



Competitions Commission Meeting
prior to the 2018 EHF Congress in Glasgow / SCO
Monday, 18 June 2018 09:00 – 12:30 hrs.
Tweed Room

Participants:

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| Bozidar Djurkovic | Chairman CC |
| Jan Kampman | Men's Competitions |
| Carmen Manchado Lopez | Women's Competitions |
| Dragan Nachevski | Refereeing Matters |
| Radek Wasiak | Club Competitions (excused) |
| Markus Glaser | Office |
| Peter Sichelschmidt | Office |
| Hannes Müller | Office |

Agenda:

1. Welcome

Djurkovic welcomed the Commission Members to the meeting and informed about the non-participation of Radek Wasiak who is on a duty with his club. Starting with the meeting in September 2018 the Men's clubs will be represented in the CC by Emeric Paillason. He is currently working as a Club Manager with St. Raphael/FRA.

2. Minutes and Reports of Meetings and Task Groups

No issues were raised to neither any of the minutes nor reports.

3. Information on Meeting Technical Delegation / CAN

There was no CAN Meeting just prior to the Commission Meetings this time, however, issues were discussed as a follow-up to the CAN meeting in April especially in the area of Technology Support. Here the CC is in favour of using the Electronic Team Time Out ("Buzzer") at the Euro in FRA after there were positive experiences at the different Final4 events in Budapest, Magdeburg and Cologne. Organizational and financial issues still need to be clarified and one technical issue in the procedure of a wrongfully use of the Buzzer has to be clarified with the IHF.

The guidelines as well as the information for the use of the Instant Replay was considered as almost complete, but needs to be communicated in a clear way to the participants at the Euro Seminar and later on also to the Teams at the Head of Delegation event.

The CC supports the EHF-initiative for an opinion poll on current rule issues and is ready to contribute wherever necessary.

4. Club Competitions

All six 2017/18 EHF Club Competitions were completed as planned and the registration for the new season is already ongoing. The draw for the Men's and Women's Champions League will take place in Vienna on 27 June (Qualification) and 29 June (Group Phase). The first draw for the Men's and Women's EHF Cup and Challenge Cup will be carried out at the EHF Office on 17 July.

No decisions or proposals regarding Club Competitions are currently pending at the CC.

5. National Team Competitions – Qualifications

The matches for the Men's World Championship qualification Europe phase 2 as well as for the Women's EURO 2018 FRA were finalized without any major incidents. Concerning the nomination of the best 3rd ranked team for the EURO in FRA a discussion came up to implement a unique throw-off time for the last match day of the qualifiers (round 6). After taking into consideration different aspects (TV obligations, home right, importance of the last match) the CC is of the opinion to implement a unique throw-off time on the last match day at 18:00 hrs. (Vienna time). This could be of big importance already for the Men's 2020 qualifiers with the possibility to qualify the 4 best 3rd ranked teams directly, to define the 4 lowest 4th ranked teams to go to the relegation round and to decide according to the match schedule, who is 2nd and who is 3rd in the group.

The CC aims to have this motion tabled to the EXEC in their next meeting in September.

Concerning the qualifications for upcoming events the following details were presented:

The Women's WCh 2019 JPN qualification Europe phase 1 will start in September 2018 (round 1 and 2) and will be continued in November 2018 (round 3-6). The draw for phase 1 will take place during the Congress on 19 June.

The Men's EURO 2020 qualifiers phase 2 will start with round 1 and 2 between 24 and 28 October 2018. The draw for phase 2 took already place in Paris on 12 June 2018.

The CC is also informed about the motion concerning the pathways to the Men's EURO 2022 qualifiers phase 1 as well as the connection to the Men's WCh 2021 qualification Europe, which is now tabled to the EXEC for approval.

6. National Team Competitions – Final Tournaments

6.1. 2018 EHF EURO Women FRA

The preparation with the FRA OC is ongoing in a very active way.

The Final Tournament Draw took place on 12 June in the Maison de la Radio in Paris/FRA. The draw event was organized in a good way by the FRA OC. The Preliminary Round playing schedule was settled accordingly and distributed to the teams. The Referee and Delegates Seminar for the Women's EHF EURO 2018 will take place in Vienna/AUT between 31 August and 1 September 2018. The TV Tour will take place between 12 and 14 September 2018 and in addition a last site visit will be carried out between 25 and 27 September (to be confirmed).

The Heads of Delegations Conference will take place between 9 and 11 October 2018. The first part of the Heads of Delegations Conference will take place in Paris. In the second part, the team delegation members will visit their Preliminary Round venues according to the official match schedule. The officials Conference will take place between 26 and 28 November in Nancy, therefore the arrival date for the EHF officials in Nancy will be the 25 November 2018.



6.2. 2020 EHF EURO Men SWE/AUT/NOR

The preparation for the Men's EHF EURO 2020 is ongoing and the event CI has been finished. A meeting between the organizing countries, Infront and the EHF took place on 29 June in Zug/Switzerland. An alternative playing schedule was proposed by the AUT OC. The discussion concerning the alternative playing schedule is ongoing.

6.3. EHF EURO 2022 and 2024

The organisers for the Men's EHF EURO events 2022 and 2024 as well as the Women's EHF EURO 2022 will be elected at the EHF Congress in Glasgow/SCO. The applicants for the Men's EHF EURO 2022 are: HUN & SVK; FRA & ESP & BEL. The only bid for the Women's EHF EURO 2022 is a 3 nations bid by SLO & MKD & MNE. The applicants for the Men's EHF EURO 2024 are: DEN & SUI; GER. For the Women's EHF EURO 2024 no nation was bidding for the event, therefore further steps for the organizational rights will have to be passed on to the EHF EXEC.

6.4. YAC Events 2018

All YAC final events are running according to the schedule without any difficulties as of today.

7. Refereeing Matters

Nachevski provides information on the referee issues from the last weeks of competition (Club Teams and National teams) which were played without any major incidents. Especially the F4 events passed well considering the referees being exposed to a huge audience not only in the halls but also on TV.

The registration of the referees for the new season is under way and the nominations for the YAC events in the summer are completed. The large number of required referees for all events incl. the European referees at the two IHF Junior World Championships makes it difficult to always follow an exact line and some older couples and more experienced needed to be nominated as well.

An EHF Referee Candidates Course is planned to be held in Wittlich/GER in August with 5 couples at a Women's Club Tournament on a high level.

The nomination for the Referee couples to the Euro in FRA in December is currently ongoing. As in the past it is planned to invite 14 couples to the Seminar in August and to have 12 of those 14 couples at the Euro in December.

8. Delegates Matters

No irregular incidents regarding Delegates are to be reported from the last part of the 2017/18 competitions.

Francois Mulleners (BEL), Jim Rankin (GBR) and Gunnar Gunnarsson (ISL) are ending the Delegates career due to age reasons on 30 June 2018.

The e-learning platform for Delegates is currently being prepared in the Office and is expected to be ready over the summer. Details regarding handling and testing still need to be clarified, but in general the platform is expected to be a very useful tool regarding the education and further education of Delegates for the different EHF competitions.



9. Additional Matters

9.1. International Calendar

The updated editions of the current EHF calendars 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 as well as the first draft of the calendar 2020/2021 are shortly presented and discussed.

9.2. EHF Anti-Doping Unit

All testing activities at the Final4 events as well as in the National Team Competitions were carried out according to schedule.

At the same time and as it was announced at the workshop in Trondheim, the Federations will receive information and links to the WASA Education Tool for players and team officials. All teams participating at a YAC this summer will be requested to go through this e-learning tool in order to have at least a basic information regarding Anti-Doping issues.

9.3. EHF Congress

The general program is available and there are no duties for the CC Members apart from Djurkovic, who will provide the CC report and is involved in the presentation of some motions.

As this is not an election congress the focus will be on the motions and on the awarding of the Euros.

10. Miscellaneous

No issues were raised.

Djurkovic thanked all participants for their input and closed the meeting.

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