

COURT OF APPEAL MEETING
Prior to the 2021 EHF Congress in Vienna/AUT
Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 22 April 2021
Time: 14:00 – 17:30hrs
Place: Bungalow D
Eventhotel Pyramide
Vienna, Austria

PARTICIPANTS

EHF Court of Appeal:

Markus Plazer	President
Nicolae Vizitiu	Member
Robert Czaplicki	Member
Maxim Gulevich	Member
Milan Petronijevic	Member
Janka Stasova	Member
Ketevan Koberidze	Member

EHF Office:

Monika Flixeder	Legal Management
Mihaly Kovacs	Legal Management
Sophia Touiker	Legal Management

Excused:

Jens Bertel Rasmussen	Vice President
Roland Schneider	Member

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1. Welcome

President Plazer welcomed the participants of the Court of Appeal (CoA) and excused Vice President Rasmussen and Member Schneider who could not be present.

2. Short review of the EHF Court of Appeal past season activities by the President

The president evaluated the last year which had only brought one case to the CoA however it was a very significant case regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. Review of the case

- Withdrawal/Failure to play matches (e.g. BM Benidorm 20661)

The legal basis was extensively discussed. President Plazer made reference to the fact that the decision was made by the administrative body as a first instance based on a relating decision of the EHF Executive Committee for withdrawals and non-participations relating to public authority instructions.

The CoA members fully agreed on the basic principle of responsibility, which means that the disadvantages have to be always with the delegation in which sphere the non-participation has its origin.

Competition schedule as well as relating activities demand a strict implementation in order to ensure the integrity of the competition in its entirety.

The club concerned filed a claim to the EHF Court of Arbitration. The procedure is currently ongoing.

4. Review of Statistics

A graphic illustration showing the overview of cases in the different stages of appeal was presented. In addition the areas the cases taking their origin were presented. The overall number of cases in all stages of appeal is increasing.

The aspect of a low number of appeals was reflected. It confirms the quality of the decisions of the first instance. There might be also some cases in which the parties do not invest the appeal fee.

5. EHF Legal Regulations, EHF List of Penalties, EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions

- Motions to be presented to the EHF Congress to amend the EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions

The EHF Office explained to the participants that the target of the motion is to put the amendment of the EHF Catalogue of Administration Sanctions to the competence of the EHF Executive Committee as the relating competence is with the EHF Congress. This currently

makes any update inflexible and it is difficult to follow necessary developments in competition systems.

Besides, the motion relating to the Substitute Initiator of Proceedings and some of the other motions being tabled to the Congress were discussed.

6. Publication

The sixth edition has been published on 28 August 2020. As this topic has already been discussed during the previous Legal Delegation meeting, no further comments were mentioned.

The extent of interest in the legal journal and the use of possible alternatives was discussed by the CoA.

In addition further contributions as experts analysis, interviews, etc. could contribute in a good way to the legal journal in the future.

7. Feedback Women's EHF EURO 2020 – NOR/DEN

The ad-hoc commission system for the EHF Euros is working in an excellent way. Out of the three cases being decided by the Disciplinary Commission, no cases was appealed to the level of the Jury.

8. Miscellaneous

The CoA president thanked the members for their committed and good work over the entire term of office. He expressed special thanks and appreciation to Rasmussen and Schneider, who will be not candidate for the next period and wished all colleagues being available for election good luck.

The next CoA meeting is scheduled right after the end of the EHF Congress (24.04.2021) and with the newly elected members.

For the minutes: Mischi Kovacs, 28 April 2021.