

COMPETITIONS COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, 13 September 2023 Mövenpick Hotel Basel, Switzerland

CC: Bozidar Djurkovic / Chairman
Jan Kampman / Member Men's Competitions
Päivi Mitrunen / Member Women's Competitions
Dragan Nachevski / Member Refereeing (excused)
Gael Pelletier / Member Men's Club Competitions
Thomas Hylle / Member Women's Club Competition

Office: Markus Glaser / EHF CSO
Ines Tækker / Club Competitions
Annika Siller / Competitions Department Coordinator

Minutes

1. Welcome

The meeting was opened by Djurkovic and Glaser. Djurkovic noted that open subjects which occurred since the latest meeting in August in Vienna shall be discussed during this meeting. Further, Glaser gave a brief overview about the meetings which are going to take place on the fringes of the 16th Ordinary EHF Congress in Basel.

2. CC 08/2023 and EXEC 06/2023 | Minutes & Follow-Up

No remarks were made concerning the latest CC and EXEC minutes.

3. Preparation CC | 16th Ordinary EHF Congress

3.1. Rundown | Agenda | Task Distribution

Glaser pointed out that during this year's congress there will not be any elections neither awarding. Besides other motions the previously submitted motion by the Hungarian Handball Federation during the 15th Ordinary EHF Congress 2021 in Luxembourg concerning the Member Refereeing in the Competitions Commission has been revised and will be presented again. Should the Congress be in favor of the motion then the Member Refereeing position shall no longer be a position within the Competitions Commission and, consequently, the position would not be available for an election at the EHF Congress 2025.

There were no further remarks concerning other motions.

3.2. Other Business

Glaser additionally informed about the decision of the EHF Court of Handball in the open case against the EHF CC Member Refereeing. The decision was published in the days before the meeting, however, the case is not yet closed as the appeal period is ongoing.

4. IHF Matters

From 23 to 29 September 2024 a Women's National Team Week has been scheduled according to the EHF Calendar. As the Women's EHF EURO 2024 will be played in December, and therefore no Qualifiers are taking place at this time of the year, the question arose if this planned Women's National Team Week should be eliminated from the calendar in favour of the clubs. Hylle reminded that a total of 60 days per season need to be reserved for National Team Activities. During the Olympic year Olympic Games are excluded from those 60 days.

Glaser will check the number of National Team Week days for the 2024/25 season. Further, it has to be considered that certain National Federations potentially already scheduled activities during this week.

5. Miscellaneous

The Coach's Challenge was postponed for the time being now and has not been implemented in the current Men's and Women's Champions League as it was originally planned. Instead the topic will be examined internally again. The Methods Commission is approaching it differently than the competitions side, therefore all factors will have to be looked at closely again to cover all aspects of the topic. A crucial issue is to determine whether or not the Coach's Challenge is to be used at the Men's EHF EURO 2024 in GER and if an appropriate test can be carried out beforehand.

After the EHF signed the agreement with VOGO, a leading company for audio and video solutions from France, the Video Replay (VR) has been used for the first time during Round 1 of the Women's Champions League. No issues have been reported, all went well.

A reoccurring subject among different EHF debates is the number of spectators in the playing halls. The question will remain how to develop new guidelines for increasing the numbers of spectators by simultaneously pleasing (all) clubs and national federations. In order to attract partners and sponsors sold out halls are a big asset, but each country has their own approach and beliefs. The EHF will have to work on a different strategy to increase those numbers Europe-wide.

Djurkovic expressed his thanks to all CC Members for their participation and inputs and closed the meeting.

Vienna, 29 September 2023