAC 16 Beach Handball EURO 2022 & EHF Beach Handball Championships – status update

The YAC16 Beach Handball Euro 2022 & the EHF Beach Handball Championship (Senior qualification tournament for BH EURO 2023) will take place in Prague from 7 to 10 July 2022. The workshop already took place online and the site visit is planned for the 12-13 April. The preparations are proceeding according to the planned timeline. The teams' registration process will be opened during the second week of April.

### 4.2. EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023 – Application process status

The BH Euro 2023 will take place from 23 to 28 May 2023 and will be the qualification tournament for the European Games 2023 in Poland. POR and TUR officially applied for the

organisation. Based on the presented documents and all the requested conditions, the BC recommendation is Portugal with the city of Nazarè. The relevant document will be submitted to the EXEC for the awarding of the event during the next meeting in April.

#### 4.3. EHF YAC17 Beach Handball EURO 2023 – Application process status

The YAC16 BH Euro 2023 is still without an organiser. The BC evaluated the next steps, and the intention is to submit a proposal for the final decision and the awarding by the EXEC in April. The event will take place from 29 June to 2 July 2023.

### 5. EHF BEACH HANDBALL CHAMPIONS CUP (CHC) 2022

The Champions Cup 2022 is still without a host country. Contacts to potential organisers are ongoing and the intention is to submit a proposal for the final decision and the awarding by the EXEC in April.

### 6. EHF EDUCATION COURSES 2022

#### 6.1. Camelot Tournament (NED) – status update

The Education Courses for Referees, Delegates and Coaches will be organized alongside the Camelot ebt tournament in Tilburg (NED), 24-29 May 2022. The preparation is ongoing following the schedule. 10 Refs pairs, 10 Delegates and 19 Coaches are registered. The site visit in NED was held on 9-10 March 2022 and the event area is very promising, as well as the infrastructure for the courses. The Women's Handball Board confirmed the finance support for the female candidates (travel costs for the first 6 female candidates).

#### 6.2. Evaluation on having a second course

The second planned Education Course for 2022 in Lacanau (FRA) was cancelled. Several Federations expressed the willingness to have the second course for 2022 as they would like to increase the number of EHF BH Officials. The BC evaluated the possibility to have a second course during the second part of the current season and contacts with potential organisers will be established.

### 6.3. EHF Beach Handball Lecturers nominations

The application documents and the main information about the new EHF Experts nomination were shared with the potential beach handball experts, following the proposal from BC (list available on the BC minutes from February 2022). The next steps will be done in collaboration with Methods and Competitions Commissions to finalize the proposal for the EXEC approval in April.

## **7. EUROPEAN GAMES (EOG) 2023**

### 7.1. Status update

The EOC defined the time frame for the beach handball competition: 20-22 June 2023. The EHF is responsible for technical aspect of the beach handball events, the furnishing of the material (goals, line system and balls), the nomination of the officials and the creation of the playing schedule. The playing system is already agreed in the signed contract, with 8 teams per gender, three days of competition on two courts, 12 referees and 4 delegates nominated by the EHF.

## **8. EUSA GAMES 2022**

### 8.1. Status update

The event is confirmed for the period 23-25 July 2022 in Lodz, Poland. The registration process is ongoing and at the moment 6 female and 10 male teams are registered, while the maximum number of participating teams will be 12 per gender. The EHF is required to supply the materials, manage the technical aspects of the event and nominate the officials. The EUSA Technician for Beach Handball is Jelena Eric (SRB).

## **9. PUBLICATIONS**

### 9.1. Beach Handball book project

The beach handball book project in cooperation with the Sport University of Cologne is ongoing and the publishing date is scheduled over the next months. The book will be promoted in and distributed to every NF.

## **10. IHF MATTERS**

### 10.1. Worldwide planned activities

The updated international BH activities are as follows (including EHF events):

- 2022 Youth U18 IHF World Championships, 14-19 June, Heraklion (GRE)
- 2022 Senior IHF World Championships, 21-26 June, Heraklion (GRE)
- 2022 IHF Global Tour, 1-3 July (venue tbd)
- 2022 YAC16 BH EURO, 7 - 10 July, Prague (CZE)
- 2022 BH Championships, 7 - 10 July, Prague (CZE)
- 2022 World Games , 11 – 15 July, Birmingham (Alabama – USA)
- 2022 IHF Global Tour, 29-31 July (venue tbd)
- 2023 Senior BH EURO, 23-28 May; (venue tbd)
- 2023 EOG, 20 - 22 June, Krakow (POL)
- 2023 YAC 17 BH EURO, 29 June - 2 July (tbc; venue tbd)
- 2023 IHF Mediterranean Beach Games (tbd), 16 -23 September
- 2023 ANOC Beach Games (tbd), 24 – 30 September
- 2024 YAC 16 BH EURO (date and venue: tbd)
- 2025 U17 IHF World Championship
- 2025 YAC & Senior BH EURO (date and venue: tbd)
- 2025 IHF World Games in China, 7 – 17 August
- 2026 Youth (U18) Olympic Games in Dakar/Senegal, 22 October - 9 November

### 10.2. 2022 World Championships U18 and Senior

The Youth U18 IHF World Championships will be played 14-19 June 2022 in Heraklion (GRE). The Youth qualified European teams were already communicated to IHF (for women HUN, NED, ESP, GER and GRE / for men SWE, ESP, UKR, CRO and GRE). The Senior competition will be played the week after, 21 – 26 June, at the same venue. The Senior qualified European teams were already communicated to IHF (for women GER, DEN, ESP, NOR, POR, NED and GRE / for men DEN, CRO, RUS, ESP, POR and GRE).

## **11. MISCELLANEOUS**

### 11.1. Registration and Licensing System Beach Handball

The first meeting with the EHF IT department took place and the necessary processes for the realisation of the project were established. The legal aspect of the project needs to be taken in consideration and a meeting with the EHF Legal Department will be scheduled in the upcoming weeks.

#### 11.1.1. Beach Handball Survey

A survey for the National Federations will be developed, to understand the status of the beach handball competitions in every country and the presence of the registration system for beach handball players and clubs. The results of the survey will be useful for the development of the whole project.

### 11.2. Hummel equipment BH officials

The hummel packages for beach handball events 2022 were defined and the order was placed. The officials nominated for the EHF events will receive the material at the events, while a basic package will be sent to all beach handball referees and delegates for the current season.

### 11.3. Activity Plan and Budget 2022

The provisional budget for Beach Handball activities was presented during the meeting and will be forwarded to the Finance Department.

### 11.4. New ebt Finals and Champions Cup Trophies project

The new trophies for the ebt Finals and the Champions Cup will be presented during the following weeks. They will be implemented immediately for the current season 2022, and will be used as a tool for communication and marketing activities in the period preceding the events themselves.

### 11.5. Follow up Beach Handball Marketing plan

The plan was shared with the EHF marketing department, and a first meeting took place. A follow up meeting to work on the branding and positioning of beach handball itself and of each of its competitions will take place in the upcoming weeks.

## 11.6. Open topics

### 11.6.1. Balls design improvement

A proposal to customise the beach handball balls according to the beach handball brand and the different competitions was presented. The topic will be discussed with the partner Trial in the upcoming weeks.

### 11.6.2. Technical Meeting Format

A proposal to shorten the duration of the Technical Meeting at the beach handball events was presented and will be implemented at the upcoming events.

### 11.6.3. Events Balance and statistics

The BC member Góralczyk presented a resume of the main figures and statistics in terms of NFs beach handball presence during the last 10 years.

The BC chairwoman thanked all the members and closed the meeting.

For the minutes: Tobia Pisani, Nancy Johnson

Vienna, 11 April 2022



## **Task Assignment:**

### *2. Online testing & eLearning*

Checking and reviewing sets of Officials questions	Opava
Implementation of the new exams into the system	EHF Office
Development of eLearning materials	Opava / Trespidi

### *3. European Beach Handball Tour (ebt)*

Update of the ebt season regulation	EHF Office
Development of the ebt competition system	Góralczyk
Preparation of the survey for ebt organisers	Góralczyk / EHF Office

### *4. Beach Handball EURO*

Preparation for awarding document for BH EURO 2023	EHF Office
Preparation for awarding document for YAC17 BH EURO 2023	EHF Office

### *5. EHF Champions Cup*

Status and Update on the organiser right	EHF Office
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### *6. EHF Education Course 2022*

Updating of the course's curricula	Opava
Development of the new bid document	EHF Office

### *7. European Games EOG 2023*

Coordination with the local organiser	EHF Office
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### *8. EUSA Games 2022*

Coordination with the local organiser	Trespidi / EHF Office
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### *9. Publication*

Finalisation and distribution of the book with all NFs	EHF Office
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### *11. Registration and Licensing System Beach Handball*

Creation of the new beach handball survey for NFs	Bernardes / EHF Office
Development of the project and further steps	Bernardes / EHF Office