

BEACH HANDBALL COMMISSION | MEETING 3 | 2023

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| Date Time: | 13 September 2023 09.00 – 12.00 hrs. (CET) | |
| Venue: | Basel, SUI | |
| Participants: | | |
| BC | Gabriella Horváth (HUN) Mário Bernardes (POR) Marek Góralczyk (POL) Marco Trespidi (ITA) | Chairwoman Promotion and Development Events and Competition Game Design and Coaching |
| EHF Office | Tobia Pisani Alexandra Horváth | Beach Handball Manager Beach Handball Coordinator |
| Excused | Jiri Opava (CZE) | Officiating |

1. Welcome, Programme, Agenda

The EHF Beach Handball Commission (BC) Chairwoman G. Horváth welcomed the members of the third commission meeting in 2023 on the occasion of the 16th EHF Ordinary Congress.

2. BC 08/2023 and EXEC 06/2023 – Minutes & Follow-Up

2.1. Minutes BC Meeting 08/2023

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

2.2. ebt Finals 2024 / Awarding

After the application phase, Lacanau (FRA) applied for hosting the upcoming ebt Finals, and the proposal has been sent to EXEC for the awarding of the event.*

2.3. ebt Season 2023/2024 Regulation

The Regulations have been updated and the motion was presented for the EXEC approval.**

2.4. YAC16 Beach Handball EURO 2024 and Beach Handball Championships 2024

Upon expiration of the application deadline, only one proposal for the YAC16 BH EURO was received. BC recommendation to the EXEC is to extend the application period in order to have more applications and potentially the two events together.***

2.5. EHF Beach Handball Champions Cup 2023

The preparation for the event is in progress according to the agreed timeline. 16 teams per gender are confirmed for the competition. Alongside the tournament, the Education Course for Referees and Delegates will take place as well as the Coaches' Education Course.

2.6. EUSA Beach Handball

Trespidi provided a summary of the preparations for the EUSA Beach Handball 2023. In total 19 teams, 9 women's and 10 men's teams, applied to take part in the tournament. The tournament will be played in Torrox, Malaga (ESP) from 21 to 23 September 2023.

2.7. Publications

Trespidi updated the participants on the current status of the beach handball publications, that are planned to be published by the end of the year. EHF Experts V. Nicolas (FRA) and T. Neukum (HUN) will present the abstract of the publication at the Goalkeepers' Summit, taking place in Vienna on 6 October 2023.

3. Beach Handball Commission Interim Report 09/2021 – 09/2023

3.1. Report Chairwoman

The chairwoman, G. Horváth acknowledged that a lot of development has taken place in European beach handball in the last two years. She underlined that beach handball received a big support from EHF, with the proper visibility at EHF events and meetings with NFs. Beach handball was developed as a product in terms of marketing and media with a dedicated strategy, such as a renovated beach handball identity as well as the launch of the dedicated Instagram channel. The participation at the EHF Excellence Award 2023 was a good reputational factor for the sport in general. Despite the growth, she reiterated that there is still room for development. The players registration is a project with priority for the professionalization of the sport. Moreover, beach handball must reach more people and shall attract more NFs to participate at the events. The new licensing system for Coaches in accordance with the RINCK Convention shall create additionally quality of the game and interest.

3.2. Report Promotion & Development

Mario Bernardes, responsible for Promotion and Development within the BC, mentioned that the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023 in Portugal was a milestone in the beach handball history according to the attendance numbers, the broadcasters and the impressive media and social media figures. He is already in contact with several federations for supporting the implementation of beach handball in their national activities. In 2023, EHF signed a partnership with the new beach handball goal partner, GammaSport. Lastly, for the EHF Development program has applied 14 countries (BEL, BUL, ESP, GBR, GER, HUN, ITA, LAT, NOR, POL, POR, ROU, SVK, TUR) in the last 2 years and EHF supported them with different beach handball materials.

3.3. Report Events & Competition

Góralczyk, BC Member responsible for Events & Competitions, also mentioned the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023 as the highlight of the season. The event's positive outcome has proven the development of the sport in Europe. The participation at the European Games 2023 gave the opportunity for beach handball to appear on an additional multi-sport event's map with remarkable visibility. To improve the quality of the events, it's important to engage more NFs and enlarge the beach handball community in terms of players and fans, with the aim to attract new partners.

3.4. Officiating

Opava was excused from the meeting. The report was presented by Pisani: in the past two years in total 3 education courses were organised. 16 referee pairs and 12 delegates became EHF Beach Handball Officials. The number of active beach handball referees is 96 – 34 Women and 62 Men – from 22 NFs; the number of active beach handball delegates is 67 – 16 Women and 51 Men – from 29 NFs. A new catalogue of questions was implemented on the portal for the online testing. The referees' teaching material is being revised and will be published at the end of 2023.

3.5. Game Design & Coaching

Trespidi briefed the participants about the development of the Coaching licensing system in accordance with the RINCK Convention. EHF will introduce the EHF Beach Handball Master Course Programme in 2026. The licensing of coaches is an adequate and important step to increase the knowledge and the awareness among those professionals in order to implement beach handball in the NFs activities. Moreover, several publications are being researched under Trespidi's supervision. Most of them are expected to be published at the end of 2023.

4. Preparation BC – 16th Ordinary EHF Congress

4.1. Rundown – Agenda – Task Distribution

The rundown and the agenda were introduced and discussed among the BC.

G. Horváth thanked the participants for their contributions and closed the meeting.

Vienna, 18 September 2023

For the minutes: Tobia Pisani
Alexandra Horváth

*Follow comment: after the BC meeting and before the completion of the minutes, the EXEC awarded the ebt Finals 2024 to Lacanau (FRA)

**Follow comment: after the BC meeting and before the completion of the minutes, the EXEC confirmed the new ebt Season 2023/2024 that will be immediately implemented

***Follow comment: after the BC meeting and before the completion of the minutes, the EXEC confirmed the extension of the deadline for the application of the organisation of the YAC16 Beach Handball EURO 2024 and the Beach Handball Championships 2024