

## BEACH HANDBALL COMMISSION | MEETING 2 | 2023

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<b>Date   Time:</b>	24 August 2023   14.00 – 18.00 hrs. (CET) 25 August 2023   09.00 – 16.00 hrs. (CET)
<b>Venue:</b>	Vienna, AUT
<b>Participants:</b>	
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

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### 1. Welcome / Agenda

The EHF Beach Handball Commission (BC) Chairwoman Gabriella Horváth welcomed the members of the commission to the second meeting in 2023. She underlined the great effort made by the BC members, the Office, the local organizers, and the officials in executing the season. A large number of events, combined with challenging projects for the ongoing development of the sport, requires the maximum commitment of all relevant stakeholders.

#### 1.1. Minutes BC Meeting 02/2023

The minutes of the last meeting in February 2023 were approved without any comments.

#### 1.2. Technical Delegation (TD) Meeting

Horváth informed on the TD meeting held on 24 August, minutes are 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 – 34 Women and 62 Men – from 22 NFs; and the number of active beach handball Delegates is 67 – 16 Women and 51 Men – from 29 NFs.

#### 2.2. Development of Online Testing for Officials

Jiri Opava presented the plan for the online testing aimed at creating a new set of questions that will be developed according to the terminology of the Rules of the Game and the Beach Handball Glossary. The project is ongoing, the new questions are being supervised by Opava and Trespidi and will be implemented in the eLearning system.

As from 2024, the amount of online testing periods will be reduced from 3 to 2:

- Start of the season (Test: 4 – 18 December 2023, Re-test: 22 December 2023 – 5 January 2024)
- Midseason (Test: 6 – 20 May 2024, Retest: 24 May – 7 June 2024)

In addition, a mandatory workshop for EHF Beach Handball Officials will be organized in April 2024 for providing guidelines and updates for the season.

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

#### **3.1. ebt Season – Status**

Alexandra Horváth shared a presentation regarding the ebt season data and statistics. During the current season, 56 tournaments in 18 countries were played and 196 teams from 22 NFs (113 men's and 83 women's) were registered. For the current season, 67 ebt National Observers are registered, coming from 18 NFs. From the upcoming season, each European Federation will have the right to nominate one national observer. The upcoming season will be the 20<sup>th</sup> ebt, and several activities are going to be organized for celebrating this milestone.

#### **3.2. ebt Finals 2024**

The application process for the ebt Finals 2024 was opened in June to be awarded by the Executive Committee (EXEC) in September.

#### **3.3. ebt Organizers Online Workshop**

An online workshop took place on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, where EHF Experts and ebt Organisers have gathered to express their opinion and advice for the sake of the development of the ebt. The inputs are going to be taken into consideration for the new ebt regulation, to be approved by the EXEC in September.

### **4. Beach Handball EURO**

#### **4.1. EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023**

The EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023 was held in Nazaré (POR) on 24 - 28 May. Thanks to the collaboration between the local organiser and EHF, the event enjoyed great popularity. The event report is available. Impressive media and social media figures, 36 broadcasters and more than 25.000 spectators for the event were noted. The application process for hosting the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2025 will be opened by the end of the year.

#### **4.2. EHF YAC17 Beach Handball EURO 2023**

The EHF YAC17 Beach Handball EURO 2023 took place in Izmir (TUR) from 29 June to 2 July, and 15 teams per gender participated.

#### **4.3. EHF YAC16 Beach Handball EURO 2024**

The EHF YAC16 Beach Handball EURO 2024 will take place on 4 – 7 July 2024. The application for hosting the event was opened in June and will be awarded by the Executive Committee (EXEC) in September.

#### **4.4. EHF Beach Handball Championships**

The qualification tournament for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2025 will be organized on 11 – 14 July 2024. The bid started in June and the hosting country will be confirmed by the Executive Committee (EXEC) in September.

#### **4.5. Events Calendar for the Upcoming Years**

The calendar covering the period 2024-2025 can be found in the appendix (attachment 1).

#### **4.6. Age Groups for the YAC Competitions**

An overview of the age groups for the upcoming YAC competitions can be found in the appendix (attachment 2).

## **5. EHF Beach Handball Champions Cup (ChC)**

### 5.1. Champions Cup 2023 – Status Update

The Champions Cup 2023 will be played in Porto Santo, Madeira (POR) on 12-15 October 2023. The preparation is ongoing following the agreed schedule. 16 teams are registered for the women's competition and 16 for the men's competition. The nomination of the officials is confirmed.

## **6. EHF Education Courses 2023**

### 6.1. Beach Handball Education Courses 2023

#### Education course ebt Finals 2023

The first education course in 2023 was organised alongside the ebt Finals 2023 in Antalya (TUR). The program for the candidates was extended by 1 day to accommodate the course in the competition schedule. In June, 4 delegates (DEN, LAT, NOR and TUR / 4 male) and 4 referee pairs (BUL, GER, HUN and SVK / 2 male and 2 female pairs) successfully completed the course. The SVK referee pair's participation was supported by the Women's Handball Board.

The second education course will take place from 9 to 15 October alongside the Champions Cup 2023 in Porto Santo (POR). The education course will host 4 delegates (GBR, SVK, TUR and UKR / 1 male and 3 female) and 4 referees' pairs (ESP, ITA, GBR and NOR / 2 male and 2 female) this year. The SVK delegate and the NOR referee pair's participation will be supported by the Women's Handball Board.

The basic nomination is distributed among experienced EHF Beach Handball Delegates/Referees and EHF Beach Handball Candidate Delegates/Referees to ensure good quality in officiating at the tournament.

### 6.2. Course Plan for 2024

The EHF Beach Handball Education Courses will continue in the same format as in 2024, alongside the ebt Finals and the Champions Cup 2024.

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

Marco Trespidi reported the willingness to organise an online forum during the off-season to discuss the opportunities in terms of the development of the game and the potential change of the rules with the aim of improving the quality and the spectacularisation of beach handball games. Furthermore, he expressed his interest in inviting not only coaches from beach handball but also indoor younger age category coaches to promote the sport. The forum will be organized in Autumn, preferably at the end of November 2023.

### 6.4. Implementation of the New Coaching Licensing

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

### 6.5. New Teaching Materials for Referees

The teaching materials for beach handball referees are going to be revised. Opava leads the project with the support from EHF Office. The educational videos are already collected by Opava and are to be produced by the University of Las Palmas Gran Canaria (ULPGC), in accordance with the agreement.

## **7. European Games**

### 7.1. Status Update

The beach handball tournament at the European Games took place from 20 to 22 June 2023 in Tarnow (POL). The local organiser showed professionalism during the organization of the event, and the infrastructure of the courts were particularly noteworthy. Another highlight worth mentioning is that the President of the European Olympic Committee, Sypros Capralos visited and paid his respect at one of the competition days.

## **8. EUSA Beach Handball 2023**

### 8.1. Review

The event will be played on 21-23 September 2023 in Torrox, Malaga (ESP). The EHF already provided the materials, managed the technical aspects of the event, and nominated the officials. The EUSA Technical Delegate for beach handball is Jelena Erić, and the Technical Delegate Assistant is Marco Trespidi. 9 Women's and 11 Men's teams will take part in the competition.

## **9. Publications**

### 9.1. New Beach Handball Studies

Trespidi has given an update on the ongoing beach handball studies and publications in cooperation with the EHF Experts.

- Goalkeeping – The study will be completed at the end of September. EHF Experts Valérie Nicolas (FRA) and Tamás Neukum (HUN) cooperated and will present the abstract of the publication first at the Goalkeeper Summit in October.
- Differences between Men's and Women's Beach Handball – The estimated publication time of the study is expected by the end of 2023 by the EHF Experts Gorm Andersen (DEN) and Alexander Novakovic (GER).
- Development and Preparation of the Danish and Spanish Women's National Team – The research is ongoing and carried out by Morten Frandsen Holmen (DEN) and Juan Pablo Murillo (ESP) as quantitative and qualitative research on the preparation and evaluation of the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023.
- Physical Preparation – In 2024 a new study is expected to be published in cooperation with Carmen Machado MC Member and Marco Cardinale Executive Director of Research and Scientific Support at Aspetar in Qatar.

### 9.2. Goalkeepers' Summit

The Methods Commission is organising the Goalkeepers' Summit, a two-day meeting in Vienna on 6-7 October 2023 with a focus on the preparation and development of goalkeepers, with the presence of top-class goalkeepers and coaches. The topic of beach handball will also be part of the summit, and the detailed program will be developed shortly by the Methods Commission.

The EHF Experts Valérie Nicolas (FRA) and Tamás Neukum (HUN) are going to be present to share the publication about goalkeeping in beach handball.

## **10. IHF Matters**

### 10.1. Worldwide Planned Activities

The updated international beach handball activities, including EHF activities, are as follows:

- 2023 Mediterranean Beach Games, 2 - 9 September, Heraklion (GRE)
- 2024 YAC 16 Beach Handball EURO (4 – 7 July 2024, venue: tbd)
- 2024 EHF Beach Handball Championships (11 – 14 July 2024, venue: tbd)
- 2024 IHF World Championship (June, China)

- 2025 U17 IHF World Championship (date TBC: Tunisia)
- 2025 YAC17 & Senior BH EURO (date and venue: tbd)
- 2025 World Games, 7 – 17 August, China
- 2025 ANOC World Beach Games (date and venue: tbd)
- 2026 Youth (U18) Olympic Games in Dakar (SEN), 22 October - 9 November

To facilitate the scheduling of the upcoming seasons and the overall development of beach handball, the EHF will endeavour to work more closely with the IHF, first contact on a leadership level was already established.

Before the formal beginning of Paris 2024, a beach handball showcase event will take place from 27 to 29 July in front of the Maison du Handball (FRA Federation HQ) in an area that will be a fan zone during the Olympics. 4 teams per gender, 3 of which will be of all-star type and the France national teams. A professional production company will organise the event under the IHF umbrella.

## 10.2. Meeting IHF-EHF

A meeting between the IHF Beach Handball Working Group and BC is proposed as a coordination regarding the overall event calendar, the officials' nomination as well as the Rules of the Game development are highly necessary for the upcoming years.

## 11. Miscellaneous

### 11.1. Review of the Competitions' Regulations

The competitions' regulations need to be updated in different aspects and a joint plan with the legal department will be developed in this respect. Moreover, the bid documents for beach handball club competitions shall be updated.

### 11.2. Beach Handball Webinar

In the past months, 2 dedicated webinars for beach handball were carried out:

- The Positive Effect of Beach Handball on Injury Prevention – Alexander Novakovic and Gabriella Horváth / 28.03.2023
- Mini Beach Handball – Alexander Gehrler and Marco Trespidi / 16.05.2023

The participation and interest in the topics were remarkable.

In the upcoming months, several spots are available for beach handball and the studies and publications will be presented at the online sessions.

### 11.3. National Federations Survey data result and analysis

A survey will be shared in the upcoming weeks with the NFs to understand the status of the beach handball activities in every country.

### 11.4. Beach Handball Nations Ranking

The Beach Handball Nations Ranking 2023 was developed based on the results of the National Teams, Senior and YAC, in the last 3 years. The ranking will be published by the end of the year.

### 11.5. EHF Beach Handball Development Program

In 2023 the European Handball Federation has supported 12 countries with beach handball materials (BUL, CZE, ESP, GBR, GER, HUN, IRL, ITA, LAT, NED, POL, SVK). EHF reiterates its willingness to continue supporting NFs for the development of the beach handball activities in their countries and to enlarge the number of active National Federations.

## 11.6. Open Topic

### 11.6.1. *Event Structure for the Future*

The overall structure of the beach handball competitions needs a review. BC Member Góralczyk is responsible for providing a plan of action at the following BC meeting in February 2024.

### 11.6.2. *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 ebt season to offer practical information. The structure will take inspiration from the workshop previously held for indoor handball, with a proper adaptation to beach handball. Mário Bernardes is responsible for the project and the proposed date is the beginning of December 2023 (TBC in due time).

### 11.6.3. *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 participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Vienna, 30 August 2023

For the minutes: Tobia Pisani

Alexandra Horváth

## ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS

### 2. Online Testing & eLearning

- 2.2. New testing catalogue for EHF Beach Handball Officials Opava/EHF Office
- 2.3. Online teaching materials for referees Opava/EHF Office

### 3. European Beach Handball Tour

- 3.2. ebt Finals 2024 | Preparation of the motion for the awarding of the event EHF Office
- 3.3. Preparation of the motion for the new ebt regulation EHF Office
  - Development of the ebt competition system Góralczyk

### 4. Beach Handball EUROS

- 4.3. YAC16 BH EURO | Preparation of the motion for the awarding of the event EHF Office
- 4.4. BH Championships | Preparation of the motion for the awarding of the event EHF Office

### 5. EHF Beach Handball Champions Cup (ChC) 2023

- 5.1. Preparation of the event EHF Office

### 6. EHF Education Courses 2023

- 6.1. EHF Education Courses 2023
  - 6.1.1. Preparation of the courses Opava/Trespidi
  - 6.1.2. Nomination of EHF Experts 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

### 8. EUSA Games

- Coordination with EUSA Trespidi/EHF Office
- Preparation of the event Trespidi/EHF Office

### 9. Publications

- 9.1. Publications | Coordination among the EHF Experts Trespidi
- 9.2. Goalkeepers' Summit | Preparation of the lectures Trespidi

### 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 beach handball events Góralczyk/ EHF Office
- 11.2. Beach Handball Webinars EHF Office
- 11.7. Open Topics
  - 11.7.1. Events Structure for the Future Góralczyk
  - 11.7.2. Club Workshop | Preparation for the workshop Bernardes/EHF Office
  - 11.7.3. Masterplan | Regular updating of the projects' status All members

## ATTACHMENT 1 – BEACH HANDBALL EVENT CALENDAR

2024

### EHF Beach Handball Competitions 2024

Overview		
Competition	Date	Venue
ebt Finals	13 - 16 June 2024	TBD
YAC16 Beach Handball EURO	4 - 7 July 2024	TBD
Beach Handball Championships*	11 - 14 July 2024	TBD
EUSA Games	12-24 July 2024	Debrecen - Miskolc (HUN)
Champions Cup	10 - 13 October 2024	Porto Santo (POR)

IHF World Championship	June/July 2024	China
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2025

Competition	Date	Venue
ebt Finals	5 - 8 June 2025	TBD
YAC17 EURO	3 July - 6 July 2025 (TBC)	TBD
EHF Beach Handball EURO	8 - 13 July 2025	TBD
Champions Cup	9 - 12 October 2025	TBD

U17 IHF World Championships	TBD	TBD
World Games	7 - 17 August 2025	China
ANOC World Beach Games	TBD	TBD

## ATTACHMENT 2 – AGE GROUPS FOR THE YAC COMPETITIONS

	EHF	IHF	Other
2022	YAC16 EURO (2006)	U18 WC	
2023	YAC17 EURO (2006)		
2024	YAC16 EURO (2008)		
2025	YAC17 EURO (2008)	U17 WC (2008)	
2026	YAC16 EURO (2010)		U18 Youth Olympic Games (2008)
2027	YAC17 EURO (2010)		