

EHF BEACH HANDBALL COMMISSION



1ST MEETING 2022

DATE: Friday, 25 February 2022 / 10:00 – 18:00

VENUE: “Flemings Conference Hotel”, Vienna / Bibliothek Meeting Room

Participants

BC:	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
EHF OFFICE:	Tobia Pisani	Beach Handball Manager
	Nancy Johnson	Beach Handball Coordinator

Minutes

1. WELCOME & REVIEW

The EHF Beach Handball Commission (BC) chairwoman Gabriella Horváth welcomed the members of the EHF Beach Handball Commission to the first 2022 meeting. She underlined the challenges of the upcoming intense season and the willingness to work together for the development of beach handball in Europe.

1.1. Minutes BC Meeting in August 2021

The minutes of the last meeting in August 2021 were approved without any comments.

1.2. EXEC Meeting January 2022

Horváth informed on the EXEC meeting in January, notes are available.

1.3. TD Meeting

During the TD meeting (24 February), each commission presented the reports regarding events and projects and a preview/activity plan for 2022.

2. ONLINE TESTING & ELEARNING

2.1. Status update – Last test results

The first testing phase in 2022 ended on 13 February and the re-test is ongoing till 4 March. The test was performed on the platform ILIAS. The exam accessibility and the feedback from officials were good. The number of active delegates is 57 and the number of active referees is 76; the next testing period is scheduled for 2 – 15 May (re-test: 20 May – 3 June).

2.2. Teaching materials online

The eLearning section was implemented on the platform ILIAS. All relevant regulations and other teaching materials (teaching videos, event analysis and publications) are online. A new round of teaching materials and guidelines will be arranged for season 2023 and will be published before the beach handball EURO 2023 and the EOG 2023 in collaboration with the University of Las Palmas.

3. EUROPEAN BEACH HANDBALL TOUR (ebt)

3.1. ebt season - Status tournaments and teams

Johnson shared with the members a presentation regarding the last ebt season and the main statistics for analysis purposes. For the current season, 27 tournaments in 14 countries and 47 teams (19 female and 28 male) are already registered: a strong increase in numbers is expected in the upcoming months in order to come back to the pre-pandemic numbers.

3.2. EHF Officials Reports

With the aim of having a peculiar control on the ebt tournament, a new tailored and fileable report for EHF Delegates was developed following the regulation criteria that shall be confirmed one by one with pictures. The EHF Cloud will be the platform to upload any 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 online workshop was successfully completed and, in light of the previous experience of this venue, no site visit is necessary. The team' registration process will be opened at the beginning of March.

3.4. EHF support for new ebt tournament

The BC evaluated and confirmed the supporting request from the National Federations, who will be informed accordingly to receive the demanded 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 supported the proposal for the creation of graphic materials to standardize the look and the overall quality of the ebt tournaments around Europe. A detailed plan with further actions will be developed for the next BC meeting to finalize a proposal aimed at amending the ebt Regulations accordingly. Those amendmets will be submitted to the EXEC for approval to be implemented for the ebt season 2022/2023.

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 Moscow from 7 to 10 July 2022. The preparations are proceeding according to the planned timeline and the site visit was held 16-18 February: the event area and the infrastructure are very promising. The team' registration process will be opened at the beginning of March.

4.1.1. Participation right for UKR*

On 15 December 2021, the UKR Federation sent a letter to the EHF Office to express their inability to participate in the qualifying tournament in Moscow due to the current critical political situation between Ukraine and Russia: they requested to consider admitting the national teams of Ukraine (men and women) to the BH EURO in 2023 without any qualifying competitions. The BC discussed the participation right for UKR and the agreed proposal is to establish a play-off event in a neutral country where UKR teams will face the last 2 qualified teams from the Qualification tournament. The detailed qualification format for UKR will be submitted to the next EXEC meeting in April for the final approval.

4.2. EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023 – Application process status

The application process for the hosting of the Senior Beach Handball EURO 2023 is ongoing and all the interested Federations are required to send the application document by 25 March 2022. The Federations GEO and POR already provided the letter of intent and the complete application documents are expected before the deadline. The event will be awarded by the EXEC in April 2022 and will take place from 23 to 28 May 2023 and will be the qualification tournament for the European Games 2023 in Poland.

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

The application process for the hosting of the YAC17 Beach Handball EURO 2023 is ongoing and all the interested Federations are required to send the application documents by 25 March 2022. The event will be awarded by EXEC in April 2022 and 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, as the letter of interest from ESP Federation was not followed by an official bid to organise the event. Following the current expression of interests from ESP and POR, the proposal from BC will be tabled at the EXEC meeting in April for the event awarding.

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. The registration deadline is 25 February: 10 Referee pairs, 10 Delegates and 18 Coaches are confirmed for the courses. The Women's Handball Board confirmed the financial support: travel costs for the first 6 registered female candidates (2 Referees, 2 Delegates and 2 Coaches).

6.2. Lacanau Tournament (FRA) - status update

After the first online meeting for the organisation of the Education Courses in Lacanau, the local organiser expressed major obstacles that cannot guarantee the minimum required standards. For these circumstances, it has been decided to cancel the Courses in France. Taking into consideration the high number of requests received for the NED courses, the BC will evaluate the possibility of looking for a new courses' organiser for the second part of the season, or rather to stay with one course for 2022.

6.3. EHF Beach Handball Expert nominations

The Methods Commission finalized the EHF Experts' Group Manual for the selection of the new EHF Experts, the former EHF Lecturers. The BC Commission is proposing the below list for beach handball experts that will be invited to take part in the following steps of the Expert selection and confirmation:

Coaching

Gorm Andersen (DEN)
(Men's top BH)

Tamas Neukum (HUN)
(Men's top BH)

Valerie Nicolas (FRA)
(Women's top BH/GK specific)

Alexander Novakovic (GER)
(Women's top BH)

Maria Karantoni (GRE)
(Women's top BH)

Juan Pablo Murillo (ESP)
(Grassroots)

Alexander Gehrler (GER)
(Mini Beach Handball)

Event Organisation

Emir Beslija (MNE)

Tomica Madjeric (CRO)

Peter Froeschl (AUT)

Diez Fernandez Ana (ESP)

Officiating

Jerome Rolland (FRA)

Romeo Stefan Mihai (ROU)

Ioannis Memaridis (GRE)

Agnieszka Skowronek (POL)

Juan Carlos Zapardiel
(ESP)
(Universities)

The commission members are automatically considered as EHF Expert. Marco Trespidi will be part of the selection panel on behalf of the BC.

7. EUROPEAN GAMES (EOG) 2023

7.1. Status update

The EOC expressed the time frame for the beach handball competition: 21-23 June 2023. The EHF is responsible for the management and the technical coordination of the events, the furnishing of the materials (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 four delegates nominated by the EHF.

8. EUSA GAMES 2022

8.1. Status update

Trespidi stated that the event is confirmed for the period 23-25 July 2022 in Lodz, Poland. The registration process is ongoing and at the moment 5 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 book project “Beach Handball for Beginners” in cooperation with the Sport University of Cologne is ongoing and the publishing date is scheduled for March 2022. The book will be promoted and distributed to all National Federations during the Secretary General Conference in Berlin. The aim of the book is to provide a simple guide of the philosophy and underlying concept of beach handball, and it could play an important role in spreading the sport in countries and Federations that do not practice it yet.

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, Moscow (RUS)
- 2022 BH Championships, 7 - 10 July, Moscow (RUS)
- 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, 21 - 23 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 Senior competition will be played the week after, 21 – 26 June, at the same venue. The 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

A survey for the National Federations will be developed, to understand the status of the beach handball competitions in every country and if they have a registration system for beach handball players and clubs. The project is very important for the development and the professionalisation of beach handball. Internal processes with IT and Transfer departments are already started and the time schedule for the overall project will be developed.

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 materials at the event, 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 Beach Handball Budget for 2022 was presented to BC and confirmed.

11.4. Beach Handball Newsletter

Johnson reported about the possibility for beach handball to be implemented into the EHF Newsletter and to create a specific beach handball newsletter for the summer period. The effective plan will be discussed and confirmed with Media and CRM department in the following weeks.

11.5. New ebt Finals and Champions Cup Trophies project

Following the idea of having beach handball events with greater characterisation and distinctive marks, a project for having two different new trophies for the top beach handball club competitions, ebt Finals and Champions Cup, was presented. EHF already contacted a few companies to submit an idea and the proposal will come in the upcoming weeks. The new trophies will be presented and immediately implemented for the current season 2022, and will be used as a tool for communication and marketing activities in the period preceding the events themselves.

11.6. Beach Handball Marketing strategy

Johnson presented the Beach Handball Marketing, an overall plan for the development of the sport and all the EHF competitions during the next 3 seasons. The ideas were successfully welcomed by the BC members. The presentation will be now defined in detail with the other EHF department and the main topics will be shared with all NFs during the upcoming Conference for Secretaries General in Berlin.

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

For the minutes: Tobia Pisani, Nancy Johnson

Vienna, 4 March 2022

*Follow comment: after the BC meeting and before the completion of the minutes, changes took place due to the war situation in UKR and the consequences for RUS/BLR. Therefore the EHF YAC 16 Beach Handball EURO 2022 & EHF Beach Handball Championships 2022 need new organisers.

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

4. Beach Handball EURO

Preparation for awarding document for EURO 2023	EHF Office
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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