

3rd BC Meeting 2022

Venue and date:

Vienna	25 August 2022	15.00 – 19.00 hrs. (CET)
	26 August 2022	09.00 – 13.00 hrs. (CET)

Participants:

BC Gabriella Horváth (HUN) - Chairwoman
Mário Bernardes (POR) – Promotion and Development
Marek Góralczyk (POL) – Events and Competition
Jiri Opava (CZE) – Officiating
Marco Trespidi (ITA) – Game Design and Coaching

EHF Office Tobia Pisani – Beach Handball Manager
Alexandra Horváth – Beach Handball Coordinator

Agenda:

1. Welcome / Agenda

The EHF Beach Handball Commission (BC) chairwoman Gabriella Horváth welcomed the members of the commission to the third meeting in 2022. She underlined the great effort made by the BC members, the Office, the local organisers and the officials to successfully run the beach handball events during the Summer. Other big and challenging projects are ongoing in order to speed up the development of beach handball around Europe.

1.1. Minutes BC Meeting in April 2022

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

1.2. TD Meeting (25 August 2022)

Horváth informed on the TD meeting held on 25 August, minutes available.

2. Online Testing & eLearning

2.1. Status Update – Last Test Results and Statistics of the Officials

Alexandra Horváth shared the results of the last testing period and a presentation of the statistics of the beach handball officials: currently, the number of active beach handball Referees is 96 – 30 Women and 66 Men – from 23 NFs, and the number of active beach handball Delegates is 64 – 16 women and 48 Men – from 27 NFs. The next testing phase is planned for 10 – 23 October (re-test: 28 October – 11 November).

2.2. Development of Online Testing for Officials

Opava presented the plan for the online testing for the future: the questions are under evaluation and will be updated, deleting the outdated questions and creating a new set to improve the quality of the evaluation.

2.3. Physical Test for Beach Handball Referees

The BC agreed on the opportunity to re-introduce the physical test for the referees. The aim is to stimulate proper physical preparation during the year. More information will be delivered to the Referees and the NFs in due time.

3. European Beach Handball Tour (ebt)

3.1. ebt Season – Review of Tournaments and Teams

Alexandra Horváth shared a presentation regarding the ebt season data and statistics. During the current season, 51 tournaments in 17 countries were played and 219 teams (99 female and 120 male) were registered. The numbers are comparable to the pre-covid season 2018/2019.

3.2. EHF Officials Reports System_Review

Starting with the ebt season 2021/2022, a new reporting system for EHF Delegates for the ebt tournament was introduced with the aim to improve the quality of the reports and ensure better control of the criteria/points system. An evaluation with the different stakeholders will be conducted to confirm and improve the system for the next season.

3.3. ebt Finals 2022 Report and Evaluation for 2023

The organisation of the last ebt Finals in Isola delle Femmine, Palermo (ITA) was positive. Lastminute problems were solved in cooperation with the OC and EHF. The new ebt Finals trophy was awarded for the first time, and the figures in terms of media coverage were very good. The BC will report the evaluation for the awarding of the organisation right for the 2023 event to the EXEC in November.

3.4. ebt Future Concept

A proper approach for the development of the competition should be promoting an online meeting to discuss, with the involved stakeholders and experts, the possible future scenario for the ebt and the club competitions in Europe.

3.4.1. Survey Feedback End of the Season (DEL + Organizers)

A survey for the evaluation of the ebt season will be released in September in order to have feedback from EHF Delegates and ebt organisers.

3.4.2. On-line Workshop ebt Organizers

As a further step, an online workshop with ebt organisers and beach handball experts will be organized to promote the exchange of information and evaluate the outcome of the survey.

3.4.3.ebt Regulation Review

The ebt regulations are under evaluation and the amendments will be submitted to the EXEC for confirmation before the new season.

4. Beach Handball EURO

4.1. EHF YAC 16 Beach Handball EURO 2022

The YAC16 Beach Handball EURO 2022 & Beach Handball Championships 2022 were held in Prague, Czech Republic, from 7 to 10 of July. It was the first time ever that EHF run 4 competitions at the same time in the same venue. In the YAC competitions, a total of 14 men's and 15 women's teams participated, while the Beach Handball Championships counted 11 men's and 12 women's national teams. 178 matches were played on the four courts during the tournament days. The cooperation with the Czech Handball Federation and the OC was excellent and all requests were handled professionally. Due to the 4 competitions at the same time, the atmosphere was always heightened, but from a management point of view, the competition was very challenging due to the long game days as well as the game schedule.

The same format can be evaluated for the future, but the competition days should be extended by one day, or the youth category and the adult competitions should cross each other with a difference of 1 day for enhanced control of the events.

4.2. EHF Beach Handball Championships

For the first time, qualification tournaments for EHF Beach Handball EURO were held and 9 men's teams and 10 women's teams qualified. In the future, it will be important to involve more National Federations to create more challenging events from a sporting point of view.

4.3. EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023 – Status Update

The first site visit in Nazaré (POR) was held in July and the report is available. The event will take place from 24 to 28 May 2023, and will be the qualification tournament for the European Games (7 teams per gender). The conditions are optimal and very promising thanks to the presence of a permanent beach sports arena. For the first time, a draw event is planned to be organized on-site to define the groups, and a motion will be presented to the EXEC for approval.

4.4. EHF YAC17 Beach Handball EURO 2023

The EHF YAC17 Beach Handball Euro 2023 will be in Izmir (TUR) from June 29 to July 2. The preparation is ongoing and the first site visit and workshop will be organized soon.

5. EHF Beach Handball Champions Cup (ChC) 2022

5.1. Status Update

The ChC 2022 will be in Porto Santo, Madeira (POR) from 20 to 23 October 2022. The preparation is ongoing and the site visit will be held at the beginning of September. The registration of the teams is already open.

6. EHF Education Courses 2022

6.1. Camelot Tournament (NED) - Review

The Education Courses for Referees, Delegates and Coaches were organized alongside the Camelot ebt tournament in Tilburg (NED), 24-29 May 2022. 10 Refs pairs, 8 Delegates and 23 Coaches participated successfully. The collaboration with the OC was very positive, but the format of the education courses alongside an ebt tournament is not optimal as direct control of the competition by EHF is not possible and the new EHF Officials cannot be trained with the same standard as at an EHF Event.

6.2. Evaluation of the Course Plan for 2023

The recommendation is to return to the format of EHF Beach Handball Education Courses alongside EHF club events, ebt Finals and Champions Cup. The list of officials will be divided equally 50/50 between experienced and new officials participating in the courses. The program for newly arrived candidates will be extended by 1 day to accommodate the course in the competition schedule. This system will also allow economic savings for the local organiser.

To ensure a good officiating level, the entry criteria will be reinforced: a document proving the active officiating by the NFs, an English-language CV and a motivation letter. For the referees, a record of a beach handball match to be evaluated shall be presented, too.

6.3. Online Forum with NT Coaches – Rules and Game Development

Trespidi reported the willingness to organise an online forum during the off-season to discuss the possibilities in terms of the development of the game and the potential change of the rules with the aim to improve the quality and the spectacularization of beach handball games. Furthermore, he expressed his interest to invite not only coaches from beach handball but indoor young age category coaches to promote the sport. The forum will be organized at the beginning of 2023 in accordance with the Methods Commission.

6.4. Implementation of the New Coaching Licensing

The new Coaching Licensing system in accordance with RINCK Convention needs to be implemented for beach handball. BC Member Trespidi will coordinate the project with the Methods Commission and the Sport & Game Service department for the definition of the timeline and the courses' curricula.

7. European Games

7.1. Status Update

The beach handball tournament at the European Games will be from 21 to 23 June 2023 in Krakow (POL). The EHF is responsible for the 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. The preparation of the event is ongoing with a regular exchange of information with EOC.

8. EUSA Games 2022

8.1. Review

The event was held on 23-25 July 2022 in Lodz, Poland. The EHF provided the materials, managed the technical aspects of the event and nominated the officials. The EUSA Technician for Beach Handball was Jelena Eric with Marco Trespidi as Technical Assistant. The collaboration with EUSA was very positive and the event area was excellent, but the participation of the teams was really low, with only 4 women's and 7 men's teams. In the future, better collaboration and promotion with European Universities are needed.

9. Publications

9.1. Beach Handball Book

The "Beach Handball for Beginners" book was published in cooperation with the Sport University of Cologne with the aim to provide newcomers with a comprehensive introduction to beach handball with a holistic teaching approach in order to demonstrate the advantages of the sport for beginners. The book will be promoted and distributed to National Federations in the upcoming Conference of Presidents in LUX.

9.2. New Beach Handball Studies: goalkeeping / physical preparation/differences between Men and Women Beach Handball

Trespidi shared a plan to create new beach handball studies and publications thanks to the EHF Experts. The focus will be on goalkeeping-specific preparation and development, physical preparation and the differences between men's and women's beach handball styles of play and skills. The studies will be published in 2023.

10. IHF Matters

10.1. Worldwide Planned Activities

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

- 2023 IHF Global Tour, 19-25 May; (venue tbd – Europe)
- 2023 Senior BH EURO, 24-28 May, Nazaré (POR)
- 2023 IHF Global Tour, 9-11 June; (Tunis tbc– Africa)
- 2023 European Games, 21 - 23 June, Krakow (POL)
- 2023 YAC 17 BH EURO, 29 June - 2 July, Izmir (TUR)
- 2023 IHF Global Tour, 28-30 July; (Europe / Asia)
- 2023 ANOC World Beach Games, 5 – 12 August, Bali
- 2023 Mediterranean Beach Games, 2 - 9 September (Greece)
- 2024 YAC 16 BH EURO (date and venue: tbd)
- 2024 EHF BH Championships (date and venue: tbd)
- 2025 U17 IHF World Championship
- 2025 YAC & Senior BH EURO (date and venue: tbd)
- 2025 World Games in China, 7 – 17 August
- 2026 Youth (U18) Olympic Games in Dakar/Senegal, 22 October - 9 November

The communication between EHF and IHF needs to be improved and meetings have to be planned to have a proper scheduling of the upcoming seasons and the overall beach handball development.

11. Miscellaneous

11.1. Review of the Competitions' Regulation

The competitions' regulations need to be updated in different aspects and a common plan with the legal department will be developed in this respect. A timeline preparation for the regulations review was requested Góralczyk and the BC Members agreed to start reviewing the regulation in January 2023. Moreover, the bid documents for beach handball club competitions shall be updated.

11.2. Player of the Year Award

The European Handball Federation enters 2022/23, the 30th season of its club competitions, with a new project which puts the players' performances throughout the season in the spotlight. The project is rolled out in an equal fashion for male and female players and will also include a separate vote for beach handball MVPs of the season. The awards will culminate in a gala event with the first edition being celebrated in Vienna's town hall planned for 26 June 2023.

11.3. Registration and Licensing System Beach

11.3.1. National Federations Survey Data Results and Analysis

A specific survey to understand the status of beach handball activities and competitions in every Country was addressed to all National Federations. The data will be elaborated on and will be very important for the development of the main project for the upcoming year. In particular, as regards the registration system for beach handball players and clubs: further steps of the projects are the legal definitions and the IT implementation.

11.4. Hummel Equipment Beach Handball Officials

During the season, a new basic hummel package was distributed to all EHF Officials. Moreover, the nominated Officials for the EHF events received extra materials.

11.5. New Champions Cup Trophies Project

The new trophies for the Champions Cup will be presented in the following weeks. They will be implemented immediately for the ChC in Porto Santo and will be used as a tool for communication and marketing activities in the period preceding the event itself.

11.6. Revision of the Booklet “How to Prepare a Beach Handball Event”

The booklet “How to prepare a Beach Handball Event” is going to be updated with new important information to facilitate the organisation of beach handball events in a professional way also for the growing countries. The BC Members agreed on the new title “Beach Handball Event Set Up Manual Handbook” and it will be finalized by February 2023.

11.7. Open Topics

11.7.1. Rule/Regulation Clarification

Clarifications took place on rules/regulation issues that arose during the summer events. Opava confirmed the intention to share a document with all NFs at the start of the new season to provide an overview of all the regulation interpretations.

11.7.2. Medals for EHF Events

Medals for beach handball events were always the local organisers’ responsibility. In order to have a better and more homogeneous quality level of the events, the medals will be produced directly by the EHF through their own supplier and the local organiser will share 50% of the costs.

11.7.3. Club Workshop

With the aim of developing beach handball clubs in terms of management and marketing, a specific workshop will be created at the beginning of the next season to offer practical information. The structure will take inspiration from the one already held for indoor handball, with a proper adaptation to beach handball needs. The first attempt to promote and gain participants for the workshop will be at the technical meeting of the Champions Cup 2022 in Porto Santo (POR).

11.7.4. Master Plan

The BC members reviewed the status of the Master Plan in their specific areas of competence and confirmed the allocation of tasks accordingly.

Gabriella Horváth thanked the participations and closed the meeting.

Assignment of tasks

2. Online Testing & eLearning

Checking and reviewing sets of Officials' questions	Opava/EHF Office
Implementation of the new exams into the system	EHF Office
Development of eLearning materials	Opava/Trespidi
2.3. Physical Test for Beach Handball Referees	
Definition of the physical test and timeframe	Opava/EHF Office
Communication to NFs and EHF BH Referees	EHF Office

3. European Beach Handball Tour

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
Preparation of the online workshop for ebt organisers	Góralczyk/EHF Office

4. Beach Handball EURO

Preparation of the agreement of BH EURO 2023	EHF Office
Preparation of the motion for the draw event	EHF Office
Preparation for workshop and site visit YAC17 BH EURO 2023	EHF Office

6. EHF Education Courses 2022

6.2. EHF Education Course 2023	
Updating of the course's curricula	Opava/Trespidi
Definition of the course structure	EHF Office
6.3. Online Forum with NT Coaches – Rules and Game Development	
Preparation for the workshop	Trespidi/EHF Office
6.4. Implementation of the New Coaching Licensing	
Definition of the timeline and the courses' curricula	Trespidi/EHF Office

7. European Games EOG 2023

Coordination with the local organiser	EHF Office
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8. EUSA Games

Coordination with the local organiser	Trespidi/EHF Office
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9. Publications

9.1. Beach Handball Book	
Promotion and distribution of the BH book to all NFs	G. Horváth/EHF Office
9.2. New Beach Handball Studies and Publications	
Definition of the topic and nomination of the EHF Experts	Trespidi/EHF Office

10. IHF Matters

Regular exchange of information EHF/IHF

EHF Office

11. Miscellaneous

11.1. Review of the Competitions' Regulations

Review of the competitions' regulation

Góralczyk/EHF Office

Review of the bid documents for BH events

Góralczyk/EHF Office

11.3. Registration and Licensing System Beach Handball

Analysis and data from the beach handball survey for NFs

Bernardes/EHF Office

Development of the project and further steps

Bernardes/EHF Office

11.6. Beach Handball Event Set Up Manual Book

Creation of the booklet

Góralczyk/EHF Office

11.7. Open Topics

11.7.1. Rule/Regulation Clarification

Definition of the regulation interpretations

Opava/EHF Office

11.7.2. Medals for EHF Events

Supplier selection and project implementation

EHF Office

11.7.3. Club Workshop

Preparation for the workshop

Góralczyk/EHF Office

11.7.4. Masterplan

Regular updating of the projects' status

All members

Definition of the timeline for the marketing plan

Bernardes/EHF Office

For the minutes:

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