

## 1. Organisers

### Preamble:

Organisers qualify by providing a certain level of organisation, fulfilling major requirements to the EHF.

The organiser nominates his tournament on the respective Internet page of EHF. He fills in a form sheet containing all required criteria. Following these criteria, the organiser will be awarded with a European approval and preliminary tournament-points. All EBT tournaments must be open for all EBT teams (no limitation to national participants). Tournaments have to be registered one month in advance at the latest!

### 1.1. Criteria for Organisers:

The EHF awards points to the organisers for fulfilling some of the following criteria. These points will be

- Awarded in addition to the participating teams
- Used for the ranking of the tournament

1. x Points Prize Money (€ 1 – 999 / 0 points, € 1.000 – 1.999 / 5 points, € 2.000 – 2.999 / 10 points, more than € 3.000 / 15 points) – ONLY CASH VALID (no vouchers)
2. x Points Number of playing days (1 point per day, starting on the first day, not including youth tournament, maximum 5 points)
3. x Points Number of foreign teams (2 points per competing foreign team, not including youth tournament, maximum 10 points)
4. 5 Points Youth tournaments to be played at the same venue at the same time (min. 4 youth team participating)
5. 15 Points Internet live-streaming (address to be submitted to EHF 2 weeks prior the tournament)
6. x Points TV transmission (regional live TV – 10 points, national wide live TV – 20 points)
7. 10 Points DVD-Post competition production (including all final matches to be submitted to EHF within 2 weeks after the end of the tournament)
8. 5 Points 2 Internet Access points for the competitors free of charge
9. 5 Points Stands for minimum of 300 spectators
10. x Points 1 Electronic scoreboard per court (5 points each)
11. 5 Points Artificial lighting for matches played at night (min. 500 Lux)
12. 5 Points Electronic loud speakers and music during tournament
13. 5 Points Men's and women's tournaments to be played at the same time
14. 10 Points 2 referees per match
15. 5 Points Catch nets behind the goal
16. 20 Points EHF Beach Handball referee pair (one EHF referee = 10 points) is nominated (list); for each additional EHF BH referee pair 10 points
17. 20 Points EHF Beach Handball delegate is nominated (list); for each additional EHF BH delegate 5 points
18. 0 Points National observer (list)

**The following criteria are obligatory for each tournament:**

- **Playing according to the IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball**
- **Free water for the teams (one litre per match per player)**
- **Nomination of one observer (EHF Beach Handball delegate preferred! If no EHF Beach Handball delegate is nominated, the participation of one national observer – see list – is obligatory)**

EHF Beach Handball referees nominated shall be accommodated in double rooms, the appointed EBT Observer in a single bed room.

### 1.2. Organiser Points:

All teams, which compete in an EHF approved tournament and finish in the top half (50% of all participating teams), gain organiser points.

The EHF, according to the quality of the tournament, awards the organiser points. The organiser points will be added to the ranking points of the teams, finishing in top half.

***Example:** If the organiser has artificial lighting (5 Points), 2 referees per match (5 Points), a men's and a women's tournament at the same time (5 Points), television transmission (20 Points), – the EHF will award 35 Points for organisation.*

**Rule:** In case the organisation does not comply with the answers, the organiser has made in the aforementioned form, the number of points has to be changed accordingly after the tournament.

The organiser has both the right and duty to adapt his organiser points prior to the tournament, if necessary.

***Example:** If the organiser gets 45 organisation points, also because he planned to have artificial lighting during matches played at night, but has failed to provide it, he has to reduce the organiser points, awarded to the winning teams, from 45 to 40 points.*

### 1.3. Protests

Beach Handball shall be played in the spirit of Fair Play. Organisers and teams managers are requested to help each other to find the correct number of points. The EHF will punish cheating or misbehaviour by organisers or teams in the first instance. Protests are to be addressed to the court of appeal of the EHF. The decisions of the Court of Appeal are final and binding.

### 1.4. Data evidence

The EBT Observer has to report all disciplinary cases to the EHF. A delegation list of ALL participating teams has to be available to the EHF upon request (First name, Surname, Nation, Birth date). Over and above this all match reports of EBT games shall contain the full names of the participating players.

### 1.5. Intervention by National Federations

The National Federations should have the right to intervene – if a National Federation decides to cancel a tournament, whether already registered in the EBT or not, it has to be done in writing by giving appropriate reasons. The National Federation concerned shall be obliged to implement respectively support the implementation of measures announced by the EHF.

### 1.6: Additional clarifications

- Organisers are entitled to ask for pre-payment to avoid late withdrawal by teams.
- Organisers: 2 year ban for organiser cancelling their tournament with the National Federations interfering if a banned organiser is trying to organise another tournament under different name.
- Prize money (if announced) has to be paid cash directly at the end of the EBT tournament.

## **2. Teams**

### **Preamble:**

What is a team? A team is a selection of players, playing under the same brand. The brand is the e-mail address, which is managed by the team-manager. This person may compete with his team and several players in different tournaments.

**Rule:** Each team manager is allowed to send only one team per gender (max. one Men's team and one Women's team) to one tournament.

**Rule:** There is no limitation of the number of players. They do not need to have the citizenship of this country. The EHF asks the team managers to obey to this rule in the spirit of Fair Play. Every player shall play during one tournament only for one team. In the spirit of Fair Play, the managers of the teams shall control this rule.

A registered EBT team is not allowed to completely change its name during the running EBT season (name extensions e.g. "origin team name + sponsor" is possible). The official EBT team name has to be clearly communicated to the organiser to allow a correct ranking. A published ranking can not be changed due to change of team names during or after the season.

One club can only take part in one tournament at a given time.

**Remark:** If an organiser doesn't follow the EBT rules, the teams have the right to demand compliance from the organiser.

**Please pay attention to the players' insurance. Each team is responsible for their insurance. The EHF and the National Handball Federations shall not be**

**held liable for any costs, loss or otherwise damages suffered by the players or the club due to injuries prior, during and after the tournament.**

**2.1. Placement points:** The principle is to award 50% of the participants with points.

The first 10<sup>th</sup> ranked teams, which compete in an EHF approved tournament, gain points for their sporting success. The last team of the top half gains 10 points, the second last of the top half 20, the third last of the top half 30 and so on.

**Example:** *If a tournament has 18 participating teams, the 9<sup>th</sup> ranked team gains 10 points, the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked gains 20 points, etc, the second team gains 80 points and the winner gains 90 points.*

20 or more teams	
Place	Points

1	100
2	90
3	80
4	70
5	60
6	50
7	40
8	30
9	20
10	10

18 or 19 teams	
Place	Points

1	90
2	80
3	70
4	60
5	50
6	40
7	30
8	20
9	10

6 or 7 teams	
Place	Points

1	30
2	20
3	10

4 or 5 teams	
Place	Points

1	20
2	10

If a team gains points for sporting success, the organiser points and the sporting points are to be added on top.

**Example:** *If your team finishes second in a tournament with 16 competitors, the team wins 80 (sportive points) + 30 (e.g. organiser points) = 110 points at this tournament.*

## 2.2. Disciplinary Cases

All disciplinary cases have to be reported to the EHF by the EBT Observer. By registering as an EBT team, the team manager and players agree to follow the decisions made by the EHF in juridical instances.

### **3. Observer**

The following persons are allowed to be EBT Observer:

- All EHF Beach Handball commission members,
- all EHF Beach Handball delegates,
- National observers nominated by their respective national federation (see list).
  
- In case an EBT observer / Beach Handball delegate fails to appear or fails to fulfil their duties, a Beach Handball referee already present can assume the tasks. In case no Beach Handball referee is present at the tournament, an EHF Beach Handball Commission member, a Beach Handball delegate, an EHF Beach Handball Referee, a Beach Handball Observer or an EHF Office member has to assume the tasks.

The nomination of an official EBT Observer is obligatory for registering as EBT tournament.

#### **Tasks and duties**

The EBT Observer will receive an access code to the EBT website in order to check the criteria and enter the ranking. The observer therefore has to check the given criteria carefully and change the criteria if necessary via the EBT website. Furthermore he has to enter the complete tournament ranking. The criteria check and ranking has to be provided 3 days after the tournament at the latest.

It is the task of the EBT Observer to check the criteria and enter the ranking carefully and in time and to report any disciplinary cases!

The organiser is obliged to provide the EBT Observer with any information needed in order to prove the given criteria. Furthermore the organiser has to provide the complete ranking to the EBT Observer. Any violation of these tasks of the organiser shall be reported and might lead to a ban for the tournament organiser.

The EBT Observer is not allowed to be involved in the tournament as organiser, referee or player. The observer has to be present from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the last tournament day.

National observers / Beach Handball delegates in attendance without any clear assignment, or failing to fulfil their duties, will be deleted from the National observers' / Beach Handball delegates' list.

#### 4. Final Tournament

Teams qualify by good performance (the best 3 results) in the EHF approved final tournament of the European Beach Tour. This final tournament will take place at the opening of the following European Beach Tour.

The EHF determines the organiser of the final tournament. Priority is given to the best organiser of the beach season, which means the organiser with the maximum of organiser points. National Federations are also eligible to apply for the right to organise the EBT Finals.

The results of the Tour and the organiser for the final are fixed at the beginning of October, so all qualified teams and the organiser have enough time to prepare for the final, which will take place almost 8 months later. The EHF nominates the participating teams for the final tournament according to the ranking list with priority given to one team per nation.

Please take note that as of the EBT season 2012/2013 the EBT Finals are supposed to be played with 10 men's and 10 women's teams in June 2014. The EBT Finals will start on Friday, 14:00 and the finals will be played on Sunday, 19:00 (date to be defined).

Participation criteria for the EBT Finals:

10 men's and 10 women's teams (following the respective EBT ranking)

Conditions: first 8 nations, if the first named team of a nation does not use its participation right, the second (third, ...) ranked team of this nation, which has sent in its registration will be selected. If less than 8 different nations apply, the next ranked team of any nation will be selected.

+ 1 wildcard in both the men's and women's event is designated for the organiser

+ defending champions of the previous EBT Finals (if registered for the current EBT season)

All teams, which qualified for the final, will have to pay a participation fee in order to ensure their participation in the final tournament. The minimum prize money for all participating teams at the final will be the participation fee. This means that every participant will be reimbursed his participation fee.

The points 1.3, 1.4. and 2.2 remain valid for the final tournament.

EHF cups will award the places 1 – 3 of each category!