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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Handball Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardized rules and regulations for all Handball competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy, the ISF General Competition Regulations, and IHF Rules.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Handball events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to Handball events in 2024.

1.GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the International Handball Federation (IHF) technical rules under the direction of the IHF. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the IHF Technical Delegate.

- The ISF Handball events are open to teams.
- The competition is categorized as: boy categories, girls categories.
- Mixed teams are not allowed
- Each country is allowed to participate with open number of teams (One team is considered as one delegation).

AGE CATEGORY

Year	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
U18 YEAR OF BIRTH	2007-2008-2009	2007-2008-2009	2008-2009-2010	2009-2010-2011	2010-2011-2012



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2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Deputy Head of Delegation - optional
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Team officials - mandatory
- Field of Play Officials (referees/umpires/judges) - mandatory
- Additional adults - optional
- Safeguarding officer - optional
- Young reporter - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

Each team is entitled to enter:

- a minimum of twelve (12) athletes.
- a maximum of fourteen (14) athletes.

TEAM OFFICIALS

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per team.
- Each delegation can register open number of coaches provided that they have to name a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of two (2) coaches as official coaches in the delegation.



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OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.

FIELD OF PLAY OFFICIALS

- Each team shall appoint one pair of referees.
- The field of play official (umpire) cannot combine their position with other positions, such as heads of delegation, team officials or additional adults.
- Umpires shall be in possession international or national (minimum) qualification depending on the event type. The Level of qualification shall be described in the events bulletins.
- The qualification will be reviewed and approved by the ISF Handball Technical Commission.
- Delegations must provide certificates for umpires during the registration process.
- Failing to appoint referees will result in a fine of 1800 Euros per pair, to be paid together with the final balance.
- The nomination of referees will be confirmed by the IHF.

Minimum number of field of play officials (umpire) per delegation:

- 2 FOPO's (referees)

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

YOUNG REPORTER

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
 - Teams



4. TECHNICAL RULES

- ISF competitions are organized by the rules and regulations of IHF.
- Competitions are organized for the entire ranking to allow competitors to compete until the end of the Event
- Teams from the same country cannot compete against each other for the medal ranking
- A minimum number of 8 teams from 3 countries is required per category for each event.
- A minimum number of 4 individuals from 3 countries is required per category for each event.

SYSTEM OF PLAY

General:

The system of play and the final competition schedule will be determined according to sports traditions and specifics, following the IHF. The system of play will be defined depending on the final number of registered teams/individuals. The system of play will be outlined prior to the event after registration is finalized.

SYSTEM OF PLAY

•First part of the competition:

Qualification games in groups (all x all)

•Second part of the competition:

Classification games by a knockout system.

SPECIFIC RULES

Duration of the match

- 2 x 25 minutes (U18) with a half-time interval of 10 minutes.
- 2x 20 minutes (U15) with a half-time interval of 10 minutes.

Points shall be awarded as follows (qualification games in groups):

Win = 2 points

Draw = 1 point

Match lost = 0 points



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RANKING SYSTEM AFTER GROUP PHASE

Teams are ranked by adding the points gained.

- Points after all matches of group phase;
- Result of game between the two equal teams;

If, after the group matches, two or more teams have gained the same number of points, the following ranking system is used:

- points in matches between the teams concerned;
- goal difference in matches between the teams concerned;
- number of plus goals in matches between the teams concerned;

If the result is still a tie, the following system is used to decide between the teams concerned, unless the undecided ranking is as last in the group:

- goal difference is subtracted in all matches;
- number of plus goals in all matches;

If the result is still a tie, a draw must decide the ranking. The ISF will make the draw, if possible, in the presence of the persons in charge of the teams concerned.

SHOOT OUT

- If 7-metre throwing is used as a tie-breaker, players who are not suspended or disqualified at the end of the playing time are entitled to participate. Each team nominates 5 players. These players make one throw each, alternating with the players of the other team. The teams are not required to predetermine the sequence of their throwers. Goalkeepers may be freely chosen and substituted among the players eligible to participate. Players may participate in the 7-metre throwing as both throwers and goalkeepers.
- The referees decide which goal is used. The referees make a coin toss, and the winning team chooses whether they wish to throw first or last. The opposite sequence is used for all subsequent throws, if the throwing has to continue because the score is still tied after the first five throws each.
- For such a continuation, each team shall again nominate five players. All or some of them may be the same as in the first round. This method of nominating five players at a time continues as long as it is necessary. However, the winner is now decided as soon as there is a goal difference after both teams have had the same number of throws.
- Players may be disqualified from further participation in the 7-metre throwing in cases of significant or repeated unsportsmanlike conduct. If this concerns a player who has just been nominated in a group of five throwers, the team must nominate another thrower.



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OTHER RULES

- All teams must show up at the competition venue not later than fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled beginning of the match.
- In case a team shows up later than 5 minutes after the scheduled beginning of the match, it will automatically lose the match by 0-6. The team concerned will be classified last in the group.
- In case a team fails to show up, it will automatically lose the match by 0-6. The team concerned will be classified last in the group.
- 10 minutes before the beginning of the match, referees shall check players of both teams according to the specified lists.
- A red card with report will cause at least 1 match suspension in the following matches of the team. Red card without report and following 3 x 2 minutes will not cause any match suspension.
- If a team uses a suspended player, the match will be lost 0 - 6.(team responsibility)
- Shirt numbers from 1 to 99 shall be used.
- All players shall wear the same shirt number throughout the whole tournament.
- Shirt number must be visible on the back of each player.
- The organizer is responsible for providing official balls for each match according to IHF standards: Girls 54-56 cm. (IHF Size 2) and boys 58-60 cm. (IHF Size 3).
- Teams will have their own training and warming up balls for the athletes.
- Important: Glue must be accepted by the organizer.

5. DRAW

- The ISF is responsible for establishing criteria's and fixing timing of the draw.
- The ISF Technical Commission is responsible of the draw.
- The draw will take into account results achieved in previous ISF handball competitions and any other information relevant to ISF.
- The draw process must ensure that only one team from the same country play for medals.

6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Appeal Jury. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be submitted in English. The payment of amount, 50€, must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.

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