

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 to give all teams the possibility to attend. Registrations at a later stage will not be accepted by the online-registration system.

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

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| 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. | 5 Points | Men's and women's tournaments to be played at the same time |
| 4. | 5 Points | Youth tournaments to be played at the same venue at the same time (min. 4 youth team participating aged 12 – 16 years) |
| 5. | 15 Points | Organisation of a kids day during the tournament (min. 20 children in the age between 8 and 12 years lasting min. 2 x 2 hours) |
| 6. | x Points | TV transmission – min. 90 minutes live or women's and men's finals (regional live TV – 30 points, national wide live TV – 60 points) |
| 7. | 5 Points | 2 Internet Access points or w-lan for the competitors free of charge |
| 8. | 5 Points | Stands for minimum of 300 spectators on the main court |
| 9. | x Points | 1 Electronic scoreboard per court (5 points each) |
| 10. | 5 Points | Artificial lighting for matches played at night used (min. 500 Lux) – only valid when matches were played with artificial light |
| 11. | 5 Points | Electronic loud speakers and music during tournament |
| 12. | 10 Points | 2 referees per match |
| 13. | 5 Points | Catch nets behind the goal on all courts |
| 14. | 15 Points | Internet live-streaming (address to be submitted to EHF prior the tournament) |
| 15. | x Points | Number of foreign teams (2 points per competing foreign team, not including youth tournament, maximum 10 points) |
| 16. | 10 Points | EHF Beach Handball referee (one EHF referee = 10 points) is nominated (list); |
| 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.

The EHF Beach Handball referees and delegates have to confirm their participation via the EHFfamily! Points will only be awarded if the nomination was confirmed! In case of any changes (cancellations, etc.) the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) shall be informed immediately!

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.*

The calculation of the organiser points will follow a 2-way-strategy.

The criteria

- Number of foreign teams
- Internet live-streaming

can be chosen as tournament criteria but the respective points will only be added to the official organiser points when the respective information was provided and checked to/by the observer and the EHF Office.

Meanwhile the above 2 criteria and their points will be shown as possible “bonus points” in case they were selected by the organiser.

The EHF has the right to question organisers of tournaments that show a big difference regarding the organiser points prior and after the tournament. In case of unsatisfying respond or the impression that the high criteria points were only added to attract teams but without the serious aim to fulfil the criteria respectively the EHF might ban the respective organiser / tournament for the next season.

It is the responsibility of the organisers to fulfil the criteria as announced via the websites. Any changes prior to the tournament have to be communicated to the EHF Office immediately.

Organiser points can only be awarded to the teams if the respective criteria were fulfilled. Teams shall therefore be aware that points prior to the tournament are only preliminary and will be finally defined after the report of the respective EHF BH delegate or National Observer.

1.3. Draw

The draw for the groups of National ebt tournaments shall follow the ebt ranking of the previous season, e.g.

ebt ranking previous year

1. Team A
2. Team B
3. Team C
4. Team D

Draw for National ebt tournament xy in case of 2 groups:

Group A:	Group B:
Team A	Team B
Team D	Team C
etc.	

The correct draw shall be presented to the ebt observer prior to the tournament for his confirmation.

1.4. Legal Matters

The provisions of the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions apply for all administrative, disciplinary and legal offences committed by the teams, individuals and/or officials/observers.

The EHF may request the opening of disciplinary proceedings in accordance with the abovementioned regulations as regards any cheating or misbehaviour by organisers or teams. The same holds true for the acting/decisions of observers.

The carrying out of legal/disciplinary proceedings is independent of any reporting obligations.

“Protests” against the ranking, resulting and criteria of an ebt tournament can only be made within 10 days after the ranking was verified by the ebt observer (pending).

Protests during an ebt tournament on a match played have to be dealt by the respective organiser following the official regulations of the tournament.

1.5. 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.

1.6. Intervention by National Federations

The National Federations should have the right to intervene (regarding tournaments of their home country) – 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.

1.7. 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.

Teams have to register via the ebt website and will be confirmed manually by the EHF Office during working times.

Rule: Each team manager is allowed to send only one team per gender (max. one Men's team and one Women's team). They are solely responsible, in the spirit of fair play, to be involved as manager in only one team, no control on this matter will be done by EHF. Protests will be granted in case of proved mislead.

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.

In case of not being able to participate in an ebt tournament although already registered the organiser has to be informed immediately.

Teams that registered after they have already participated in an ebt tournament shall communicate their participation (tournament name / country / ranking) to the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) as soon as possible. The points for tournaments played before the registration can only be awarded if communicated (as soon as possible and prior to the official end of the season).

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 10th ranked teams (out of the 50% participants field), 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 9th ranked team gains 10 points, the 8th 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 18 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 emerging cases if 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. In case of a late cancellation or no show upon the start of the tournament the EHF Office shall be contacted immediately (rabenseifner@eurohandball.com) in order to find a solution – if possible.

Tasks and duties

The ebt Observer shall check the criteria and enter the ranking via the EHFfamily. The observer therefore has to check the given criteria carefully and change the criteria if necessary. 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. The ebt Observer shall take a sufficient number of photos proving the realisation of the given criteria and shall save these photos for one season. The photos shall be provided to the EHF upon request.

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 ebt Observer has to confirm the nomination to the organiser AND the EHF Office as soon as possible (confirmation via the EHFfamily). If not being able to accept the nomination both (organiser and EHF Office) shall be contacted immediately.

In case of technical problems the EHF Office (ebt@eurohandball.com) has to be contacted immediately in order to avoid any delay in publishing the ranking.

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 1st 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.

In case of the same number of tournament points, the respective tournaments results should decide the ranking.

The procedure:

- The same tournaments (three best tournaments) shall be counted.
- The ranking position shall be divided by the number of teams participating of the respective tournament
- These results shall be added up.
- The smallest number is ranked the best.

The results of the Tour and the organiser for the final are fixed at 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. 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 and registered for the current / next season)

Conditions: first 8 nations, if the first ranked 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 (according to the ebt ranking) of any nation that provided a provisional registration for the ebt Finals 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 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!