

## BEACH HANDBALL COMMISSION | MEETING 2 | 2024

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<b>Date   Time:</b>	Thursday, 29 August 2024 / 14:00– 19:00 Friday, 30 August 2024 / 09:00 – 16:00
<b>Venue:</b>	Vienna, AUT
<b>Participants:</b>	
BC	Gabriella Horváth (HUN)      Chairwoman Mário Bernardes (POR)      Promotion and Development Marek Góralczyk (POL)      Events and Competition Jiri Opava (CZE)      Officiating Marco Trespidi (ITA)      Game Design and Coaching
EHF Office	Tobia Pisani      Beach Handball Manager Alexandra Horváth      Beach Handball Coordinator

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### 1. Welcome

The EHF Beach Handball Commission (BC) Chairwoman Gabriella Horváth welcomed the members of the commission to the second meeting in 2024.

#### 1.1. Minutes BC Meeting 02/2024

The minutes of the last meeting in February 2024 were approved without any comments.

#### 1.2. Technical Delegation (TD) Meeting

G. Horváth informed on the TD meeting held on 29 August, the minutes will be available.

### 2. Online Testing & eLearning

#### 2.1. Status Update - Last Test Results and Statistics of the Officials

A.Horváth shared the results of the last testing period and a presentation of the statistics of the beach handball officials: currently, the number of active beach handball referees is 108 (40 women and 68 men) from 25 NFs; the number of active beach handball delegates is 74 (20 women and 54 men) from 29 NFs.

#### 2.2. Testing periods 2025 & Online Workshop

For the next season, the following testing periods will apply:

1<sup>st</sup> period: 9 – 23 December 2024 and (re-test) 27 December 2024 – 10 January 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> period: 5 – 19 May 2025 and (re-test) 23 May – 6 June 2025.

The eLearning practice test option will be open for all officials for preparation purposes between the periods. At the beginning of April 2025, an online workshop will be held for the EHF Beach Handball Officials to provide guidelines and updates on the upcoming season.

### 3. European Beach Handball Tour (ebt)

#### 3.1. ebt Season – status

Horváth shared a presentation regarding the ebt season 2023/24 data and statistics. For the current season, 42 tournaments in 15 countries and 267 teams from 22 countries (157 men's and 110 women's) are registered.

### 3.1.1. ebt organiser workshop

A workshop was held with EHF Experts and ebt Organisers to debrief the season and receive input for the next season. The minutes are available.

### 3.2. ebt Season 2024/2025

The ebt Season 2024/2025 Regulations are in final preparation and will be presented for the EXEC confirmation in September 2024.

### 3.3. ebt Finals 2024

The ebt Finals 2024 took place in Lacanau (FRA) from 13 to 16 June 2024. The event had an overall positive outcome. The event report is available.

### 3.4. ebt Finals 2025

The ebt Finals 2025 will be organised in Trapani (ITA) from 5 to 8 June 2025. The preparation is ongoing, and the site visit will be held on 17/18 September.

## 4. Beach Handball EURO

### 4.1. EHF YAC16 Beach Handball EURO 2024

The EHF YAC16 Beach Handball Euro 2024 was played in Varna (BUL) from 4 to 7 July 2024. 18 women's and 16 men's teams participated. The EHF must highlight the excellent preparation and collaboration with the BUL Federation. The event report will be available.

### 4.2. EHF Beach Handball Championships 2024

The senior qualification tournament for the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2025 took place in Varna (BUL) from 11 to 14 July 2024 with 12 women's and 10 men's teams.

### 4.3. EHF YAC17 Beach Handball EURO

The event was awarded to Alanya (TUR) and will be held from 3 to 6 July 2024. The registration will be open for all National Federations in January 2025. The preparation is ongoing and the site visit will be held on 11/13 November.

### 4.4. EHF Beach Handball EURO 2025

The Beach Handball EURO 2025 will be organised in Alanya (TUR) from 8 to 13 July 2025.

The following teams qualified for the competition (16 per gender):

- Women: BUL, CRO, DEN, ESP, FRA, GER, GRE, HUN, NED, NOR, POL, POR, SVK, SWE, TUR and UKR.
- Men: BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, ESP, FRA, GER, HUN, ITA, MLT, NOR, POL, POR, SWE, TUR and UKR.

### 4.5. Event Calendars for the Upcoming Years

The calendar for the upcoming season 2025-2026-2027 can be found in the appendix (attachment 1).

## 5. EHF Beach Handball Champions Cup (ChC)

### 5.1. Champions Cup 2024 – Status Update

The last club competition in 2024 will take place in Porto Santo (POR) from 10 to 13 October 2024. 16 teams per gender will take part. The teams and the group distribution are confirmed, as well as

the EHF Beach Handball Officials' nominations. The collaboration with the local organiser is very positive and the expectations for the third edition of the tournament in Porto Santo are high. The POR Fed and the Porto Santo Municipality expressed the willingness to prolong the agreement for 2025. The further evaluation is ongoing and for the awarding the EXEC will be informed accordingly.

## **6. EHF Education Courses**

### **6.1. Education Course for Officials**

#### **6.1.1. Officials course 2024 review**

Alongside the ebt Finals 2024 in Lacanau (FRA), the EHF Beach Handball Officials Course was held and 4 referee pairs and 4 delegates successfully completed it.

#### **6.1.2. Officials Course Plan for 2025**

An EHF Beach Handball Delegate Course is planned to be organized in 2025 alongside the ebt Finals in Italy. No referee course is foreseen to take place in 2025.

### **6.2. Beach Handball Referee Candidate Programme**

The project outline was presented by Opava: a talent management programme with the aim to facilitates the career progression for beach handball referees. The motion will be delivered to the EXEC in September. According to the timeline, registration will be open for all National Federations in January 2025.

### **6.3. Education course for Coaches**

#### **6.3.1. Spec. 3 Course review**

The EHF Coaches' Courses – Beach Handball Specialisation 3 was organised in Varna (BUL) from 8 to 13 July 2024 and 24 coaches received the certification.

#### **6.3.2. Spec. 3 Course Plan 2025**

The following edition of the course will be organised in 2025 alongside the ebt Finals 2025 in Trapani (ITA). Registration will be open for the coaches in January 2025.

### **6.4. Implementation of the New Coaching Licensing**

A common meeting between the MC and the BC was held, and the final plan regarding the beach handball coaches licensing will be delivered by the end of the year, in accordance with the relaunch of the RINCK Convention.

## **7. EUSA Games 2024**

### **7.1. Status Update**

The event for the University teams took place in Debrecen (HUN) from 22 to 24 July 2024. 7 women's and 8 men's teams were competing at the tournament. For the next editions a promotional plan in accordance with EUSA must be worked out to include more universities in the competition. The EUSA Beach Handball competitions will be held in Granada (ESP) from 19 to 24 September 2024.

## **8. Publications**

### 8.1. Beach Handball Studies and Publications

The status of the beach handball studies and publications in cooperation with the EHF Experts are as follow:

- Differences between Men's and Women's Beach Handball – EHF Experts Gorm Andersen (DEN) and Alexander Novakovic (GER)
- Development and Preparation of the Danish and Spanish Women's National Team – Morten Frandsen Holmen (DEN) and EHF Expert Juan Pablo Murillo (ESP) with a quantitative and qualitative research about the preparation and evaluation of the EHF Beach Handball EURO 2023.
- Psychological aspects in beach handball – EHF Expert Bojana Jelacic
- Physical Demand of Beach Handball Referee\_ – Marco Cardinale, Executive Director of Research and Scientific Support at Aspetar in Qatar and EHF Expert. The research was done in Lacanau (FRA) and was monitoring the physical performance of the referees.

All the studies are under review and will be published by the end of the year.

### 8.2. Plan for 2025

Trespidi presented the plan for beach handball publications for 2025.

- Physical Preparation for players in beach handball – the players are the next target group for the research regarding the physical performance, and will be done by Prof. Cardinale alongside the Beach Handball EURO 2025 in Antalya (TUR).
- How to organise an ebt event – an event manual will be published in 2025 and prepared by the EHF Experts and Góralczyk as project lead.

## **9. IHF Matters**

### 9.1. Worldwide Planned Activities

The updated international beach handball activities are as follows:

- 7 to 11 May 2025 – Beach Handball Global Tour – Marica, BRA, tbc
- 17 to 22 June 2025 – Men's and Women's Youth (U17) Beach Handball World Championships – Hammamet, TUN
- 24 to 27 July 2025 – Beach Handball Global Tour, Venue, tbc
- 7 to 17 August 2025 – The World Games 2025, Chengdu, CHN (exact dates of the beach handball tournament tbc)
- November 2025 – Beach Handball Global Tour Finals – Doha, QAT

During the Olympic Games 2024 in Paris, a beach handball showcase event took place from 27 to 29 July in front of the Maison du Handball (FRA Federation HQ) with 4 teams per gender, 3 of which were of an all-star type and the France national teams.

## **10. Miscellaneous**

### 10.1. Beach Handball Webinar

The topics for the beach handball webinars will be confirmed in the upcoming months, in accordance with the Sport & Game Service department.

### 10.2. Beach Handball in the Future

A analysis in depth and evaluation of the status of beach handball in Europe is ongoing and a new strategy with clear goals for the upcoming years is going to be defined. Additionally, a round table with beach handball stakeholders will be held in Vienna in January 2025.

### 10.3. Beach Handball Nations Ranking

The Beach Handball Nations Ranking 2024 was developed based on the results of the National Teams, Senior and YAC, over the last 3 years. The ranking will be published by the end of the year and will be the basis of the draw for the events 2025.

### 10.4. Ultimate School Handball Project Update

The project led by EHF Expert Alexander Gehrler is finalised and the written documentation as well as the video promotion will be shared with the National Federations. It will also be published through the EHF channels for widespread promotion of handball and beach handball on a school level.

### 10.5. EHF Beach Handball Development Programme

EHF reiterates its willingness to continue supporting NFs for the development of beach handball activities in their countries and to enlarge the number of active National Federations. In 2024, EHF supported 12 countries with beach handball materials (BEL, DEN, CRO, ITA, GBR, HUN, NED, POL, POR, SUI, SVK & SWE). The Development Programme will be renovated, the guidelines and requirements will be shared with the National Federations by January 2025.

### 10.6. Club Workshop

Bernardes presented the agenda for the club workshop and the lecturers which is going to be held in March 2025. The aim is to provide to the beach handball clubs guidelines in terms of marketing strategy, communication, partnership activations and social media activities.

### 10.7. Excellence Award 2024

The Women's and Men's Beach Handball MVP will be honoured during the Excellence Award Gala in Vienna. The current ranking was presented, and the final nominees will be determined after the Champions Cup 2024.

With the agenda completed, Gabriella Horváth thanked the members of the Beach Handball Commission for their contribution and closed the meeting.

4 September 2024

For the minutes: Tobia Pisani  
Alexandra Horváth

## ASSIGNMENT OF TASKS

### 2. Online Testing & eLearning

2.2. eLearning and Workshop | Preparation of the topics Opava/EHF Office

### 3. European Beach Handball Tour

3.2. ebt Season 2024/2025 Regulations | Finalizing the document EHF Office

3.4. ebt Finals 2025 | Preparation of the event, site visit EHF Office/Góralczyk

### 4. Beach Handball EUROS

4.3. YAC17 BH EURO 2025 | Preparation of the event, site visit EHF Office

4.4. BH EURO 2025 | Preparation of the event, site visit EHF Office

### 5. EHF Beach Handball Champions Cup (ChC) 2024

5.1. Preparation of the event EHF Office

### 6. EHF Education Courses

6.1. Preparation of the course 2025 Trespidi/EHF Office

6.2. Beach Handball Candidate Programme | Preparation, education materials Opava

6.2. Beach Handball Candidate Programme | Timeline, motion EXEC EHF Office

6.3. Spec. 3. Course Plan for 2025 | Preparation Trespidi/EHF Office

6.4. Coaching licensing Trespidi/ EHF Office

### 8. Publications

8.1. Beach Handball Studies & Publications | Coordination among the EHF Experts Trespidi  
Internal review EHF Office

8.2. Plan 2025 | Preparation of the plan and coordination among the EHF Experts Trespidi/ EHF Office

### 9. IHF Matters

Regular exchange of information EHF/IHF EHF Office

### 10. Miscellaneous

10.1. Beach Handball Webinar | Preparation of topics EHF Office

10.2. Beach Handball in the Future All members/EHF  
Office

10.3. Beach Handball Nations Ranking | Publication EHF Office

10.4. Ultimate School Handball Project | Publication EHF Office

10.5. EHF Beach Handball Development Programme | Coordination of the project EHF Office

10.6. Club Workshop | Preparation and coordination of the lecturers Bernardes/EHF Office

10.7. Excellence Award | Preparation EHF Office

## ATTACHMENT 1 – BEACH HANDBALL EVENTS CALENDAR

<b>EHF &amp; IHF Beach Handball Competitions 2025</b>		
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Beach Handball Global Tour_Stage 1	7 - 11 May 2025	Marica (BRA) - TBC
ebt Finals	5 - 8 June 2025	Trapani (ITA)
U17 Beach Handball World Championships	17 - 22 June 2025	Hammamet (TUN)
YAC17 Beach Handball EURO	3 - 6 July 2025	Alanya (TUR)
EHF Beach Handball EURO	8 - 13 July 2025	Alanya (TUR)
Beach Handball Global Tour_Stage 2	24 - 27 July 2025	TBD
The World Games 2025	7 - 17 August 2025*	Chengdu (CHN)
EUSA Beach Handball	19-24 September 2025	Granada (ESP)
Champions Cup	9 - 12 October 2025	Porto Santo (POR)**
Beach Handball Global Tour Finals	November 2025 - TBC	Doha (QAT)
*exact dates of BH tournament TBC		
**to be awarded by EXEC		
<b>EHF Beach Handball Competitions 2026</b>		
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
ebt Finals	4 - 7 June 2026	TBD
YAC16 Beach Handball EURO	2 - 5 July 2026	TBD
EHF Beach Handball Championships	9 - 12 July 2026	TBD
Champions Cup	8 - 11 October 2026	TBD
<b>EHF Beach Handball Competitions 2027</b>		
<b>Competition</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
ebt Finals	3 - 6 June 2027	TBD
YAC17 Beach Handball EURO	1 - 4 July 2027	TBD
EHF Beach Handball EURO	6 - 11 July 2027	TBD
Champions Cup	7 - 10 October 2027	TBD