

# **REGULATIONS FOR EUROPEAN CUP COMPETITIONS**

## ***(effective as of 2007/2008 season)***

### **1 COMPETITIONS**

#### **1.1 Types**

The European Handball Federation (EHF) organises according to its Statutes the following European Cup (EC) handball competitions for men and women:

- Champions League
- EHF Cup
- Challenge Cup
- Cup Winners' Cup

The EHF shall organise the EC for Club Teams in agreement with the EC winning teams. The financial arrangements are subject to a separate agreement between the EHF, the organiser, and the participants.

By entering the European Cup, the winning teams from the Men's and Women's EHF Cup and Cup Winners' Cup do also enter the Champions Trophy. This obligation also refers to the team's line-up, which is to be as identical as possible to the original line-up.

As Champions League Regulations were drawn up for the season 2007/2008, the following competitions will be dealt with within the European Cup Regulations: EHF Cup, Challenge Cup, Cup Winners' Cup (Men's and Women's).

#### **1.2 Frequency**

EC competitions shall be played on an annual basis. The beginning of the season is on 1 July and the end on 30 June the following year.

#### **1.3 Awards**

All trophies for the EC winners are challenge trophies and are sponsored by the EHF or its partners.

1.3.1 EC winners shall hold the trophy for one year. Trophies shall be returned to the EHF Office in Vienna not later than one month before the next final. Upon returning of the challenge cup the clubs concerned will receive a replica of the trophy. In case of any club winning the competition 5 times or 3 times in a row, the original trophy will remain in possession of the club.

1.3.2 All clubs (max. of 21 persons) participating at the final matches as well as the referees and EHF delegates/representatives will receive a commemorative medal.

1.3.3 For the forthcoming season the European Cup champions will receive a title holder package comprising of the logo as well as additional tools.

## **2**            **ADMINISTRATION**

### **2.1**            **Announcement and Dates**

The dates of EC matches shall be fixed each year by the EHF and forwarded to the teams taking part and the federations with the invitation.

#### **2.1.1**        Dates and time for the matches (except Challenge Cup group matches):

The matches of each round shall be played within the dates given by the EHF calendar (Saturday/Sunday). The home team shall have the right to determine the date of the match and the time of throw-off.

If the home team would like to play the game on a different day of the week (TV-request, political or religious holidays, elections, etc.) a respective request for permission must be submitted to the EHF.

The right for the final decision is with the EHF.

The EHF reserves the right to change the home and away rights in special cases. This must be communicated in writing to the clubs and national federations concerned within 72 hours after the respective draw.

#### **2.1.2**        Dates and time for the matches in Challenge Cup group matches:

The matches of the groups shall be played within the dates given by the EHF calendar (Friday to Sunday). The home team shall have the right to determine the time of throw-off of the matches.

If the home team would like to play the games on different days of the week (TV-request, political or religious holidays, elections, etc.) a respective request for permission must be submitted to the EHF.

The right for the final decision is with the EHF.

### **2.2**            **Qualifications**

The registration of teams can only be made by the National Federation on the basis of a clubs' sporting achievement in the last season. These results must be proved upon request.

The participation in EHF competitions is restricted to those clubs that participate exclusively in national and international competitions that are recognized by the EHF.

Each national federation is required to name a contact person (who speaks one of the EHF official languages: English, German, French), who will, if necessary, provide support when dealing with the participating clubs.

Each club is required, upon EC registration, to name a contact person who speaks English. The EHF has the right to refuse communication in any other language (except for German and French).

The internet homepage must be online one week prior to the first match of each team.

#### **2.2.1**        The winner of the EHF Cup, the Challenge Cup and the Cupwinners Cup earns the right to participate in the same EC competition of the season 2008/2009. The National Federation of the winner of these competitions has the right to register an additional place in the respective competition of the following season. Furthermore the winner of the Challenge Cup earns the right, but does not have the duty, to

participate in the EHF Cup of the following season. If this particular club makes use of this right, its federation loses the right to register an additional team (place of the defending Champion) in the Challenge Cup.

- 2.2.2 After the date of registration (June 25) the participating clubs will be allocated the respective competition by the EHF according to the EHF ranking list. In case of non-participation of one or more teams, the EHF will move the teams according to the EHF ranking list.
- 2.2.3 The choice of teams to be entered for the EHF Cup, Challenge Cup and Cupwinners Cup (men and women) is left to the Member Federations. However, the EHF ranking list is to be considered.
- 2.2.4 Those EHF Member Federations which make use of their first starting place in the Challenge Cup (men and women) have the right to register an additional team.
- 2.2.5 Per club only one team of the same gender is entitled to participate in the European Cup. It is the responsibility of the Member Federations to take this into consideration during the registration process.
- 2.2.6 Legal and financial responsibility to the EHF for the clubs taking part in EC competitions shall rest with the Member Federations concerned.
- 2.2.7 The EHF is entitled not to admit clubs to International competitions, which do not fulfil the respective technical or organisational and administrative requirements. The competence for decision taking relating to such matters shall be with the EHF Competitions Commission regarding technical questions and with the EHF Office regarding organisational, administrative and financial issues.
- 2.2.8 Matches of the European Cup are to be held in playing halls that have been officially submitted on the official playing hall form and authorised by the EHF.
- The distance between the visiting team's hotel and the playing hall should not exceed 25 km/45min.
- The minimum temperature of the playing hall must be 18°C. If there are special reasons that the minimum temperature cannot be reached, these must be given at the technical meeting and the EHF Delegate must send a report to the EHF Office.
- 2.2.9 Each participating club must have an internet homepage (with all important information about the participating EC team, photos, etc..) and provide an e-Mail address.

## **2.3 Entries**

- 2.3.1 Entries shall be made by the Member Federations exclusively by means of the official entry and players' list sent out by the EHF together with the invitation forms. The registration shall be received by the EHF Office in Vienna by **June 11, 2006**.

- 2.3.2 Entries for teams to take part in 2007/2008 European Cup season competitions shall be received by the EHF Office in Vienna by

**June 25, 2006**

At the same time the official team logo must be sent in a very good print quality on paper and in addition as far as possible by E-mail (tiff, eps or jpg with a max. of 220 dpi) at the EHF office.

The original list of players of each team must be received by the EHF Office in Vienna as follows:

<b>PLAYERS' LIST</b>		
<b>Round</b>	<b>Hommes</b>	<b>Femmes</b>
1	01.08.2007	01.08.2007
2	21.08.2007	21.08.2007
3	09.10.2007	09.10.2007
4 – 1/8 Finals	27.11.2007	13.11.2007

- 2.3.3 All entry fees are per team and applicable. For all rounds up to and including the semi-finals level, no further fees shall be applicable (spectators, advertising, media etc). The entry fees are as follows (all amounts in Euro):

<b>MEN</b>					
<b>Round</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Entry fee</b>	<b>Home match</b>	<b>Away match</b>
1	24.07.2007	<b>31.07.2007</b>	<b>€375,--</b>	01/02.09.2007	08/09.09.2007
2	21.08.2007	<b>15.09.2007</b>	<b>€375,--</b>	29/30.09.2007	06/07.10.2007
3	09.10.2007	<b>31.10.2007</b>	<b>€375,--</b>	17/18.11.2007	24/25.11.2007
4 – 1/8 finals	27.11.2007	<b>15.01.2008</b>	<b>€375,--</b>	09/10.02.2008	16/17.02.2008
5 – 1/4 finals	19.02.2008	<b>29.02.2008</b>	<b>€750,--</b>	08/09.03.2008	15/16.03.2008
6 – 1/2 finals	18.03.2008	<b>31.03.2008</b>	<b>€1.500,--</b>	05/06.04.2008	12/13.04.2008
7 – final	15.04.2008	<b>30.04.2007</b>	<b>€3.000,--</b>	03/04.05.2008	10/11.05.2005

<b>WOMEN</b>					
<b>Round</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Date of payment</b>	<b>Entry fee</b>	<b>Home match</b>	<b>Away match</b>
1	24.07.2007	<b>31.07.2007</b>	<b>€375,--</b>	01/02.09.2007	08/09.09.2007
2	21.08.2007	<b>15.09.2007</b>	<b>€375,--</b>	29/30.09.2007	06/07.10.2007
3	09.10.2007	<b>31.10.2007</b>	<b>€375,--</b>	03/04.11.2007	10/11.11.2007
4 – 1/8 finals	13.11.2007	<b>15.01.2008</b>	<b>€375,--</b>	09/10.02.2008	16/17.02.2008
5 – 1/4 finals	19.02.2008	<b>29.02.2008</b>	<b>€750,--</b>	08/09.03.2008	17/16.03.2008
6 – 1/2 finals	18.03.2008	<b>31.03.2008</b>	<b>€1.500,--</b>	19/20.04.2008	26/27.04.2008
7 – final	29.04.2008	<b>15.05.2007</b>	<b>€3.000,--</b>	17/18.05.2008	24/25.05.2008

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BIC CODE: BKAUATWW  
IBAN-CODE: AT46 1200 0006 4000 0204  
BANK AUSTRIA  
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Each team will receive an individual ID number. Whenever payment is sent to the EHF, this number and the reason for payment must be stated "EC participation fee – Round X"

If payment is not received in time, the entry fee shall be doubled automatically.  
The fee covering round 1 EUR 375 shall be paid in time to the EHF account by

**July 31, 2007.**

If a payment for round 1 has not been credited to the EHF account by August 15, the registration of the respective team shall be cancelled automatically, regarded as forfeits and, in accordance with the EHF arbitration regulations, subjected to a fine of EUR 7.500. This clause shall apply to all rounds of all competitions analogously, in any case 15 days after the deadline for payment has passed.

- 2.3.4 Entries for EC competitions shall be conditional upon the availability of sports facilities conforming to the Rules. Responsibility in this respect shall rest with the Member Federations concerned. The EHF Competitions Commission may grant exceptions in justified cases.
- 2.3.5 The teams taking part shall arrange accident, health and other insurance for their players and officials at their own expense. Neither the EHF as organiser nor the home team can be held responsible therefore.
- 2.3.6 Insurance for persons serving as appointed EHF officials and EHF referees is arranged by the EHF.
- 2.3.7 National federations submitting entries shall complete the two pages of the form sheet with data on each team entered.
- 2.3.8 After the closing date for entries the EHF Office shall establish a list of all teams taking part showing the information pursuant to item 2.3.7 and shall mail it to all teams taking part and their Member Federations.

## **2.4 Drawing of lots**

- 2.4.1 The public draw for each round shall be held at the venue named by the EHF on the date scheduled in the announcement.
- 2.4.2 Seeding  
Some teams qualify directly for later rounds according to the EHF seeding list. In round 1 to 4 the EHF can award seedings according to the EHF seeding list.  
If a current European Cup Champion participates in a different competition in the following season, it will be seeded after the top-seeded teams (except if the federation is placed higher in accordance with the EHF ranking list).

Teams from the same country shall not play against each other in the Champions League Qualification rounds.

- 2.4.3 The right to organize the Challenge Cup group matches will be decided by a drawing of lots. If neither of the teams makes use of the right to organize, the matches will be played in home and away matches.

## **2.5 Match system**

- 2.5.1 All matches in the EHF Cup, Challenge Cup (except Challenge Cup group matches) and Cupwinners Cup shall be played in home and away matches. The team drawn first shall play the first leg at home. Subject to approval by the EHF office the teams may agree on a different order of play or on playing both matches in one country only (use the new EHF form).

- 2.5.2 The first round to be played in the Men's and Women's Challenge Cup shall be played in a group system. Each group shall comprise a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 teams (depending on the number of entrants).  
The matches of this round shall be played in tournament format at one venue on one weekend (with each team playing all others).

## **2.6 Withdrawal (Forfeit)**

By entering the European Cup, a club agrees to enter all rounds resulting from the match system (see Annex) as well as the European Championships for Club Teams – compare point 1.1.

- 2.6.1 A Withdrawal after the announcement of a competition (16.07.2007 at the latest) is equivalent to a forfeit and shall carry the following consequences:

- The club shall pay a fine of EUR 5,000 to the EHF.

A withdrawal of a team after the first draw in the competition concerned is regarded as a forfeit and shall carry the following consequences:

- The club shall pay a fine of EUR 10,000 to the EHF.
- The club shall be disqualified from participation in the European Cup for the subsequent two seasons.

- 2.6.2 Failure to play a match or late arrival at the venue through a teams' provable fault shall render the defaulting team liable for damages and payment of all costs arising to its opponent thereof.

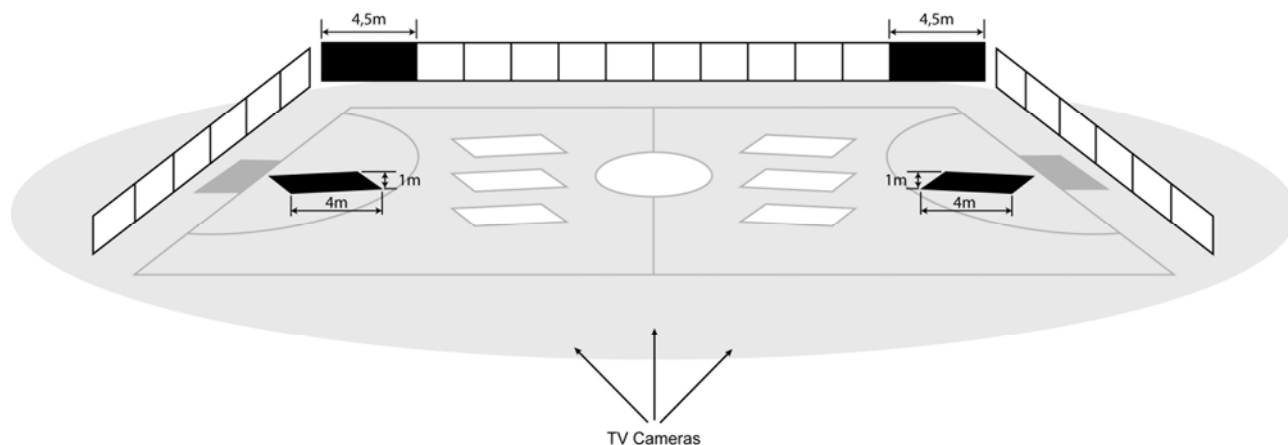
## **3 FINANCES**

### **3.1 Receipts, costs and fees except at "finals" level**

- 3.1.1 Receipts  
Except at finals, all receipts from the sale of admission tickets, advertising on the barriers and other forms of advertising as well as income from sponsors shall belong to the organising club. Receipts from TV rights are subject to the rules of the relevant Member Federation (except in finals).

At all EC matches the EHF shall have the right to place advertisement on two 4,5 m barrier boards on each corner of the long side barrier, opposite to the TV cameras and the time-keeper's table within the range covered by TV cameras (see diagram). If the EHF intends to exercise this right, it shall inform the organiser in writing not later than 2 weeks before the match. Otherwise the EHF shall waive this right.

Furthermore the EHF has the right to place one advertisement (4 x 1 m) in each of the goal areas in all EC matches. If the EHF intends to exercise this right, it shall inform the organiser in writing not later than 2 weeks before the match. Otherwise the EHF shall waive this right.



Notwithstanding the Regulations on Advertising on Players' Clothing, in the 2007/08 season, the rights relating to sleeve advertising shall belong to the respective clubs in all EC matches.

EHF shall be allowed to use, free of charge, existing television footage for production and broadcasting of a magazine programme at a later time (utilisation of secondary rights).

The EHF has the right to market TV rights in neutral countries. Furthermore, the EHF has the right to market the complete TV rights of the matches where the homeclub makes no use of its TV rights.

### 3.1.2 Costs

3.1.2.1 Every team shall pay its own travelling expenses and visa costs.

3.1.2.2 The cost of board, local transport and lodging for 18 members (21 members at final matches) of the visiting team for two days (48 hours) shall be borne by the home club. Upon mutual consent, both clubs may cover their own costs.

In the case that the visiting team is staying for a shorter time, the home team's responsibility is still for 18 persons (21 persons for final matches) only. If a match starts earlier than 13:00 hrs. the guest team shall have the right to arrive two days prior to the day of the match. In this case, the additional night shall be borne by the homeclub. Local transport begins and ends at the closest airport suitable for the match venue. Regarding lodging and food, a level of international standard shall be provided.

- 3.1.2.3 At group matches of the Challenge Cup the cost of board, local and lodging of 18 members of the visiting team for four days (96 hours) shall be borne by the home club.  
In the case that the visiting team is staying for a shorter time, the home team's responsibility is still for 18 persons only.  
Local transport begins and ends at the closest airport suitable for the match venue.  
Regarding lodging and food, a level of international standard shall be provided.
- 3.1.2.4 The EHF is not responsible for financial issues arising from additional participants or additional days agreed directly between the clubs.
- 3.1.2.5 The cost of officials appointed by the EHF shall be borne by the local organizer / home club as follows (except Men's and Women's Challenge Cup Group Matches) and has to be paid prior to the match:
- 3.1.2.5.1 Travel expenses (reimbursed against evidence):
- Travel by train/bus/boat:  
Reimbursement of the cost of one first-class ticket each for travel to and from the venue by train/bus/boat,
  - Air travel:  
Reimbursement of the cost of one economy class ticket each;
  - Travel by car (allowed up to a maximum distance of 600 km one way):  
Reimbursement of the cost of one first-class ticket each for travel to and from the venue by train/bus/boat,
  - Taxi rides in the home town or during the trip:  
(e.g. transfers between airports) to be reimbursed against receipt;
  - Car travel in the home town (to the airport or train station):  
reimbursement may be claimed at a rate of EUR 0,50 per kilometer traveled.
- The EHF has the right to involve itself in the travel arrangements of delegates and referees. Such an involvement shall not result in higher costs for the participating clubs.
- The respective information about possible EHF involvement in travel arrangements of EHF officials shall be announced by the EHF to the clubs concerned in writing 72 hours after the respective draw.
- 3.1.2.5.2 Any costs incurred outside or inside the host country in connection with the matches;
- 3.1.2.5.3 Cost of visas (against presentation of receipt);
- 3.1.2.5.4 Daily allowance of EUR 55 per day traveled and per day spent at the venue. Additionally each referee has to receive EUR 100 (except Men's and Women's Challenge Cup Group Matches) for each match.
- 3.1.2.5.5 The cost of accommodation, meals and transport during the stay at the venue.
- 3.1.2.6 Men's and Women's Challenge Cup – Group Matches:  
The cost of travel, accommodation, board and local transport of the nominated EHF officials will be divided between the four (or three) clubs and must be paid prior to the match.



- 3.1.2.6.1 Travel expenses (reimbursed against evidence):
- Travel by train/bus/boat:  
Reimbursement of the cost of one first-class ticket each for travel to and from the venue by train/bus/boat,
  - Air travel:  
Reimbursement of the cost of one economy class ticket each;
  - Travel by car (allowed up to a maximum distance of 600 km one way):  
Reimbursement of the cost of one first-class ticket each for travel to and from the venue by train/bus/boat,
  - Taxi rides in the home town or during the trip:  
(e.g. transfers between airports) to be reimbursed against receipt;
  - Car travel in the home town (to the airport or train station):  
reimbursement may be claimed at a rate of EUR 0,50 per kilometer traveled.

The EHF has the right to involve itself in the travel arrangements of delegates and referees. Such an involvement shall not result in higher costs for the participating clubs.

The respective information about possible EHF involvement in travel arrangements of EHF officials shall be announced by the EHF to the clubs concerned in writing 72 hours after the respective draw.

- 3.1.2.6.2 Any costs incurred outside or inside the host country in connection with the matches;
- 3.1.2.6.3 Cost of visas (against presentation of receipt);
- 3.1.2.6.4 Daily allowance of EUR 55 per day traveled and per day spent at the venue. Additionally each referee has to receive EUR 55 for each match.
- 3.1.2.6.5 The cost of accommodation, meals and transport during the stay at the venue.
- 3.1.2.7 The home club shall also pay the costs of the time-keeper and the score-taker.
- 3.1.2.8 If an official EHF delegate and/or representative is appointed, their expenses shall be borne by the home club analogously to the provisions applicable to referees in item 3.1.2.5.1 or 3.1.2.6.1.
- 3.1.2.9 The home club shall be responsible for ensuring that all EHF officials (referees, delegates) can export from the country all funds disbursed to them by the host during the period of their stay, without any deductions or other problems.
- 3.1.3 Fees  
The fees for each round are laid down in 2.3.3. In all rounds up to and including the semi-finals level no additional fee shall be payable.
- 3.1.4 Media (inclusive the semi-finals)
- 3.1.4.1 The EHF supports broadcasting of all matches by television, radio, etc (rights to the EHF excluded).

3.1.4.2 No match is to be transmitted, broadcasted or recorded by television or commercial radio or film companies without reasonable compensation being paid. The same shall apply to video recordings for commercial purposes.

3.1.4.3 After completion of each round of matches the club shall report TV transmission times to the EHF in writing.

3.1.5 Video recordings  
All clubs participating in the European Cup shall be permitted to make video recordings for teaching and training purposes from home matches (also in national competitions) of other clubs which participate in the European Cup. Such recordings, however, shall be made by only one person using one camera. Such video recordings shall be shown only privately to the teams concerned for study of tactics and shall not be exploited commercially.  
A pre-announcement in written form to the homeclub is helpful, but not a duty.

## **3.2 European Cup finals**

The following regulations are applicable to different types of finals and finals played at home and away.

Other procedures for final matches shall be subject to special agreement with the EHF.

### **3.2.1 Organisation and execution**

3.2.1.1 The EHF is the organiser of European Cup finals.  
It may delegate their organisation to a member federation, club or other sports organisation. The EHF Office will contact the parties concerned before making a final decision on the venues for the finals. For final matches the delegation can be expanded to a maximum of 21 persons (see clause 3.1.2.2).

3.2.1.2. A team that had the home right in the second game of its last appearance in a final will automatically have the home right at the first leg at its next appearance in a final.

For the finals of the 2007/08 season, all club competitions of the seasons 2006/07, 2005/06 and 2004/05 are taken into consideration in this respect.

The home right shall be drawn by lot in all cases, in which the home right is not defined after having put into practice this regulation point.

### **3.2.2 Requirements for Final matches**

The playing hall for the final matches is subject for an individual approval by the EHF. The following items are being considered in this issue:

- ) Floor
- ) Capacity of the hall
- ) Working places for media
- ) Rooms for VIP/Hospitality

### **3.2.3 Television, radio, film, video, and advertising rights**

3.2.3.1 The EHF shall have the exclusive right of allocating rights relating to television broadcasting, radio and video recordings at finals.

3.2.3.2 The EHF shall likewise have the exclusive right of allocating rights for advertising within the range covered by TV cameras, including advertising along the barriers and on the floor. Halls for the playing of finals shall therefore be made available without any advertising.

#### 3.2.4 Financial regulations relating to receipts from these rights

The EHF shall conclude with each organiser of a final match an agreement on financial procedures.

#### 3.2.5 Costs

Reference is made to item 3.1.2 of the Regulations.

3.2.6 Upon request, the EHF has the right to a maximum of 100 tickets (of those 50 VIP tickets) free of charge, per final match. This request has to be placed within an appropriate time period after the respective draw (at the latest 10 days before the respective match).

### 3.3 Quota of admission tickets

Home clubs shall make available to the visiting clubs 10% of the admission tickets against payment of the customary local price. These tickets shall be ordered by the guest team not later than ten days before the match. Any tickets not ordered by then may be freely disposed of by the home team.

Upon request, the EHF has the right to a maximum of 40 tickets (of those 20 VIP tickets) free of charge, per EC match. This request has to be placed within an appropriate time period after the respective draw (at the latest 10 days before the respective match).

## 4 PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER THE COMPETITION

### 4.1 Players Lists

4.1.1 The National Federation of each European Cup entrant shall communicate to the EHF Office a players list (using the official EHF form), signed and stamped by the National Federation, by the dates specified in 2.3.2 of these Regulations.

4.1.2 The official form shall be completed with all the required details and information.

4.1.3 Each team shall submit to the EHF Office, via its national federation, a players' list (using the official EHF form) countersigned and stamped by the national federation according to the given dates mentioned in point 2.3.2.

4.1.4 Players are eligible to play in the European Cup if they are eligible to play for the participating club in the national championship at the time the players list are submitted/communicated.

4.1.5 Those players for whom the National Federation is not entitled to issue a national eligibility to play at the time the players list is drawn up and communicated (transfer procedure pending/not completed) are barred from being registered for entering the European Cup (from being named on the players list).

- 4.1.6 Any additional entry may be transmitted to the EHF only via the National Federation and has to be confirmed by the National Federation. Any additional entry of a player is subject to a charge of EUR 75 payable to the EHF. Proof that payment has been made shall be attached to the additional entry.

Players for whom additional entries are made on or before January 28 (men's competitions) or February 06 (women's competitions) are eligible to participate in the EC immediately, without any restriction. If a player transfers to another club (nationally or internationally) after January 28 (men's competitions) or February 06 (women's competitions), he/she shall be eligible to participate in the European Cup on behalf of the new club only if he has not played in any official (national or international) club match for any other club except the new club between January 28 (men's competitions) or February 06 (women's competitions) and the date of his transfer to the new club.

- 4.1.7 Bearing in mind clause 4.1.6 additional entries may be made subject to approval by the EHF Office in the course of competitions.

Late entries of players are not possible between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of each round. The following deadlines apply for the late entry of a player for the respective round.

	<b>Men</b>		<b>Women</b>
Round 1	29.08.2007	Wednesday	29.08.2007
Round 2	25.09.2007	Tuesday	25.09.2007
Round 3	13.11.2007	Tuesday	30.10.2007
Round 4 – 1/8 Final	05.02.2008	Tuesday	05.02.2008
Round 5 – 1/4 Final	04.03.2008	Tuesday	04.03.2008
Round 6 – 1/2 Final	01.04.2008	Tuesday	15.04.2008
Round 7 – Final	29.04.2008	Tuesday	13.05.2008

Any additional entry of a player can only be made through the National Federation and must be confirmed by the National Federation. Any additional entry of a player shall be subject to a service charge of EUR 75 payable to the EHF account. Proof that payment has been made shall be attached to the additional entry.

- 4.1.8 If a player's name is not on the copy of the EHF entry list received by the delegate, the player shall still be allowed to play in the EC match being the club's responsibility. In such a case the delegate shall, prior to the match, enter in the match reports under "Remarks" the player's surname, first name, date of birth and playing permit or passport number (or equivalent identification). This entry shall be countersigned by the responsible team official before the beginning of the match.

## **4.2 Participation of suspended players or of players not eligible to play**

- 4.2.1 Deployment of a player who has been suspended and/or is not eligible to play will result in the match being scored as lost with the same result, but in any case with 0:10 goals and 0:2 points, as decided by the EHF Competitions Commission.

- 4.2.2 In cases in which the use of a player being not eligible to participate is regarded as a serious unsportsmanlike behaviour, further punishments including a monetary fine up to EUR 15,000 (cf. clauses 1.1. and 1.5. of List of Penalties) and a suspension of the club until the end of the running season may be awarded.

The EHF shall have the right to nominate a replacement team.

### **4.3 Referees**

- 4.3.1 Referees shall be nominated by the EHF CC. Notice of nominations shall be given direct to the referees and their federation as well as to teams concerned and their federation via the EHF-Office.

- 4.3.2 Referees and/or their federations shall acknowledge their nomination without delay to the EHF.

- 4.3.3 Generally the referees must arrive on the venue of the match one day prior to the game. Exceptions must be confirmed by the EHF office.

- 4.3.4 If, for urgent reasons, the referees nominated are unable to accept their nominations, the respective member federation has to inform immediately the EHF office. The EHF will then nominate the substitute referees. Such substitute referees must be either IHF or EHF referees.

- 4.3.5 If one or more referees fail to appear, the EHF delegate shall be informed and any further action shall be co-ordinated with the EHF delegate. The following steps shall be considered:

- a) Play the match with the referee who is present plus a referee of the organizer's national federation, or with two referees of the organizer's national federation, or with only the one referee who is present provided this is acceptable to the team managers.
- b) If, after consultation of the team managers under guidance of the EHF delegate no agreement is reached, the EHF Office in Vienna shall be contacted immediately by phone (phone no. +43 1 80151 140, or +43-664-4105243 mobile) with a report of the situation. The EHF Office shall take a decision in consultation with the EHF officer in charge of refereeing.
- c) If the situation cannot be resolved by such a move, the EHF shall reschedule the match on the next day with newly appointed referees.

### **4.4 Score-taker and time-keeper**

The score-taker and the time-keeper shall be nominated by the member federation of the venue concerned.

### **4.5 EHF Officials**

The EHF has the right to appoint EHF delegates to European Cup matches.

In final matches and matches of particular significance additional EHF officials may be appointed as required.

Generally the delegates must arrive on the venue of the match one day prior to the game. Exceptions must be confirmed by the EHF office.

- 4.5.1 The EHF delegate shall verify and ensure the orderly conduct of the event before, during and after the match and prevent any occurrences that may lead to a protest or a repetition of the match. The safety and security of players, referees, delegates, media representatives and spectators shall be ensured. All measures shall be taken that are necessary to maintain safety and security. The provisions of the Security Regulations shall be implemented.
- 4.5.2 The EHF delegate shall observe and assess the referees' performance.  
A delegate is not a chief referee. Responsibility on the playing area rests solely with the referees. Nonetheless, the delegate shall interrupt the match if necessary and bring errors that may lead to a protest to the referees' attention. Errors in this context do not mean decisions made by the referees on the basis of their observation of facts. The delegate shall not take decisions but only make recommendations. When on duty, the delegate shall always carry a copy of EHF and IHF Regulations as well as the Rules of the Game.
- 4.5.3 The officially appointed delegate shall always be seated at the time-keeper's table in order to have a good view at any time of the substitution area and to be able to intervene if necessary (see Substitution Area Regulations of the IHF).
- 4.5.4 The nominated EHF officials and the EHF referees are insured for their nominations through the EHF.

#### **4.6 Exclusion of liability**

The EHF shall not be liable for any third-party liability claims arising from the execution of single matches or any other events in connection with the European Cup.

### **5 TECHNICAL SECTION**

#### **5.1 Playing rules, time-keeping, and EHF supervision**

##### **5.1.1 Technical meeting**

A technical meeting must be held on the evening before the European Cup match.

The following subjects have to be discussed during the technical meeting, plus matters relating to the respective match.

- The safety and security requirements of the match
- A meeting prior the game with the responsible person for TV has to be fixed
- The pre-match procedure (Presentation of the player, etc.)
- The procedure for the guest team (Training, local transport, Banquet.....)

- 5.1.2 Time-keeper's table  
The score-taker, the time-keeper and the announcer shall be provided by the organiser. The following persons shall be seated at the time-keeper's table in the following order: EHF delegate, time-keeper, score-taker, speaker.  
The time-keeper's desk shall not exceed a maximum length of 4 m and shall be positioned at least 0.5 m away from the edge of the playing area. It should be placed on a level 30 to 40 cm above the playing area, to ensure clear visibility.  
If there is an EHF-representative for doping control present, he must have the chance to be seated in the substitution area.
- 5.1.3 Observation and supervision of matches  
In hall where the time-keeper's table is not at the same level as the substitution benches an official of the organiser speaking the required languages must guarantee the necessary communication.
- 5.1.4 Time-keeping  
In all European Cup matches, an electric clock shall be available that is easy to read from the time-keeper's desk and can be operated from the time-keeper's desk. If in full working order, this device shall be authoritative for official time-keeping.
- 5.1.5 Reserve clock  
For reserve purposes, a large table clock (with a diameter of about 25 cm) displaying seconds and minutes shall be available on the time-keeper's desk.
- 5.1.6 Time-keeper  
The time-keeper shall have at his disposal a sufficient number of cards (sized A4) matching the EHF sample design for noting the numbers of players suspended and the end of their suspension periods. These cards shall be placed visibly on the time-keeper's desk, in vertical position, for easy legible for both teams.
- 5.1.7 Team time-out  
For team time-out signaling, the time-keeper shall have at his disposal a minimum of two green cards marked with a capital letter "T", which are handed over to each team's manager at the beginning of each half-time of the regular playing time. A team manager requests the team time-out by presenting the green card at the time keeper's table.
- 5.1.8 Match Report  
At the technical meeting, both teams shall enter all players they intend to use (not more than 16) and officials (not more than 6), in the match report. One hour before the beginning of the match, the team shall reduce the list to the number of players (maximum 14) and officials (maximum 4) actually participating.
- 5.1.9 Principles of fair play
- Observe the Rules of the Game and the Regulations governing the competition
  - Respect all participants (players, officials, spectators, media representatives, etc.)
  - Promote the spirit of sportsmanship and pursue the cultural and athletic mission

The EHF delegate shall see to it that the official announcer reads the following text before the match in the language of the host country and also in English:

Ladies and gentlemen, dear spectators,  
“To ensure fair conditions for all players, officials and referees and in the interest of the sport of handball we kindly request you, the spectators, to support your team in a fair manner and to show a positive attitude towards all participants and spectators. Thank you.”

- 5.1.10 Exceptions  
Exceptions, which are not in accordance with the Rules of the Game, can only be authorized by the EHF.

## **5.2 Players' clothing**

- 5.2.1 Each team at each match shall have two different (light and dark coloured) sets of sports clothing. This clothing shall conform to the current EHF Regulation on Advertising on Clothing.
- 5.2.2 A player must wear the same number in the EC matches of the entire season.
- 5.2.3 If the referees consider that the clothing of two teams is likely to cause confusion, the visiting team shall change its clothing.
- 5.2.4 At the request of EHF Officials (Delegate, Referees) the team official must change the colour of his/her clothing.
- 5.2.5 If the visiting team's clothings should be lost, the home club shall offer spare clothing.
- 5.2.6 The wearing of thermo-trousers is permitted provided they are of a matching colour.
- 5.2.7 Advertising on players' match and training clothes shall be allowed in accordance to the EHF-Regulations on Advertising on clothing.
- 5.2.8 The home team shall inform its individual opponents in good time of any restrictions regarding advertising on players' clothing. There shall be no restriction on television broadcasting.

## **5.3 Classification**

- 5.3.1 Home and away matches
- 5.3.1.1 Classification shall be made by adding points as follows:  
win = 2 points  
draw = 1 point  
defeat = 0 points
- 5.3.1.2 The ranking of teams shall be based on the total number of points.
- 5.3.1.3 If after completion of the two matches both teams have won the same number of points, classification shall be made in the following sequence:  
a) goal difference  
b) greater number of plus goals scored in away match  
c) penalty throws



#### 5.3.1.4 Rules for Execution of Penalty Throws

- a) Prior to penalty throwing, each team shall name five players eligible to play at the end of the match by handing the referees a list of numbers. These players shall then take one throw each, alternating with their opponents. Each team is free to determine the sequence in which throwers will take their throws.
- b) The goalkeepers may be freely selected from the roster and exchanged in accordance with the Rules of the Game. Goalkeepers may take throws and throwers may play as goalkeepers.
- c) The referees shall choose the goal at which throws are taken. The team taking the first penalty throw shall be determined by the referees by drawing lots. The team winning the draw may choose whether it wishes to throw first or last.
- d) If scores are equal after the first round of penalty throwing, it shall be continued until a decision is reached. In the second round, the other team shall start. Again five players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- e) In the second round, a decision is reached when a goal difference arises after both teams have taken one throw each. After 5 throws, once again 5 players shall be named who are eligible to play (the players named before may be named once again).
- f) Eligible players and goalkeepers are players entered in the match report who have not been suspended, disqualified or excluded.
- g) Serious infractions committed during penalty throwing shall be sanctioned by disqualification. If a thrower is disqualified or suffers an injury, an eligible substitute player shall be named supplementary.
- h) While the throws are being taken, only the player taking the throw, the current goalkeeper and the referees may enter the respective half of the playing area.
- i) If the number of eligible players falls below five, players may be named to take a second throw in the same round.

#### 5.3.2 Group matches

5.3.2.1 If in group matches two or more teams have scored the same number of points, the ranking will be determined as follows:

5.3.2.1.1 During the group matches:

- a) higher goal difference in all matches
- b) greater number of plus goals in all matches

5.3.2.1.2 After completion of the group matches:

- a) results of all teams directly involved by points
- b) goal differences of the teams directly involved
- c) greater number of plus goals in all matches played among them
- d) goal difference in all matches
- e) greater number of plus goals in all matches

If no ranking can be determined, a decision shall be obtained by drawing lots. Lots shall be drawn by the EHF, if possible in the presence of team managers.

## **6 DISCIPLINARY CASES**

### **6.1 Protests**

- 6.1.1 During the Challenge Cup tournaments the EHF Delegate has the right and the obligation to act as the body of 1<sup>st</sup> Instance.
- 6.1.2 Protests shall be settled in the first instance by the EHF CC against payment of a fee of EUR 375. The written protest and the fee shall be received by the EHF Office within 48 hours after the end of the match. Proof that a payment order was made shall be deemed sufficient.
- 6.1.3 Information of any kind submitted to the EHF in writing shall be subject to the same deadlines and fees as protests. The submission of written information concerning eligibility to play is not subject to any mandatory deadlines and fees.
- 6.1.4 Issues in connection with handball competitions, including activities related thereto and persons involved therein, that do not directly lead to the institution of legal proceedings under applicable regulations are subject to examination and investigation by the initiator of proceedings. The initiator of proceedings is entitled to institute legal proceedings before the competent legal bodies within the EHF on the basis of his/her own and/or other parties' observations (including media, digital or electronic recordings) after having conducted a preliminary investigation of the facts of the case. In addition, the initiator of proceedings has the right to appeal against decisions taken by the body of first instance.
- 6.1.5 In any EC competitions, there shall be no valid reasons for protests and protests shall be ineffective if relating to:  
a) drawing of lots for matches  
b) appointment of referees and delegates  
c) statement of facts by the referees
- 6.1.6 Appeals against decisions taken by the EHF/CC may be addressed in writing to the EHF Court of Appeal
- 6.1.7 Any appeal in writing against a decision taken by the CC shall be received by the EHF-Office no later than three days after serving or announcement of the decision with a transfer of a fee of EUR 750 to be made at the same time. If the appeal is granted, the fee shall be refunded.
- 6.1.8 The decision taken by the EHF Court of Appeal shall be final.
- 6.1.9 Regarding the costs of personnel and material arising from the activities of the EHF bodies, please refer to clause 11 of the EHF-Arbitration regulations (annex).

## 7 SPECIAL REGULATIONS

### 7.1 Duties of the home club

- 7.1.1 The home club shall provide to
- the visiting team
  - the EHF Office
  - the appointed referees
  - the EHF delegates(s)
  - the EHF representative(s)

the following information by the official EHF confirmation date:

- date of the match
- correct time of throw-off
- venue
- name of the playing hall
- time for training in the playing hall

This information shall be transmitted to the EHF Office, using the form given, as quickly as possible (at the very latest on the dates mentioned below) using available means of communication such as telefax, etc.

<b>MEN</b>				
<b>EHF Cup - Challenge Cup - Cupwinners Cup</b>				
<b>Round</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Information playing date</b>	<b>Home match</b>	<b>Away match</b>
1	24.07.2007	<b>15.08.2007</b>	01/02.09.2007	08/09.09.2007
2	21.08.2007	<b>10.09.2007</b>	29/30.09.2007	06/07.10.2007
3	09.10.2007	<b>31.10.2007</b>	17/18.11.2007	24/25.11.2007
4 – 1/8 finals	27.11.2007	<b>15.01.2008</b>	09/10.02.2008	16/17.02.2008
5 – 1/4 finals	19.02.2008	<b>29.02.2008</b>	08/09.03.2008	15/16.03.2008
6 – 1/2 finals	18.03.2007	<b>27.03.2008</b>	05/06.04.2008	12/13.04.2008
7 – final	15.04.2008		03/04.05.2008	10/11.05.2008

<b>WOMEN</b>				
<b>EHF Cup - Challenge Cup - Cupwinners Cup</b>				
<b>Round</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Information playing date</b>	<b>Home match</b>	<b>Away match</b>
1	24.07.2007	<b>15.08.2007</b>	01/02.09.2007	08/09.09.2007
2	21.08.2007	<b>10.09.2007</b>	29/30.09.2007	06/07.10.2007
3	09.10.2007	<b>23.10.2007</b>	03/04.11.2007	10/11.11.2007
4 – 1/8 finals	13.11.2007	<b>15.01.2008</b>	09/10.02.2008	16/17.02.2008
5 – 1/4 finals	19.02.2008	<b>29.02.2008</b>	08/09.03.2008	15/16.03.2008
6 – 1/2 finals	18.03.2008	<b>31.03.2008</b>	19/20.04.2008	26/27.04.2008
7 – final	29.04.2008		17/18.05.2008	24/25.05.2008

If the home club does not give the match information by the dates mentioned above, then there must be grounds of good cause given to the EHF Office.

- 7.1.2 On the day of the match, the home club shall make available to the visiting team at least one full hour training in the playing hall at a reasonable time. In addition to this, the home club shall make available to the visiting team free of charge at least one full hour of training on the day before the match. If the playing hall is not available for this the day before the match, the home team shall make available any other hall, which is situated not more than 25 km away from the hotel of the visiting team.
- Training one day prior to the match shall be requested in written form by the guest team not later than 10 days before the game. If these pre-conditions cannot be fulfilled the EHF shall then have the right to arrange for both match legs to be played at the opponent's venue.
- 7.1.2.1 Both teams must have available the playing area for warming-up at least 45 minutes prior to the game.
- 7.1.3 The home team has the right to organise a press conference. If this is the case, the guest team must be informed during the technical meeting. All open questions relating to the press conference must be discussed during the technical meeting. Fifteen minutes after the end of a match, the trainer and at least one player from each team must be present at the press conference.
- 7.1.4 For press and media representatives workplaces shall be made available as well as equipment in accordance with common standards for international sports events (phone and modem outlets, etc.).
- 7.1.5 The home club shall create good working conditions for media representatives (TV, radio, printed media). Upon written request by the visiting team, an appropriate number of seats shall be reserved for accredited journalists and an appropriate number of power outlets as well as telephone and telefax lines made available. Assistance shall be provided to the visiting team's accredited journalists with regard to hotel reservations and visa problems in accordance with international practice.
- 7.1.6 The home club shall communicate team line-ups to all media representatives in good time before the start of the match. Information about the press conference shall be provided to all media representatives prior to the match. If no press conference is held, media representatives shall be provided an opportunity to talk with representatives / managers of both teams (mixed zone).
- 7.1.7 Match result  
The home club has the obligation to arrange for the match results, half time result as well as the number of spectators to be transmitted to the EHF Office in Vienna no later than 15 minutes after the end of the match by SMS (+43 664 410 52 43).
- 7.1.8 The home club must transmit the match report by telefax or email ([competitions@eurohandball.com](mailto:competitions@eurohandball.com)) to the EHF-Office in Vienna no later than one hour after the end of the match (telefax-no.: +43 1 80151 149).
- 7.1.9 The teams taking part in the European Cup from round 5 (1/4 Final) are obliged to provide the EHF with a minimum of 5 photographs upon request. The photographs shall be used for promotional purposes for EHF publications/website only. The photographs shall be provided by the clubs free of charge.

- 7.1.10 Failure to observe the deadlines referred to above in items 7.1.1 - 7.1.9 shall carry a fine of EUR 150 in accordance with the list of penalties of the EHF-arbitration regulations.
- 7.1.11 For matches below and at the semi-finals level it is recommended that the home teams arrange, as a gesture of friendship, for a joint dinner after the match, inviting both team delegations, EHF officials, and referees.
- At finals, the home team shall arrange for a banquet after each final match, inviting the two team delegations, EHF officials, and referees.
- Non-appearance at the banquet with any notice in due time shall be regarded as an unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 7.1.12 The clubs and federations are responsible for the conduct of their players, officials, members (any persons exercising a function on their behalf at a match), and fans.
- 7.1.13 The clubs and federations undertake to observe the provisions of the EHF Security Regulations before, during and after all matches. All safety and security measures shall be co-ordinated with the persons in charge of specific services and with the EHF delegate / EHF security delegate.
- 7.1.14 The local organizer / home club is responsible for maintaining good order and safety and security before, during and after the match. It may be held responsible for incidents of any kind. The relevant provisions of IHF and EHF Regulations shall apply.
- 7.1.15 The home club is obligated to place the official delegation of the guest team in such a manner that their security is not in any way endangered.
- 7.1.16 Places for disqualified or excluded players and officials are also to be reserved. These places, including the way through, are to be in such a manner that their security is not in any way endangered.
- 7.1.17 At European Cup matches, playing the national anthem is not permitted.

## **7.1 Duties of the guest team**

The guest team is obligated to:

- Send a list of the visa requirements (including: first name, surname, date of birth and passport number) at the latest, one month before a match or 72 hours after the respective draw (Friday 12 noon).
- After receiving the visa requirement list, the home club is also obligated to transmit the respective invitation within 48 hours.
- transmit the travel schedule to the home team 72 hours prior to the match
  - bring two sets of match clothes, differing in colour, to the away matches
  - attend the organised press conference 15 minutes after the end of the match with the coach and at least one player.

### **7.3 Doping Control**

Doping controls may be conducted by members of the EHF or by other persons or institutions so authorized by the EHF.

All anti-doping activities are co-ordinated and carried out according to the IHF Anti Doping Regulations, which are an integral part of the 2007/2008 EC Regulations.

### **8 Other regulations**

These regulations comprise the following other regulations as an integral part:

- EHF Regulations on Advertising on Clothing
- EHF Arbitration Regulations
- EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure
- IHF Anti-Doping Regulations

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