

Keynote by Tor Lian / President of the European Handball Federation (EHF)



In my opinion "Handball for all – a team sport in motion" is a perfect title for this publication - it exactly mirrors what is going on in handball at the moment.

Both the tremendous development and success of European top competitions in club and national team handball are based on the grassroots work of clubs, federations and schools, its coaches, teachers, referees, leaders and experts everywhere in Europe. Of course, much depends on the minds of players and young people devoting themselves to our sport. More than ever, media and the sport public - TV viewers, spectators, internet and fan communities - are paying attention to handball. It has become a topic of public interest in the world of sports today.

This is why the EHF Methods and Competition Commissions have compiled and produced this toolkit - supplementary to our website services - as an itinerary for the user by featuring the different modules in the macrocosm of the Olympic team sport handball. All of these have been elaborated on by the experts in our member federations since the beginning of the EHF 15 years ago. It contains numerous publications with guidelines, methodological and didactical recommendations but also rules in Minihandball, Basic Handball and Beach Handball. These are the main pillars of grassroots handball, as well as further modules such as Handball at School, Alternative Games, Wheelchair and Masters Handball. In fact, European handball "know-how" is a treasure - its mutual exchange and transfer will be precious tools in our education and further training strategy of the future.

On this occasion our gratitude shall be expressed to the newly founded EHF Youth Forum, young players, coaches and referees from various countries, who met for the first time at the 2006 EHF Youth Handball Convention and have contributed considerably to this work.

In general young people shall be paid more attention to. They are creating their own society by defining values, standards and demands for the future. What we have achieved in terms of rules, regulations, games and competition offers is neither the "Bible" nor valid for eternity. It shall be both the young players, coaches, referees and leaders together with the current protagonists and experts to share the responsibility for developing handball. Here is a tool in front of you that will help you to find your place in order to enjoy our sport of handball in whatever form you like! "Handball for all" also means that your opinion is important in creating the right offers for the future. Therefore, all of you are kindly invited to come back to us with your ideas, inputs or contributions. We are an open and open-minded community, ready for innovations and coping with the challenges of the future. Welcome to the European handball family.



Handball for all



Minihandball



Catch them early

Beach Handball



Fun in the Sun

Wheelchair Handball



Wheels on fire

Modules of the Olympic Team Sport Handball

Competitive Handball



Masters Handball



Masters at play

Basic Handball



Handball unites

Handball at School



The best lesson

Alternative Games



Just for fun