



EHF Competitions Commission

(Meeting no. 15 of the period 2012 – 2016)

EHF Office in Vienna / AUT

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14:00 – 16:30 hrs.

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Agenda:

1. Welcome

Kalin welcomed the CC members to the last meeting of the election period. With a special thanks to all members and to the EHF Office Staff for their support and the excellent cooperation during the whole period starting after the Congress 2012 up to now he opened the meeting.

2. Minutes and Reports of Meetings and Task Groups

The various notes are available, no particular topic or question is raised.

3. Information on Meeting Technical Delegation / CAN

Kalin summarized the meeting with special reference to those topics especially important for the CC. There was also a summary of the TD business looking back over the four year election period, details can be read from the minutes.

A revised approach to the new list of lecturer was confirmed and it will be up to each commission to define their expert groups. It was understood that the CC will do this in the coming weeks in a package together with the procedure for the new TRC.

4. Club Competitions

All competitions are running according to schedule without any major incident to report. No decisions were tabled and currently the CC has no task to discuss changes of playing systems.

The new Women's EHF Cup is at the stage of Qualification Round 3, the draw for the Group Phase together with a workshop for all clubs will take place at the EHF Office on 24 November.



5. National Team Competitions – Qualifications

5.1. 2018 EHF EURO Men CRO (14 to 28 January 2018) (Qualification Phase 2)

The first two rounds of phase 2 started already between 2 and 6 November 2016 and were played without major incidents. Round 3 and 4 will be played in May 2016, round 5 and 6 will follow in June 2017.

5.2. 2017 WWCh GER (3 to 17 December 2017) (Phase 1, Draw, Phase 2)

31 teams registered for the 2017 WWCh qualification Europe. Qualified teams: GER (organizer), NOR (reigning champion) and the 3 best ranked teams of the Women's EURO 2016 in SWE. Participants in qualification phase 1: 15 teams. Phase 1 will be played in 3 groups of 4 teams, from where the 1st and 2nd ranked team will qualify for phase 2 and 1 group of 3 teams, where only the 1st ranked team qualifies to phase 2. Participants in qualification phase 2 (play-off matches): 11 teams coming from Women's EURO 2016 SWE and the four winners of the groups in phase 1 as well as the three 2nd ranked teams of groups 1 to 3.

9 additional places for Europe are available. The qualification Europe phase 1 will be played in tournament format from 25 to 27 November 2016 (groups 1 and 4) and from 2 to 4 December 2016 (groups 2 and 3). From here 7 teams will join the remaining participants of the EURO 2016 SWE and will compete in phase 2, the play-off matches for the 9 places for Europe. The draw for the play-off matches will take place in Gothenborg/SWE on 17 December 2016 on the final weekend of the Women's EURO.

5.3. MU19 WCh 2017 GEO (Qualified Federations)

Qualification Europe is fixed via M18 2016 CRO. Qualified teams from Europe: GEO (organizer), FRA, CRO, GER, SLO, DEN, ESP, ISL, SRB, SWE, POR and RUS (rank 1 to 11 in CRO). Substitutes are NOR, POL, SUI, CZE and SVK (rank 12 to 16 in CRO).

5.4. MU21 WCh 2017 ALG (Qualification Europe)

Already qualified teams from Europe: FRA (reigning champion of the MU19 WCh 2015 BRA), ESP and GER (ranked 1 and 2 in M20 EURO 2016 DEN). The qualification Europe for the 9 available places will take place between 6 and 8 January 2017. All organisers are fixed.

5.5. 2017 YAC Qualifications (W17 EURO SVK, W17 Championships in LTU / MKD, W19 EURO SLO)

A short overview was given about the YAC summer events next year. All W17 events will be played without qualifications according to the new playing system. The composition of the tournaments followed the current ranking system for Women's YAC events. Only the W19 EURO in SLO will be played with qualification tournaments between 17 and 19 March 2017. Except group 4 (CRO, NED, FIN, UKR) all organisers are fixed.

5.6. 2020 EHF EURO Men SWE-AUT-NOR (12.01. – 26.01.2020) (Qualification)

Total entries: 48 (44 teams in qualification), only LIE and MON did not register for any competition. Direct qualified teams are: SWE, AUT, NOR (all 3 as organizer) and the defending champion of Men's EURO 2018 in CRO. The updated scheme for the qualification procedure for 2020 was presented and shortly discussed. Phase 1 already started with 2 matches each in group B and C (home and away modus). Group A will be played in tournament format in FAR between 13 and 15 January 2017.



6. National Team Competitions – Final Tournaments

6.1. 2016 EHF EURO Women SWE

The CC is informed about the playing schedule and especially concerning the further procedure (final nominations of the new elected members).

6.2. YAC-EURO and Championships 2017

The YAC events in 2017 were all four awarded: W17 EURO 2017 will be in SVK, W17 Championships 2017 awarded to LTU and MKD, W19 EURO 2017 will take place in SLO.

All events are currently prepared according to the timeline. An organisers' workshop took place in Vienna on 26 September for LTU and MKD and on 27 September for SVK and SLO. The playing schedules for LTU and MKD are already fixed, SLO and SVK will follow soon. The contracts are currently under negotiation and should be signed at the end of this year.

6.3. 2018 EHF EURO Men CRO

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In the moment there are no further details concerning the final tournaments available.

6.5. Men's World Championship 2017 in FRA

6.6. Women's World Championship 2017 in GER

The CC is informed about the current playing schedule for FRA and the basic schedule for GER.

6.7. YAC-EURO and Championships 2018

The registration documents as well as the application documents to stage one of the YAC events in 2018 were sent out and the respective deadline for all feedback is 23 January 2017. All events will be played without qualifications. The composition of the tournaments follows the results of the M18 and M20 events in 2016. It is to be expected that in total 6 to 7 organisers will be necessary.

6.8. Point Distribution for YAC Ranking Table

In this context the CC discussed the tabled proposal of a new point distribution for the YAC events, especially for the championships. With one minor adaptation the proposal is unanimously confirmed and shall be tabled to the EXEC for a final approval in the next meeting.

6.9. IHF Competition Matters (already implemented into the abovementioned agenda points)

7. Refereeing Matters

7.1. Current matters

Currently there are no individual cases pending, Nachevski reports about a season which is running well so far. For the first time a women's couple (Bonaventura/Bonaventura FRA) was nominated for a Men's Euro Qualification match (ESP-BIH) and there were no issues whatsoever.

The distribution of the new Salming equipment was quite a challenge, but finally and after a 2nd round of delivery, all referees received their equipment. There is a very small number of complaints about the shoes, but overall the change went smoothly and is well received by the referees. A few minor improvements will be discussed with Salming for the 2017/18 season and it will be a priority to have an adapted version of the equipment for the female referees.

Nachevski repeats the challenge regarding the nomination of referees and keeping the country of the referees apart from the country of the teams, which is especially difficult in the VELUX EHF Champions League where the best referees should be nominated but have teams from the same country in almost all groups. This is a topic that obviously needs a basic reconsideration for the future also in other competitions.



7.2. Referees' Head Sets

Headsets of a new partner were tested over the summer and considered as an improvement compared to the current headsets. The negotiations with the new partner continued in the meantime and it was finally decided to go into a new partnership with the company "Axitour" from NED. Piece by piece the headsets will be exchanged in the months to come until finally all referees will be equipped with the new model.

7.3. IHF Refereeing Matters

There is currently nothing extraordinary to report, the next main activity will be the Men's World Championship in FRA in January 2017. The IHF carried out a preparatory seminar for the first time at the end of October in Paris/FRA, very similar to the EHF's Euro seminar.

8. Delegates Matters

8.1 Status and changes during the 2016/2017 season

Due to the end of their election period there is a total of five long serving EHF-Delegates ending their career with the 2016 EHF-Congress (Andorka HUN, Arponen FIN, Coelho POR, Gremmel GER and Szajna POL). Additionally there will be some EHF-Delegates who will no longer be available for nominations after the Congress in case they are elected to the EHF Executive Committee.

8.2 Seminar for new delegates

Glaser reports about the Seminar for new EHF-Delegates which will take place in Gothenburg (SWE) from 9 to 11 December 2016. A total of 28 registrations were received, 20 of those applications were accepted with a maximum of one Candidate per country.

The content and the programme of the Seminar is similar to the same event two years ago with special focus on the various regulations and the many duties of an EHF-Delegate during the stay at the venue of the match. The IHF Rules of the Game will be a core issue as well as the evaluation of the referee performance.

All candidates will have to do a written as well as an oral testing and have received a lot of information to be studied prior to the Seminar.

9. Additional Matters

9.1. International Calendar

After the approval of the calendar 2017-2018 by the EXEC in their meeting on 29/30 January 2016 in Krakow/POL the final versions of the 2016-2017, 2017-2018 calendars together with the EHF meeting calendar 2017 were presented to the CC. The CC is also informed about the procedure concerning the new calendar 2018-2019, which is currently elaborated.

9.2. EHF Anti-Doping Unit

Business is running as usual with ongoing tests in the various competitions. All tests of the 2016/17 season so far were negative.

9.3. EHF Congress and 25 years Celebration

The Office staff informs about the general program of the complete events in St. Wolfgang which well under way and will have the highlight with the Congress on the one hand and the Gala on Friday evening on the other hand. There are no changes in the programme and no issues to be discussed for the CC.



As is standard procedure for election congresses a first meeting with the newly elected CC will take place immediately after the closing of the Congress, but serves only as a short exchange of information regarding time tables and working procedures.

10. New "Rules of the Game"

After the new IHF Rules of the Game were implemented in the various EHF-competitions over the summer they were also used during the club competitions and National Team competitions and produced hardly any problems. Clarifications towards referees, delegates, clubs and Federations were needed regarding some issues of the equipment, but the awareness is there and is not expected to create many further issues.

11. Miscellaneous

The Members of the CC exchange words of thanks for the positive and fruitful cooperation during the ending election period and express their gratitude to the Office staff for their assistance as well as their preparatory work in the various topics before Kalin closes the meeting with his words of farewell.

Vienna, 22 November 2016
Sichelschmidt/Glaser