

FIRST COURT OF APPEAL MEETING
After the 2021 EHF Congress in Vienna/AUT
Minutes

DETAILS

Date: 24 April 2021
Time: 11:30 – 12:00hrs
Place: Bungalow D
Eventhotel Pyramide
Vienna, Austria

PARTICIPANTS

EHF Court of Handball:

Markus Plazer	President
Nicoale Vizitiu	Vice President
Ketevan Koberidze	Member
Milan Petronijevic	Member
Ilona Tordai	Member (remote)
Robert Czaplicki	Member
Izet Gjinovci	Member

EHF Office:

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

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1. Welcome / Introduction

President Plazer welcomed the participants to the first Court of Appeal (CoA) Meeting taking place at the 2021 EHF Congress in Vienna and congratulated the newly elected members for their recent election.

He underlined that it is a pleasure to continue the work in the CoA now for the third term as a president and he is looking forward to continue the work with both the re-elected and the newly elected colleagues. Plazer points out that the first meeting serves for administrative purposes and is used for introducing the legal system and the working mode within the body. In addition it is a possibility that all members get to know each other. In this regard each member was asked for a brief introduction.

During this introduction round the presentations showed that there is a parity in the different functions held by the members. Most of the members were already part of the Court of Appeal in the last election period, i.e. five (5) of the seven (7). Indeed, Tordai, as a new member, presented herself extensively and shared her experience as referee, delegate, etc. as well as informed on her legal background. Gijnovci, the second new member introduced himself briefly, as the English language seemed to be an obstacle for this purpose, therefore translation was necessary.

2. Period 2021 – 2025 / Perspectives

The Agenda of the meetings of all Commissions planned for the upcoming year was distributed to all participants, among other documents.

Flixeder explained to all participants that as members of the EHF second instance, and as it is visible from statistics, they have to deal with less cases than the members of the Court of Handball. However, in the second instance, cases are usually of big extent, need legal expertise for research and analysis and require great accuracy.

The EHF office will take care of an information process well in advance regarding the periods of tournaments for which the CoA members need to be available standby as ad-hoc panel members within the Jury. The major part of the newly elected members is aware of this process from the past. The nomination of the panel in all cases (regular and ad-hoc) is taking place by the president in the usual way. Special time-limits may apply and decisions within short periods of time might be necessary in specific cases.

3. Overview of EHF Legal System & Legal Procedures

The participants were provided with a welcome package including several overviews of different topics such as the structure of the EHF legal system, statistics of the cases dealt over the past election period, as well as shorts overviews regarding the decision making process of direct disqualification cases and the main procedural aspects of the EHF legal bodies.

The aforementioned documents were sent by the EHF Office to Ilona Tordai, attending the meeting remotely.

President Plazer emphasises that the contribution of each individual member is necessary to achieve an utmost correct solution in each case. Upon nomination, it is the duty of each member to raise any reasons which may question their neutrality or qualify them as biased. The information received as a member of the court respectively a panel are to be treated confidential.

4. Meeting Plan

The date for next official meeting of the EHF Court of Handball will follow accordingly (prior to the EO Congress in November 2021, to be confirmed).

5. Miscellaneous

- Contact Details

An EHF form was distributed to all participants, physically and remotely, to gather their data, phone numbers and email addresses in order to implement them into the EHF internal system.

- Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct was distributed to all participants, physically and remotely. All members of the Court of Appeal filled in and signed the Code of Conduct and therefore committed themselves to the principles and conditions that are key to the proper functioning of our system.

The president thanked all participants for this first meeting and looks forward to interesting and challenging cases.

Sophia Touiker
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