

Philosophy of the „European Beach Handball Tour“

Beach Handball shall be played in the spirit of „Fair Play“.

It shall be a sport with a simple structure, very few restrictions / little administration, easy rules and a lot of sun, fun, lifestyle and handball.

It is a part of the philosophy that not everything is regulated to the very end – keep it simple!

All communication is executed via e-mail/Internet.

The only language is English.

The organisation of the Tour shall be very transparent.

All rules, regulations and results shall be published in...

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!!! Do not be afraid to compete in the European Beach Tour as an organiser or as a team. It is very easy and you will become a member of the European Beach Handball family without having any additional costs – on the contrary you will receive supplementary support.

The EHF supports the local tournament organiser by awarding the title “Member of the European Beach Handball Tour 20..”. It shall be easier for an organiser to raise sponsor money, if the tournament becomes a member of the European tour.

Regulations

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.

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

0.	x Points	Prize Money (1 point for each 500 EURO)
1.	x Points	Number of playing days (1 point per day, starting on the first day, maximum 5 points)
2.	x Points	Number of foreign teams (1 point per competing team, maximum 5 points)
3.	x Points	Number of playing courts (1 point per court, starting with the first court, maximum 5 points)
4.	x Points	Youth tournaments to be played at the same venue at the same time (1 point per two teams, maximum 5 points)
5.	10 Points	Internet live-streaming
6.	20 Points	TV transmission
7.	5 Points	DVD-Post competition production (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 500 spectators
10.	5 Points	2 scoreboards per court, indicating playing teams
11.	5 Points	Electronic time keeping at least for one court
12.	5 Points	Artificial lighting for matches played at night
13.	5 Points	Electronic loud speakers
14.	5 Points	Disco in the evening
15.	5 Points	Men's and women's tournaments to be played at the same time
16.	5 Points	for playing according to the IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball
17.	5 Points	2 referees per match
18.	5 Points	Water and one meal per day for the players free of charge
19.	5 Points	EHF referees are nominated
20.	5 Points	EHF delegates are nominated

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 transfers his organiser points to 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 (5 Points), the tournament is played on a real beach (5 Points), the tournament has a special tribune for spectators (5 Points) – the EHF will award 30 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, 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.

Remark: The EHF shall have the right to control the quality of the EBT tournaments.

1.3. Protests

Beach Handball shall be played in the spirit of Fair Play. Organisers and teams are requested to help each other to find the correct number of points.

The EHF will punish cheating 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 and Disciplinary Cases

The organiser 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. Reporting

The organiser has the obligation to enter the complete ranking of his tournament via the EBT homepage by using his tournament ID and password by Sunday night at the latest (last day of tournament). All teams have to be entered. If not all teams participate in a placement match and therefore gain no clear ranking these teams shall be ranked by using the symbol “-“. The “-“ ranked teams will gain no EBT points.

If the organiser fails to enter the results within the set deadlines, the tournament will be deleted from the EBT tournament list. The participating teams will not gain any points for the respective tournament. According to the Fair Play philosophy of Beach Handball we therefore request all tournament organisers to enter the tournament ranking within the set deadline. In case of any troubles by entering the ranking please contact the EHF Office via ebt@eurohandball.com

1.6. 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.

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.

Please pay attention to the players’ insurance: “Each team is responsible for their insurance”.

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

The first 10th 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 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 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 organiser. By registering as an EBT team, the team manager and players agree to follow the decisions made by the EHF in juridical instances.

3. Final tournament

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

The EHF determines the organiser of the final tournament. He is supposed to be the best organiser of the beach season, which means the organiser with the maximum of organiser points.

The results of the Tour and the organiser for the final are fixed in 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.

All teams, which qualified for the final, will have to pay a participation fee in order to assure 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!](#)