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# I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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## Article 1

### Scope of application

- 1.1. The present Younger Age Category **M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments Regulations** govern the rights, duties and responsibilities of all parties participating and involved in the preparation and organisation of the following national teams' competition organised by the European Handball Federation ("EHF") pursuant to Articles 1.2 and 11.2 of the EHF Statutes:
- **Men's 18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments  
(open for players born 2008 or younger)**
- 1.2. The EHF is entitled to change and/or adapt the format of EHF competitions (including but not limited to the playing system, playing periods, throw-off times etc.) also during ongoing seasons. The EHF will especially make use of such right in case of exceptional circumstances (such as acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond the reasonable control of a party including, without limitation, a labour dispute, pandemic, accident, fire, flood, riot or civil commotion, act of public enemy, legal enactment, government act etc).

## Article 2

### Fair play

- 2.1. The principles of fair play must be observed by the EHF Member Federations, their delegations, and their teams in all matches. Every member of the EHF Member Federation delegations participating at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments shall:
- 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 mission

## Article 3

### **Applicable rules and regulations**

3.1. All EHF regulations, manuals and guidelines applicable to the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments shall form an integral part of the present M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments Regulations including (without limitation):

- The EHF Advertising on Clothing Regulations
- The EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure
- The EHF Legal Regulations
- The EHF List of Penalties
- The EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions
- The IHF Rules of the Game (subject to EHF specifications)
- The IHF Player's Eligibility Code (part of the IHF Transfer Regulations)
- The IHF Regulations on Protective Equipment and Accessories
- The EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping
- The EHF Codes of Conduct
- The EHF Off Court Officiating Guidelines
- The EHF YAC Brand Guidelines

## II. COMPETITION BASICS

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### Article 4

#### **Competition stages and rhythm**

- 4.1. The M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are played within groups consisting of up to four (4) teams.
- 4.2. The M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments take place from 31 October to 2 November 2025.
- 4.3. Each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament is staged and organised by one EHF Member Federation (the “Host Federation”). Any alteration to this principle must be approved by the EHF Executive Committee.
- 4.4. The official announcement of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments is made by the EHF to the EHF Member Federations. The M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments application documents to stage and organise the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament including (without limitation) the relevant bidding manual are sent to each participating EHF Member Federation in due time before the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments playing period.

#### **Allocation of the competition**

- 4.5. The fulfilment of the criteria established by the EHF and/or defined in the corresponding M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments application documents, including (without limitation), the relevant bidding manual, is required for an application by a Member Federation.
- 4.6. The allocation of an M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament to a Member Federation is decided by the EHF.

## III. ENTRIES/ADMISSIONS/DUTIES – CONDITIONS

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### Article 5

#### **Admission criteria and fees**

##### *Right of registration*

- 5.1. Notwithstanding the official EHF ranking list, any EHF Member Federation which has satisfied its obligations towards the EHF and the IHF is entitled to register in order to participate at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 5.2. Under exceptional circumstances, permission may be granted by the EHF Executive Committee to an Associated Federation or temporarily admitted Federation to register in order to participate at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

##### *Single registration*

- 5.3. The registration of the teams participating at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, including the payment of the respective entry fee, takes place within the deadline provided by the EHF.

##### *Registration documents*

- 5.4. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Member Federation must fulfil the following criteria:
  - a) It must confirm in writing that the Member Federation itself, its players and team officials and each and every delegation member agree to respect the statutes, regulations, code of conduct and decisions of the EHF (pledge of commitment/code of conduct – official form)
  - b) It must confirm in writing that the Member Federation itself, its players and team officials and each and every delegation member agree to recognise the jurisdiction of the European Handball Court of Arbitration in Vienna as defined in the relevant provisions of the Statutes of the EHF (arbitration agreement – official form).

- c) It must fill in the official registration documents which must be received by the EHF Office within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to all Member Federations.
- 5.5. In principle, registrations submitted after the set deadline cannot be accepted as they adversely affect the technical preparations and the carrying out of the Competition by the EHF and the Host Federation.

#### *Entry fee*

- 5.6. For its team to be eligible to participate in the Competition, a Member Federation must pay an entry fee of € 400 to the EHF which must be received on the EHF account within the deadline set by the EHF and communicated in due course to all Member Federations.
- 5.7. The entry fee is paid once by the participating Member Federation for the entire Competition.
- 5.8. If the payment is not received by the EHF on the due date, the entry fee is automatically doubled.
- 5.9. If the entry fee is not received within four (4) weeks after the announced deadline, the Member Federation must be fined € 2,390 and must be excluded from the respective Competition.

#### *Deposit*

- 5.10. Together with the entry fee, all Member Federations that wish to have a team participating in the Competition must make a deposit (for the use of other purposes) to the EHF. The deposit per team must amount to a minimum of € 2,000.
- 5.11. The EHF Executive Committee is allowed to set a permanent deposit of between € 0 and € 6,400 for each Member Federation, depending on the frequency of its participation in EHF competitions. If a Member Federation has a permanent deposit with the EHF, it does not have to transfer the amount as stipulated in Article 5.10.
- 5.12. If the frequency of the Member Federation participation in EHF competitions changes, the amount of the individual permanent deposit may be adjusted by the EHF Executive Committee.

- 5.13. The EHF is allowed to ask the Member Federations that wish to have a team participating in the final tournament of the Competition to set an additional deposit with the EHF which would cover the cost of any damage caused by their respective delegations in the hotels at the playing venues. The deposit is returned to the Member Federations at the end of the Competition if no damage has occurred.

#### **Duties of the Member Federations**

- 5.14. On entering the Competition, participating Member Federations and each and every delegation member agree:
- a) To comply with the IHF Rules of the Game (and with the specifications to the IHF Rules of the Game applying to the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments).
  - b) To respect the principles of fair play as defined in the Statutes of the EHF.
  - c) To participate in all matches of the Competition in accordance with the present M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments Regulations and any other applicable regulations.
  - d) To comply with all decisions regarding the Competition taken by the EHF Executive Committee, the EHF Office or any other competent body and communicated appropriately (by official letter or email).
  - e) To observe the EHF Rules on Safety and Security Procedure for all matches in the Competition.
  - f) To indemnify, defend and hold the EHF free and harmless against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, fines and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or attributable to any non-compliance by the participating Member Federation or any of its players, officials, employees, representatives or agents with these M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments Regulations.

## IV. WITHDRAWAL, FAILURE TO PLAY AND SIMILAR CASES

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### Article 6

#### **Withdrawal, failure to play and similar cases**

- 6.1. A team withdrawing from the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments or failing to play a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match is immediately excluded from the Competition.
- 6.2. In case of withdrawal, the deposit and the solidarity contribution must be forfeited to the credit of the EHF and the respective Member Federation shall be liable to pay compensation to the Host Federation, the participants, the EHF and/or their contractual partners for extra expenses and damages resulting from the withdrawal and from any nomination of a substitute team.
- 6.3. The Member Federation must moreover be fined and sanctioned in accordance with Article C of the EHF List of Penalties.
- 6.4. In case of failure to play a scheduled match, the entry fee, the deposit and the solidarity contribution must be forfeit to the credit of the EHF and the Member Federation may be fined up to € 26,600. The team may additionally be suspended from participation in EHF competitions for up to two (2) seasons.
- 6.5. Failure to play a match or late arrival at the venue of a match through a team's provable fault must, in addition to the basic punishment, render the Federation of the defaulting team liable for damages and payment of all costs arising thereof to the Host Federation, the participants, the EHF and in particular their contractual partners.
- 6.6. If a team withdraws, refuses to play or is disqualified during the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, the results of all of its matches are declared null and void and the points awarded are forfeited.
- 6.7. If a team that has registered for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments withdraws or is disqualified, the EHF may replace it and if so, decides which team is to take its place. No draw must take place.
- 6.8. A team which withdraws, refuses to play or is responsible for a match not taking place or not being played in full loses all rights to payments from the EHF.

## V. COMPETITION SYSTEM

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### Article 7

#### **Number of participating teams**

- 7.1. The M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are played within groups with up to four (4) teams.
- 7.2. The number of groups depends on the number of teams registered and participating at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. The final format of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments is decided by the EHF and announced to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. The decision of the EHF is final.

### Article 8

#### **Basis for participation**

- 8.1. Apart from the teams which are directly qualified for the M18 EHF EURO 2026, the teams of the Member Federation having a complete and approved registration must play at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

#### **Qualification for the M18 EHF EURO 2026**

- 8.2. The teams ranked first (1st) and second (2nd) in each group of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments after completion of all matches qualify for the M18 EHF EURO 2026.
- 8.3. All third (3rd) and the three (3) best fourth (4th) ranked teams of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments after completion of all matches qualify for the M18 EHF Championship I 2026.
- 8.4. The two (2) lowest fourth (4th) ranked teams of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments after completion of all matches qualify for the M18 EHF Championship II 2026.



**Determination of the best fourth (4th) ranked teams of the M18 EHF EURO 2026  
Qualification Tournaments  
General information**

- 8.5. To identify the three (3) best fourth (4th) ranked teams, all matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are taken into consideration. The teams are ranked after the following criteria:
- a) Higher number of points obtained in the group matches
  - b) Superior goal difference from the group matches
  - c) Higher number of goals scored in the group matches
- 8.6. If this procedure does not lead to a decision after completion of all M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches, a draw must decide the ranking. The draw must be carried out by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of at least one (1) team official of the delegations concerned.

## Article 9

**M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments playing system**

- 9.1. The M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are played in five (5) groups consisting of four (4) teams.
- 9.2. The matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are played in one group with each team playing all opponents in the group (round robin system). The basic playing schedule is to be found in enclosure 1.
- 9.3. All matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are played in two times thirty (2 x 30) minutes with a half-time break according to the IHF Rules of the Game. There shall be no extra time.
- 9.4. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no point for a defeat.
- 9.5. Teams' ranking in the group is obtained by adding up the number of points won by each team in each group match.

**Equality of points during and after the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification  
Tournaments matches**

- 9.6. If two or more teams are equal on points at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, their ranking is determined as follows:

During the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches:

- a) Superior goal difference from all group matches.
- b) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches.
- c) Alphabetical order.

After the completion of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches:

- a) Higher number of points obtained in the group matches played amongst the teams in question.
- b) Superior goal difference from the group matches played amongst the teams in question.
- c) Higher number of goals scored in the group matches played amongst the teams in question.
- d) Superior goal difference from all group matches (achieved by subtraction).
- e) Higher number of goals scored in all group matches.

If the ranking of one of these teams is determined, the criteria are consecutively followed until the ranking of all teams is determined.

- 9.7. If this procedure does not lead to a decision after completion of all M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches, a draw must decide the ranking. The draw must be carried out by the EHF, if possible, in the presence of at least one (1) team official per delegation concerned.

## VI. COMPETITION/MATCHES DATES AND TIMES

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### Article 10

#### **Playing period**

- 10.1. The playing period of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments is fixed by the EHF. It is notified to the Member Federations with the announcement of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

#### **Match dates / Throw-off times**

- 10.2. The exact dates and throw-off times of each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match is subject to coordination between the EHF and the Host Federation.
- 10.3. The final decision regarding dates and throw-off times of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches lies with the EHF.
- 10.4. There must be at least sixteen (16) hours interval between the throw-offs of two (2) successive matches of a team.
- 10.5. The exact dates and throw-off times of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches are communicated to the participating Member Federations by the EHF in due time before the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

#### **Training times**

- 10.6. During the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, each participating team is given the possibility to train fifty-five (55) minutes per day on match days and eighty-five (85) minutes per day on rest days (the time of the trainings might be shortened due to the playing schedule). Training is organised either in the playing hall or in a training hall at a distance of maximum twenty-five (25) kilometres/thirty (30) minutes from the playing hall. During the tournament, each team is given the possibility to train in the playing hall an equal number of times and in any case once prior to their first match.
- 10.7. A schedule of the teams' trainings during the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament is prepared by the Host Federation and the EHF according

to the EHF standard requirements and any further requirements defined herein. The M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments training schedule is communicated to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

- 10.8. Modifications of scheduled times/dates of the training sessions or additional training sessions in the playing hall and/or training hall are not allowed, unless expressly agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation.
- 10.9. The respective delegation must inform the Host Federation of the cancellation of any of the team training session twenty-four (24) hours before (in any case on the evening before) the training session scheduled time/date.

#### **Teams arrival dates**

- 10.10. All team players and officials must arrive in their hotel at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments venue one (1) day prior to their first match day - at 5 pm at the latest.

## VII. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

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### Article 11

#### **Nationality**

- 11.1. M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches are carried out as international matches. Players of a team participating in M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must be in possession of the citizenship of the respective country. Proof of nationality (valid passport or national identity card) is required to take part at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. A player who cannot present either a valid passport or national identity card from the country concerned is not eligible to participate in any match of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 11.2. In addition, every player participating at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must be eligible to play for that country in accordance with the applicable IHF Regulations (IHF Players' Eligibility Code).

#### **Age**

- 11.3. Players of a team participating in M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must be born 2008 or younger. Proof of age (valid passport or national identity card) is required to take part at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. A player who cannot present either a valid passport or national identity card from the country concerned is not eligible to participate in any match of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

### Article 12

#### **Registration / Official Squad**

##### *Official Squad*

- 12.1. The Member Federations must enter the players and official squad photos by themselves via the EHF Family account by the responsible persons have been nominated by the federations and have received an own EHF Family account. They have the obligation to register the correct players in each competition until a given

deadline. It is not possible to enter players after a certain deadline as the specific category will not be visible afterwards.

- 12.2. The Official Squad List must contain a maximum of thirty-five (35) players (“Official Squad”). The players (35 or less) listed in the Official Squad List are the only players eligible to participate in the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament. Changes/insertions of players in the Official Squad List at a later stage are not permitted.
- 12.3. The number of team officials in the Official Squad List is not restricted and is not final; changes/insertions of team officials at a later stage (prior to the start of the technical meeting of M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments) are allowed.
- 12.4. The following information must be submitted with the Official Squad List:
  - a) Number of each of the players appearing on the List (from 1 to 99) Players’ first names, surnames, dates of birth, clubs/nations, body heights, number of international matches, playing position, passport/national identity card numbers.
  - b) Colours of the first and second full team kit (dark colours kit/light colours kit), clearly stating colours of shirts and shorts and colours of the first and second kit for the goalkeepers.
  - c) Team officials’ names, surnames, date of birth, function, nation and assigned letter (from A to F).
  - d) Pictures of all players and team officials.

#### *Official Delegation*

- 12.5. At the technical meeting of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, a maximum of sixteen (16) players from the thirty-five (35) listed players of the Official Squad as well as a maximum of six (6) team officials must be nominated as Official Delegation by each delegation. The valid passports or national identity cards of each of the sixteen (16) players of the Official Delegation must be presented to the EHF delegates (two at least) at the technical meeting for verification.
- 12.6. Subject to Articles 12.12 to 12.22, only the sixteen (16) players of the Official Delegation are allowed to play in matches of the corresponding M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

#### *Start List*

- 12.7. The Start List contains the names and numbers of the sixteen (16) players and six (6) teams' officials of the Official Delegation. The Start List is prepared and handed over to the team officials in charge in due course before the throw-off of a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match. One (1) hour before the throw-off of the match the team officials in charge must check the pre-prepared Start List, confirm the participating players and reduce the number of team officials to five (5) by crossing out up to one (1) team official listed.
- 12.8. Only the five (5) officials of the Start List not crossed out are eligible to be in the substitution area during the match.

#### *Eligibility to participate*

- 12.9. Players not meeting the eligibility criteria defined in Article 12, not registered in accordance with the present Article 13 and/or by the announced date are not eligible to participate at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

#### **Players' replacement**

- 12.10. During the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments up to two (2) players can be replaced by another player of the Official Squad List at any time during the tournament.
- 12.11. The delegations must inform the EHF via email (tedesco@eurohandball.com and riede@eurohandball.com in cc) about the replacement of players by sending by email the duly completed and signed form for replacements as well as the passport or national identity card (scanned version) of the replacing player by 09:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) on the match day. If the respective match starts at 11:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) or earlier, the replacement must be communicated by 21:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) on the day prior to the respective match day.
- 12.12. If a copy of the passport or national identity card of the replacing player(s) is sent to the EHF, the original passport or national identity card must be presented to the EHF delegate (supervisor) at the technical meeting prior to the next match or in the playing hall one (1) hour prior to the next match at the latest.

- 12.13. Upon confirmation by the EHF of the replacement (only after presentation of the original passport or national identity card of the replacing player), the replacing player is added on the official Start List/match report of the next match of the team and the replaced player is removed.
- 12.14. A player being replaced by another player can be replaced again under the condition of a replacement referred to in Articles 12.11 to 12.16.
- 12.15. If the player being replaced is under suspension (for a certain period of time or a number of matches), the replacing player is eligible to participate in matches of the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament only after completion of the entire suspension.
- 12.16. Additional costs arising from the replacement, or the additional announcement of players must be borne by the related Member Federations, including the costs of local transports such as the transport from and to the airport.

#### **Additional announcement of players**

- 12.17. If at the technical meeting of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, a delegation nominates fifteen (15) or less players out of the Official Squad List to be part of the Official Delegation, the delegation is entitled to nominate one (1) additional player out of the players of the Official Squad under the following conditions:
- 12.18. The delegation must inform the EHF via email ([tedesco@eurohandball.com](mailto:tedesco@eurohandball.com) and [riede@eurohandball.com](mailto:riede@eurohandball.com) in cc) about the additional announcement of a player by sending the duly completed and signed official form for additional announcements as well as the passport or national identity card (scanned version) of the additional player by 09:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) on the match day. If the respective match starts at 11:00hrs or earlier (local time of the hosting country), the announcement must be communicated by 21:00hrs (local time of the hosting country) on the day prior to the respective match day.
- 12.19. If a copy of the passport or national identity card of the additional player(s) is sent to the EHF, the original passport or national identity card must be presented one (1) hour prior to the throw-off of the next match at the latest to the EHF delegate (supervisor).
- 12.20. Upon confirmation by the EHF of the additional announcement (only after presentation of the original passport or national identity card of the replacing player),



the player is added on the official Start List/match report of the next match of the team.

*Replacement of team official*

12.21. Under exceptional circumstances, the EHF may, upon request, accept the change of a team official of a participating delegation after the technical meeting.

Additional costs arising from the replacement of team official must be borne by the related Member Federations, including the costs of local transports such as the transport from and to the airport.

**Participation of suspended and/or players not eligible to participate**

12.22. The use of a player who has been suspended and/or is not eligible to play in any M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match must be sanctioned in accordance with the applicable EHF Legal Regulations and EHF List of Penalties.

## VII. KIT (players' clothing – shirts and shorts)

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### Article 13

#### **Team kits requirements**

- 13.1. Each team is required to have at least one (1) full team kit in light colours and one (1) full team kit in dark colours for the matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. Blue and red are considered dark colours. In case of multi-coloured shirts in any of the full team kits, only one of the colours – and not the main colour – can be repeated in the other full team kit.
- 13.2. Goalkeepers' kit must differ from court players' kit, in both dark colour and light colour kit options.
- 13.3. The colours and the photos of the full team kits (at least one (1) light colour option and one (1) dark colour option) must be provided to the EHF before the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments within the deadline set by the latter and communicated in due course to the participating Member Federations. "Style guide" illustrations of the full team kits are not accepted as photos.
- 13.4. The full team kits (at least one (1) light colour option and one (1) dark colour option) of each team must be presented by each delegation at the technical meeting prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments for final approval by the EHF. If more than two (2) full team kits have been prepared for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, they must also be presented at the technical meeting.
- 13.5. The full team kits approved at the technical meeting are the only ones allowed during the entire M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

#### **Choice of kit**

- 13.6. A "kit plan" defining the full team kit (light colour option or dark colour option) to be used by each team in each match is set up by the EHF (based on the composition of the groups and the TV appearance requirements) after the technical meeting and communicated in due course to the delegations. Subject to Articles 13.7 and 13.8, the EHF decision is final. The "kit plan" must be respected by each participating team.
- 13.7. The EHF delegate (supervisor) of each match is allowed to request any of the teams to play with another approved full team kit than the one specified in the kit plan if the EHF delegate considers that the colours of the team's pre-defined kits are likely to cause confusion. The teams must comply with the EHF delegate's (supervisor) instruction accordingly.

- 13.8. Any EHF Official (EHF delegate or EHF referee) of the match is allowed to request any of the team officials to change their clothing, if the EHF Official considers that colours of the team official's clothing are likely to cause confusion, in particular with the court players of the opposing team. The team officials must comply with the EHF Official's instruction accordingly.

### **Players' numbers – Officials' letters**

- 13.9. Each player's number announced during the technical meeting must be affixed on the back and front of the shirt of the respective player. The number must be clearly legible, must range from 1 to 99 and be at least 20 cm high on the back and at least 10 cm high on the front. The colour of the number must contrast clearly with the colour of the shirt.
- 13.10. During the entire duration of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments each player must wear the same number (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the technical meeting) regardless of her/his position (goalkeeper or court player).
- 13.11. The letter assigned by the delegations to their team officials during the technical meeting must be affixed on the officials' accreditations. They must range from A to F. No loose letter card is allowed during the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 13.12. During the entire duration of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, each team official must wear the same letter (the one announced during the registration process and confirmed during the technical meeting).

### **Additional requirements**

- 13.13. During the team line-up, the entire team must wear identical clothing which shall consist of the shorts (except goalkeepers) of the approved team kit to be worn during the match together with the jerseys or jackets of the tracksuits. Under exceptional circumstances the EHF responsible for the match may permit long tracksuit trousers (harmonized for the entire delegation).
- 13.14. In accordance with the present regulations as well as the IHF Rules of the Game: Regulations on Protective Equipment and Accessories, the following shall apply during M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches:

- a) The court players and the goalkeepers must wear the approved full team kit specified in the respective “kit plan” or requested by the EHF delegate (supervisor). The number of each player must appear on their shirts as defined here above.
- b) For further information related to clothing issues, please refer to the respective IHF Regulations on Protective Equipment and Accessories.
- c) The team officials on the bench must wear clothing having clearly distinct colour(s) from the colour(s) of the opposing team’s playing kit.

## Article 14

### **Advertising on players’ kits**

- 14.1. Subject to the restrictions mentioned hereunder, advertising on players’ kits is allowed.
- 14.2. Advertising related to drugs, pornography or spirits is strictly forbidden on the players’ kits.
- 14.3. For any advertising on kits during the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, the provisions and restrictions laid down in the Advertising on Clothing Regulations must be respected.
- 14.4. Each delegation member must comply with any further advertising restrictions communicated by the EHF to the participating Member Federations in due time prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 14.5. The Host Federation must inform the EHF on any local restriction or ban regarding advertising in due time before the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments if the Member Federation decides to use surnames on the shirts.

### **Back shirt advertising restrictions**

- 14.6. The area on the back of the shirts above the player’s number must be free of any advertising or writing besides the player’s surname.

### **Sleeves advertising**

- 14.7. Sleeves of the players’ shirts must be reserved for EHF advertising. Any other type of advertising and/or writing on the sleeve is forbidden.

- 14.8. The team official(s) in charge must ensure that the sleeves badges and/or logos are properly fixed on each player's shirt in due time prior to each match.
- 14.9. The EHF informs the participating Member Federations if the aforementioned EHF right to sleeve advertising will not be used at least six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

**Non-obedience of the applicable points**

- 14.10. Non-obedience of one or more of the provisions stated hereabove, and/or of the Advertising on Clothing Regulations, may be sanctioned according to the applicable EHF regulations, including the EHF Legal Regulations. In addition, the respective Member Federation may be required to reimburse all damages occurred.

## IX. MATCH PROCEDURE

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### Article 15

#### **Laws of the game**

- 15.1. M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches are played in conformity with the applicable Rules of the Game promulgated by the International Handball Federation (IHF) subject to the following specifications:
- a) Teams can play with up to sixteen (16) players.
  - b) Chairs instead of benches are installed in the substitution area.
  - c) The requirements of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments Guidelines Manual concerning the substitution area set up prevail.

### Article 16

#### **Technical meeting**

- 16.1. The technical meeting is carried out before the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 16.2. Technical meeting must be attended by at least one (1) team official of each delegation participating in the respective round and the team guides. The team officials attending the technical meetings must be able to communicate in English.
- 16.3. In the technical meeting of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments each delegation must:
- a) Nominate its Official Delegation composed of a maximum of sixteen (16) players from the thirty-five (35) players of the Official Squad List and six (6) team officials. The team official in charge must complete all fields of the Official Delegation form, must sign it and must hand it over.
  - b) Present a valid passport or national identity card for each of the players nominated as part of the Official Delegation.

- c) Show the full team kits. One piece of each full team kit (dark colour option and light colour option) must be brought along. The full team kits colours of each participating team must be the ones announced at an earlier stage to the EHF (with the required modifications implemented, if any).
  - d) Confirm the national anthem of the respective country.
- 16.4. The full team kits of each team must be checked by the EHF during the technical meeting of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 16.5. The Official Delegation forms presenting the lists of players and team officials nominated as Official Delegation must be checked with the players' passports or national identity cards and be approved and signed by at least one (1) EHF delegate during the technical meeting of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

## Article 17

### A. Pre-match procedure

#### Warm up

- 17.1. In due time before the start of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match, the playing court is made available to the players of the two playing teams for warm-up and play practice.

#### Start List

- 17.2. One (1) hour before the start of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match, the pre-prepared Start List containing the names of the Official Delegation of the playing teams must be checked and confirmed by the team officials in charge. Moreover, the team officials in charge must reduce the number of team officials to a maximum of five (5) by crossing out up to one (1) team officials listed. Only five (5) team officials are eligible to be in the substitution area during the match.
- 17.3. The Start List must be signed by each team official in charge and handed over to the EHF delegate (supervisor) thirty (30) minutes prior to the throw-off of the match.
- 17.4. The Host Federation is responsible to distribute the completed and finalised Start List to the press, press agents and to the EHF before the match.

- 17.5. The EHF delegate (supervisor) coordinates and is responsible for the Start List procedure.

#### **Before team's line-up**

- 17.6. Each player being on the playing court for the warm-up must immediately leave the playing court upon EHF referees' instructions to do so twelve (12) minutes before the match throw-off at the latest.

#### **Teams' line-up**

- 17.7. Each player of the playing teams must be ready for the official teams' line-up ten (10) minutes prior to the official throw-off of the matches.
- 17.8. Before entering the playing court for the official teams' line-up, ten (10) minutes before the match throw-off, the players have to follow both the EHF referees' and floor managers' instructions and gather at the defined collection point (pre-defined corner of the playing court surrounding area).
- 17.9. Once the EHF referees have given the playing teams the instruction to gather, none of the player is allowed to leave the playing court area.
- 17.10. The players must individually/as a team enter the playing court, in ascending order by jersey numbers following the respective EHF referee and flag bearer carrying the flag of the teams' country. The players of the team entering second on the playing court must pass by the first team in the centre of the court and high five with the other team players before taking their line-up position (Enclosure 2).

#### **Pre-match procedure schedule**

- 17.11. The detailed pre-match procedure schedule of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches is the following:
- 12:00 Teams must leave the court
  - 10:00 Teams must be ready for the line-up at the meeting point
  - 09:45 Flag bearer and the referees ready at the entry meeting point
  - 09:30 Start of the protocol flag presentation by four flag presenting children
  - 09:00 Line-up of Team A/B (team seating in the first substitution area after the players' entrance point)
  - 08:30 Line-up of Team B/A
  - 08:00 Introduction of Team A – players and officials



- 06:30 Introduction of Team B – players and officials
- 05:00 Introduction of the referees, EHF officials
- 04:00 National anthem of Team A
- 02:45 National anthem of Team B
- 01:30 Final match preparations of the teams and fair-play announcement
- 00:00 Throw-off/Order by EHF delegate (supervisor)

17.12. Further details and information about the pre-match procedure are provided to the delegations before the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments and before each match. The provided information may contain modifications to the schedule mentioned under Article 17.11 due to the practicalities of each venue and each match.

17.13. Instructions regarding pre-match procedure given by the floor manager and/or the EHF delegate (supervisor) in the playing hall before each match prevail and must in any case be followed by any person involved in the pre-match procedure.

17.14. Any playing team and individual causing a delay in the throw-offs (start/half-time/timeout) of a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match is liable for any damage incurred and may be sanctioned by the EHF accordingly.

### **Fair play announcement**

17.15. The following fair-play announcement is read by the announcer in English and optionally in the official language of the country of the Host Federation once the teams lined-up, before the throw-off:

*“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.”*

## **B. Post-match procedures**

### **Handshake and line up**

17.16. Immediately after the end of a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match, after the public announcer’s announcement of the teams’ line-up, the playing teams must line up in the centre of the playing court facing the judges’ table and carry out the official passing-by handshake according to enclosure 3.

### **Mixed zone**

- 17.17. After the end of each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match and the respective ceremonies, all players and officials of the playing teams (physiotherapists and doctors excepted) must pass through the mixed zone, respectively through the official routing system.
- 17.18. Mixed zone must be equipped with the official event/sponsor backdrop. The layout of the backdrop must be sent to the EHF for approval before the event.

### **Post-match press conference**

- 17.19. The organisation of post-match press conferences at M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments events is optional, depending on the level of media interest. Organisers may propose alternative ideas (e.g. flash or super flash interviews) and the EHF welcomes new initiatives and innovations. Approval must be sought from the EHF ahead of the start of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 17.20. If organised, official post-match press conference must take place in the media centre or in a dedicated press conference room. The press conference room needs to be equipped with the official event/sponsor backdrop, table, chairs and microphones. The layout of the backdrop must be sent to the EHF for approval before the event.
- 17.21. The official post-match press conference starts fifteen (15) minutes after the end of each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match or in case a ceremony takes place after the match, fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the respective ceremony(ies). The head coach of each playing team together with one (1) key player approved by the EHF must take part in the post-match press conference/interviews accompanied by an interpreter, if necessary.
- 17.22. At the request of the EHF the official post-match press conference must be streamed live.

### **Transmission of results and tables**

- 17.23. The Host Federation is responsible to distribute the half-time results, the final match results, the match reports as well as information on the number of spectators and any

other relevant match information of each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match to the media, immediately after each respective match.

17.24. Person(s) in charge must be nominated by the Host Member Federation accordingly.

17.25. Match reports and tables showing results after completion of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches be published only after being officially approved by the EHF.

### **Media and promotion**

17.26. After the final match, the winner of each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament must be available for media and promotion purposes upon EHF request.

## X. PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS

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### Article 18

#### **Number of delegation members**

- 18.1. Each Member Federation participating at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments may travel to the venue with a delegation (including players and officials) of a maximum twenty-five (25) members.
- 18.2. Any exception to the foregoing must be requested in writing to the EHF and the Host Federation in due time prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments and is subject to the Host Federation's prior approval.
- 18.3. The hosting federation is obliged to offer accommodation, local transfer for a maximum of 21 persons per delegation (8 twin and 5 single rooms) for the fixed daily rate of € 100/day/person.

## **XI. RESPONSIBILITIES**

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### **Article 19**

#### **Responsibilities of the Member Federations**

- 19.1. The Member Federations are legally and financially accountable towards the EHF in respect of their delegation and team participating at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. In particular, the Member Federations are accountable for the conduct of their players, officials, other delegation members, supporters and of any person having a function in the Member Federation, and/or carrying out a function at a match on behalf of the Member Federation, respectively on behalf of the delegation. They may be sanctioned accordingly.
- 19.2. The Host Federation is responsible for security and order before, during and after the matches. The Host Federation may be called to account for incidents of any kind.

#### **Additional responsibilities**

- 19.3. The EHF informs the Member Federations, respectively the delegations participating at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments about any further guidelines, directives or decisions related to the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments to be respected and provides them with all relevant documents in due time.

## XII. INSURANCE

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### Article 20

#### **General principles**

- 20.1. Everyone involved at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments is responsible for his/her own insurance cover.
- 20.2. The participating Member Federations are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover, including accident and health insurance, for their delegation members, including players, technical staff and officials, at their own expense for the whole duration of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. On request of the EHF a written confirmation must be provided by the participating federations. In case of a delegation member is not properly insured and needs medical assistance, the occurring costs will have to be borne by the respective National Federation.

#### **Host Federation(s)**

- 20.3. The Host Federation is responsible for the insurance cover of all sites used for the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament including hall, facilities and official zones. If the Host Federation is not the owner of the hall used, the Federation is also responsible for ensuring that the hall owner and/ or tenant in question provides a fully comprehensive insurance cover, including third party liability and property damage.
- 20.4. Hence, the Host Federation shall arrange, at its own expense insurance covers necessary to cover all risks and damages resulting from or relating to the staging and the organisation of an M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament.
- 20.5. In addition to Articles 20.1 and 20.2, the Host Federation staging an M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament must conclude at its own expense adequate insurance cover (including cancellation) for all risks arising from organising and staging an M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament, in accordance with its responsibilities.

## **EHF**

- 20.6. The EHF is responsible for the accident and health insurance of the nominated EHF Officials for the duration of their assignment.

### **Further requirements**

- 20.7. All insurances must cover the full period of an M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament, including the preparation and post-competition phase.
- 20.8. Claims for damages against the EHF are expressly excluded. Anyone involved must hold EHF harmless from any and all claims for liability arising in relation to their participation in the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament.
- 20.9. The Host Federation and the EHF must not be held responsible of any claims resulting from accidents or illnesses.

## XIII. EXCLUSIVITY

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### Article 21

#### **EHF sponsors / partners exclusivity**

- 21.1. The exclusivity of the EHF partners and official suppliers during the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament must be complied with by the Host Federation.
- 21.2. The names and the respective categories of products/services of the EHF partners and official suppliers as well as the necessary measures and restrictions to be taken by the Host Federation will be communicated six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament at the latest.
- 21.3. The Host Federation must send the EHF the list of all sponsors and partners (name, nationality, products/services) which will be represented during the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament at the venue (including without limitation in the playing hall and all related areas) two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments at the latest.
- 21.4. Noncompliance with the required measures and restrictions in relation to EHF partner product/service exclusivity or any other kind of violation of the EHF partners and sponsors exclusivity during the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must be sanctioned according to the EHF Legal Regulations. In addition, the respective individual/entity may be required to reimburse all damages occurred.



## **XIV. ORGANISATION (VENUES—FACILITIES—EQUIPMENT)**

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### **Article 22**

#### **General provisions**

- 22.1. The Host Federation staging and organising the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament is responsible for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments venue/playing hall set-up in accordance with the requirements defined by the EHF.
- 22.2. The provisions of the Bidding Manual and any additional requirement communicated by the EHF to the Host Federation are complementary to the present Regulations.
- 22.3. In case of discrepancy, the provisions of the Bidding Manual and the additional requirements communicated by the EHF must prevail upon those of the present Regulations and other EHF applicable Regulations or Manuals.

#### **Choice venue/playing hall**

- 22.4. M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments playing venue is proposed by the Host Federation to the EHF.
- 22.5. The Host Federation must propose to the EHF venues where the facilities (playing halls, hotels, transports...) meet the criteria defined by the EHF.
- 22.6. M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches must be played only in the playing hall which has been expressly agreed upon by the EHF.

#### **Venues/playing halls set-up**

- 22.7. Regarding the playing hall set-up, the Host Federation must implement the requirements communicated by the EHF.
- 22.8. Subject to the foregoing, the following basic equipment and infrastructures must be prepared and set-up for each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match:

#### *Judges' table*

- 22.9. A judges' table must be set-up and installed in the playing hall.
- 22.10. The size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' table are defined in enclosure 4.
- 22.11. The provisions of the IHF Rules of the Game regarding the size, position and other requirements concerning the judges' tables are not applicable to M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches.

#### *Substitution area - chairs*

- 22.12. A substitution area with substitution chairs must be set-up and installed in the playing hall.
- 22.13. The size, position and other requirements concerning the substitution area and the substitution chairs defined by the EHF must be complied with (enclosure 4).
- 22.14. The provisions of the IHF Rules of the Game regarding the size, position and other requirements concerning the substitution area and substitutes' benches are not applicable to M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches.

#### *Timekeeping and score-taking apparatus*

- 22.15. For all M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches, the playing halls must be equipped with an electric timekeeping (counting 0 to 30 minutes for each half) and score taking apparatus which can be read without difficulty and be operated from the judges' table. It is the official timekeeping apparatus and must be in full working order prior to and during matches.

#### *Score boards*

- 22.16. For all M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches, the playing halls must be equipped with two (2) score boards on each short side of the halls. The score boards must indicate at least the score, nations, time, playing time (counting 0 to 30 minutes in the first half and counting 30 to 60 minutes in the second half), 2 minutes suspensions. All indications must be synchronised between the two (2) boards.

#### *Reserve clock*

22.17. As a reserve, a large clock (approx. 25 cm in diameter) with minute and second hands must be available at the judges' table.

#### *Match cards*

22.18. A sufficient number of cards (size A4) matching EHF sample design must be at the disposal of the timekeeper for noting the numbers of the suspended players and the end of the suspension period. These cards must be placed on the judges' table, where visible and in a vertical position, clearly legible for both playing teams.

22.19. Three (3) green cards (size A5) showing the capital letter "T" must be at the disposal of the timekeeper for the team time-outs. They are handed over to the responsible members of the respective playing teams at the beginning of each half-time of the regular playing time.

22.20. A card to indicate that a player is injured must also be available.

#### *Playing floor*

22.21. The floor, with handball lines only, must be laid down in the playing hall for each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match.

#### *Lighting*

22.22. A lighting of a minimum of 1200 LUX shall be ensured in the playing hall.

#### *Anti-doping facility*

22.23. At the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments playing hall, an anti-doping infrastructure complying with the WADA Anti-Doping Code and the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping applicable at the date of the beginning of the Event must be set-up. Such infrastructure must include without limitation:

- An anti-doping room of at least 10m<sup>2</sup> with working infrastructure (table, chairs, control equipment, etc.) for the anti-doping control staff and a refrigerator
- A direct access to a toilet
- A waiting room

### *Playing balls*

- 23.22. The matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must be played with balls approved by the EHF. The EHF provides the balls to be used during the matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. No other balls shall be used during the matches.

### *Seats for disqualified players*

- 22.24. Seats in the spectators' stands must be reserved by the Host Federation for the players receiving a red card during the matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments. A person nominated by the Host Federation supervises those seats and ensure that the disqualified players remain in the defined stand area until the end of the draw for the anti-doping controls or, if no draw takes place, until the final whistle of the respective match.

### *Ambulance – first aid team*

- 22.25. An ambulance (car) with the required qualified personnel and a first aid team must be present in the playing hall during all matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

## **Training hall – Training schedule**

- 22.26. The Host Federation must draw-up a training schedule for each participating team during the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments in accordance with the requirements defined by the EHF. The training schedule must be fixed in such a way that teams playing against each other do not practice the one after the other in the same hall and that each team has the same opportunity to train on the main court during the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 22.27. The training schedule must be approved by the EHF. Any change in the training schedule must be agreed on by the EHF and the Host Federation.

## **Others**

- 22.28. The Host Federation must comply with and/or implement any other requirements related to the staging and organisation of the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament defined and communicated by the EHF.

## XV. EHF OFFICIALS

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### Article 23

#### **Definition**

- 23.1. EHF Officials are EHF representatives, EHF delegates, EHF referees, EHF Office staff members as well as any other persons nominated by the EHF in relation with the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

#### **Code of Conduct**

- 23.2. Any EHF Official nominated to participate in a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament must sign the EHF Code of Conduct. During their assignment, the EHF Officials are bound by the obligations of the EHF Code of Conduct and the applicable EHF Regulations.

### Article 24

#### **EHF referee's nomination**

- 24.1. The EHF referees of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are appointed by the EHF. The appointed EHF referees must acknowledge the EHF nomination and inform the EHF accordingly without delay.
- 24.2. The nomination of the EHF referees for a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments can be withdrawn at the EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of referee nomination for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are final.
- 24.3. The EHF referee's nomination is communicated by the EHF to all parties concerned in due time prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 24.4. For each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match, in due course before the match, the EHF assigns two (2) referee couples out of those nominated. The second referee couple are "reserve" referees. The EHF decision is final.

### **Arrival of referees**

- 24.5. The EHF referees nominated for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must arrive at the relevant venue on the date and time communicated by the EHF, as planned and organised by the Host Federation in cooperation with the EHF referees and the EHF.
- 24.6. If any of the referees does not arrive at the match venue as planned and organised, the EHF will take the appropriate decisions. If the EHF decides to replace the referees, such a decision is final and no protest against the person or nationality of the referee is allowed.

### **Refusal**

- 24.7. If the appointed EHF referees are unable to fulfil a nomination, they shall inform the EHF without delay by phone and subsequently in writing. In this case, the EHF appoints alternative referees.

### **Unfit referees**

- 24.8. If any of the referees becomes unfit before or during a match and is unable to officiate, the referee couple is replaced by the referees nominated as “reserve referees” for the respective match.

### **Special report**

- 24.9. In case of direct disqualifications or any major incidents, the referees must write an additional detailed report and give it to the EHF delegates immediately after the end of the match.
- 24.10. In their report, the referees report in as much detail as possible on any incidents before, during and after the match, such as:
- Misconduct of players leading to direct disqualification
  - Unsportsmanlike behaviour by officials, members, supporters or anyone carrying out a function at a match on behalf of a Member Federation
  - Any other incidents
- 24.11. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the absence of report on an incident does not prevent the initiation of proceedings by the EHF.

### **Further tasks**

- 24.12. The EHF referees nominated for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must attend the any preparatory activity defined as mandatory by the EHF.
- 24.13. The EHF referees nominated for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must fulfil the preparatory tasks defined and communicated by the EHF.

## **Article 25**

### **EHF delegates nomination**

- 25.1. The EHF delegates of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are appointed by the EHF. The appointed EHF delegates must acknowledge the EHF nomination and inform the EHF accordingly without delay.
- 25.2. The nomination of the EHF delegates for a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament can be withdrawn at EHF's sole discretion. The EHF decisions in matter of delegates nomination for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments are final.
- 25.3. The EHF delegates nomination is communicated by the EHF to all parties concerned in due time prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 25.4. For each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match, in due course prior to the match, the EHF assigns up to two (2) delegates out of those appointed for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments: one (1) supervisor, one (1) observer. The EHF decision is final.

### **Arrival of delegates**

- 25.5. The EHF delegates nominated for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must arrive at the relevant venue on the date and time communicated by the EHF, as planned and organised by the Host Federation in cooperation with the EHF delegates and the EHF.
- 25.6. If any of the delegates does not arrive at the match venue as planned and organised, the EHF will take the appropriate decisions. If the EHF decides to replace the

delegates, such a decision is final and no protest against the person or nationality of the referee is allowed.

### **Refusal**

25.7. If the appointed EHF delegates are unable to fulfil a nomination, they shall inform the EHF without delay by phone and subsequently in writing.

25.8. In this case, the EHF appoints alternative delegates.

### **General responsibility**

25.9. The EHF delegates act on behalf of the EHF.

25.10. When on duty, the delegates must always carry a copy of the relevant EHF regulations as well as the IHF Rules of the Game.

25.11. The EHF delegate (supervisor) with the support of the EHF delegate (observer) supervises the conduct of the match and prevents any occurrences that may lead to a protest or a repetition of a match following EHF requirements. If necessary, the EHF delegate (supervisor) acts as mediator.

25.12. The EHF delegate (observer) guides and supports the referees and observes and assesses their performance. However, the EHF delegate (observer) is not a chief referee. Responsibility on the playing area rests solely with the EHF referees.

25.13. Nonetheless, the EHF delegates must interrupt the match if necessary and bring errors that may lead to a protest to the EHF referees' attention. Errors in this context do not mean decisions made by the referees on the basis of their observation of facts. The delegates must not make decisions but only make recommendations.

25.14. The EHF delegates must always sit at the judges' table to have a good view of the substitution area at any time and to be able to intervene if necessary.

### **Special report**

25.15. The EHF delegates must supervise the respect by all participating entities and persons of the EHF rules and regulations applicable to the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, including without limitation of the present M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments Regulations and the EHF Advertising on Clothing Regulations.



25.16. If any violation of the EHF rules and regulations or a major incident is observed the EHF delegates must:

- Write a specific remark on the match report and cross the box “report follows”
- Report such violation and/or incident in writing to the EHF Office immediately after the match.

25.17. In their reports, the delegates report in as much detail as possible on any violation/incidents before, during and after the match, such as:

- Incorrect teams’ line-up
- Incorrect player clothing (number, advertisements...), thermo clothing, socks etc.
- Delay in the match throw-offs
- Unsportsmanlike behaviour by officials, members, supporters or anyone carrying out a function at a match on behalf of a Member Federation
- Any other incidents

25.18. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the absence of remark on the match report or of report on an incident does not prevent the initiation of legal proceedings by the EHF.

### **Digital Match report / Start List**

25.19. The EHF delegate (supervisor) is responsible for the match report and the Start List.

25.20. Before the throw-off, the EHF delegate (supervisor) must check that the Start List is correct and take care that the Start List is confirmed and signed by an official of each playing team.

25.21. The M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments shall be administered by the digital match report (DMR) system, the host Federations have the obligations to prepare the software for the scorekeeper.

25.22. The nominated EHF delegates are responsible for the pre-prepared match report. The official delegation lists will be published on the delegate portal.

25.23. The host Federations shall offer a computer with internet access for the period right after the technical meeting (for the preparation of the match report) and also right after the match (for the completion of the match report).

25.24. The EHF delegate shall take/print the DMR ticket and provide it to the scorekeeper.

- 25.25. The host federations shall secure that the scorekeeper duly handles the provided Digital Match Report (DMR) ticket by opening such ticket prior to the match. The scorekeeper shall put the match data directly into digital match report during the match and he/she shall compare the match data with the EHF delegate during the half time and after the end of the match, following that he/she completes the digital match report.
- 25.26. The host federations shall secure that the timekeeper managing the match data (goals, time, etc.) on the score board shall continuously checking the data on the scoreboard with the EHF delegate.
- 25.27. After the match the EHF delegate shall check the digital match report with his/her match data and statistics, and he/she shall sign the digital match report.

#### **Further tasks**

- 25.28. The EHF delegates must know, comply with and fulfil any task defined in the “Off Court Officiating Guidelines” communicated by the EHF in due course prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 25.29. In particular, the EHF delegates must cooperate with the timekeeper and the scorekeeper as defined in the “Off Court Officiating Guidelines”.
- 25.30. The EHF delegates nominated for the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must fulfil the preparatory tasks defined and communicated by the EHF.

## **Article 26**

#### **Other Officials**

- 26.1. In addition to the EHF delegates, the EHF may appoint further Officials for supervising different fields related to the event (e.g. marketing, security...).
- 26.2. The duties and competence of those Officials are to be defined with each individual appointment.

#### **Score-taker, timekeeper and announcer**

- 26.3. The score-taker, timekeeper and announcer are not EHF Officials. They are appointed by the Host Federation.

## **XVI. FINANCIAL PROVISIONS**

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### **Article 27**

#### **A. Member Federations**

##### **Travel costs**

- 27.1. The Member Federations must organise the travel of their delegation to and from the playing venue. The place of arrival of the delegation must be the nearest international airport or train station from the playing venue.
- 27.2. The travel expenses of any and all delegation members to and from the playing venue must be borne by the respective Member Federation.

##### **Visa costs**

- 27.3. All expenses arising from the procurement of visas for the members of the entire delegation must be borne by the respective Member Federation.

##### **Daily rate**

- 27.4. For the board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments venue of a delegation of twenty-one (21) members or less, each Member Federation must pay a daily rate to the Host Federation.
- 27.5. The daily rate for the twenty-one (21) delegation members is announced to the Member Federations by the EHF during the bidding process.
- 27.6. The number of days is the basis for the calculation of the global rate per delegation. The total is calculated from 12pm (noon) on the official day of arrival at the venue (the day prior to the first match day) to 12pm (noon) on the official day of departure (the day after to the last match day). The day of arrival and of departure are calculated as one (1) day when charging the daily rate (additional meals such as breakfast on the arrival day and lunch on the departure day must be paid extra).
- 27.7. The board, lodging and local transport of additional delegation members up to twenty-five (25) persons per delegation is organised by the Host Federation upon payment by the respective Member Federation of a daily rate within the deadline communicated by the EHF. The daily rate for the four (4) additional delegation members is agreed

upon by the EHF and the Host Federation. The daily rate for the additional delegation members must be paid directly to the Host Federation account.

### **Additional days of stays/ Additional persons**

- 27.8. If agreed by the Host Federation, the Host Federation may organise the board, lodging and local transport of more than twenty-one (21) delegation members, i.e. twenty-one (21) delegation members plus four (4) additional persons, upon request of a Member Federation at the respective Member Federation's costs.
- 27.9. If agreed by the EHF and the Host Federation, a delegation may arrive before the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments and/or leave after the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments a few days before/after the planned dates.
- 27.10. All costs and expenses related to those additional days at the venue must be borne by the respective Member Federation. The daily rate per delegation member for each additional day agreed upon by the EHF and the Host Federation is communicated in due time to the Member Federations by the Host Federation and must be paid within the deadline set forth by the latter.

## **Article 28**

### **B. Host Federation(s)**

#### **Staging and organizational costs**

- 28.1. All expenses incurred in the host country to stage and organise the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament must be borne by the Host Federation. This includes (without limitation) expenses and costs for local transport of the participating delegations from their place of arrival to the respective venue(s) and between the venues and expenses and costs for all kinds of activities at the venue (rest day programme, receptions, banquets, etc.).

#### **Costs related to the delegations**

- 28.2. The board, lodging and local transport of the delegations at the venue for the duration of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments is organised by the Host Federations for up to a maximum of twenty-one (21) plus four (4) additional persons per delegation for the official period between 30 October and 3 November 2025 (one day prior to the first match day and one day after the last match day) against payment of a daily rate. The respective daily rates are defined as stated in Article 28.

- 28.3. The Host Federation may agree, upon a Member Federation's request, to organise the board, lodging and local transport of additional delegation members.

## XVII. EXPLOITATION OF COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

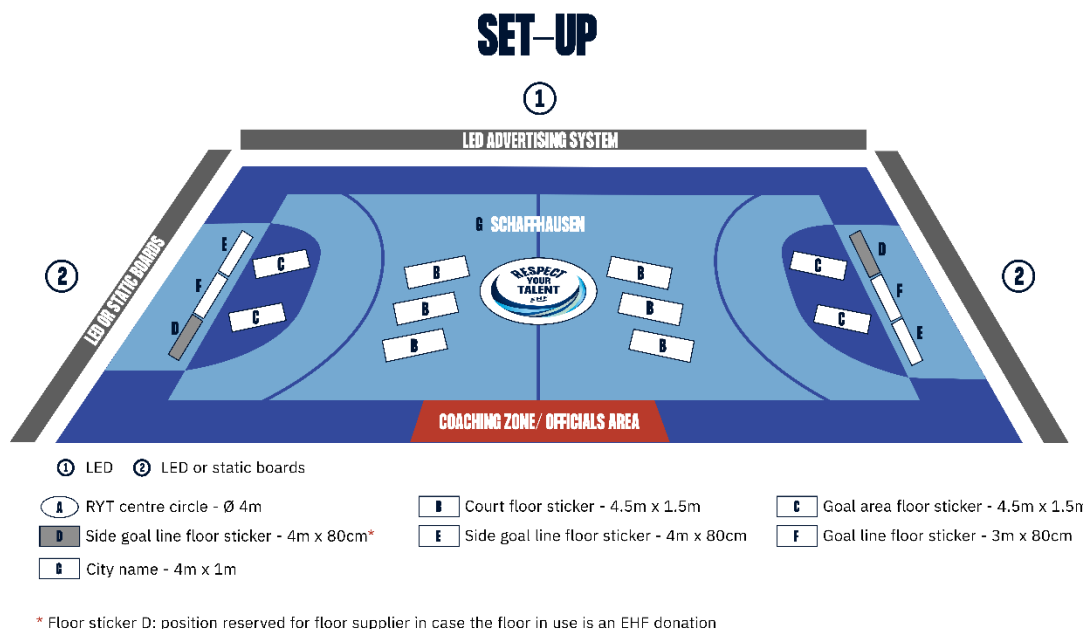
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### Article 29

#### **Marketing and media rights**

- 29.1. Subject to the retained EHF rights defined in Articles 29.2, 29.3 and 29.4, the Host Federation is granted the exclusive right to exploit the marketing rights of the respective M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournament and all related activities (draw, opening, closing ceremonies, etc.).
- 29.2. The EHF retains the following marketing rights, which it may use free of charge: two (2) bands of advertising with a maximum length of six (6) metres or five (5) minutes LED time per match within the range covered by the TV cameras; one (1) additional band of advertising with a maximum length of six (6) metres in a central position or two and half (2.5) minutes LED time per match, two goal-side floor stickers (position D) and one (1) floor advertising in the middle circle during all matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 29.3. One six (6) metre band of advertising in a central position (or 2.5 minutes LED time) within the range covered by the TV cameras per match is used by the EHF for event identity purpose. If the EHF wishes to use its other retained marketing rights, it must inform the Host Federation no later than six (6) weeks prior to the beginning of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 29.4. The audio-visual rights (television, radio, film, video, internet, etc.) of the Event, in particular of the matches of the Event are retained by the EHF, except for the rights on the home market of the organiser, which are retained by the Host Federation. The Host Federation is required to inform the EHF if it intends to sell these rights, if any matches (e.g. final weekend) will be produced for television and if geo-blocking is required for the home market.
- 29.5. The EHF reserves the following audio-visual rights on a non-exclusive basis in the home market and on an exclusive basis worldwide for its own use, for use by national federations and for use by EHF partners or official suppliers: live-feed for operation of observer system; archive rights for promotion and development purposes; live and on-demand streaming of all matches on EHF OTT platform and right to produce and edit content including highlight clips and near-live content.

29.6. The advertising set-up shall be as follows:



### Live streaming

29.7. A live and on-demand streaming of all matches of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments must be made available by the Host Federation free of charge to the EHF for streaming on the EHF OTT platform.

### Video recordings

29.8. Upon application to the EHF, all delegations are permitted to make video recordings of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches for teaching and training purposes.

29.9. Video recordings, however, may only be made by one (1) member of the respective delegation, using one (1) camera. Such video recordings must be used solely for the purposes of internal team preparation and match tactic information (education of players). The use of the video recordings for any other purpose whatsoever, including (without limitation) a commercial exploitation, is forbidden.

29.10. The person of the delegation wishing to record a match on video must have a permit issued by the EHF. Persons who do not present an EHF permit may be asked to leave the hall.

29.11. Due to space limitations in a playing hall, restrictions on video recordings may have to be imposed by the Host Federation. Such restrictions must be agreed with the EHF.

29.12. During the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, videos of the matches played are made available free of charge to the EHF on each respective match day for analysis.

### **Match videos**

29.13. The EHF will provide a platform for national teams to access full match videos for analysis purposes. Directly after the completion of each match the Host Federation must provide the EHF, free of charge, with the full match video, uploaded to a platform designated by the EHF.

29.14. The rules and principles governing this system are decided and announced by the EHF in due time prior to the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

### **Photographs**

29.15. A professional photographer must be hired by the Host Federation to make high resolution pictures of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches. Photos must be uploaded immediately after the match to the link provided by the EHF.

29.16. These photographs (minimum 20) must cover at least the scenes as outlined below:

- Match pictures (action/emotions) with sponsor presence on barrier boards and floor stickers and with both teams represented
- Cheering picture of the winning team
- Goalkeepers in action
- Coaches in action
- Referees in action
- Team line-up
- Beauty shot of the arena showing the full playing court
- Team pictures before the match (changing room, on-court during warm up, etc.)
- Team timeout
- Ceremonies (EHF Representatives + VIPs)
- Opening and awarding ceremony
- Fans emotion/close up



29.17. The pictures must be provided free of charge to the EHF Media and Communications Department via upload to the EHF photo system immediately after the match for use on the EHF's official communication channels. The details of uploading process will be distributed to the respective Host Federation in due time prior to the tournament. The following quality criteria shall apply to each photo:

- Minimum resolution of at least 8 Megapixel per picture
- 300dpi
- Jpg format

## Article 30

### **Personality rights**

- 30.1. All participating Member Federations, including the Host Federation, grant the EHF the right (royalty-free) to use photos and graphic materials of players and officials as well as Member Federations names, emblems and players uniforms within the framework of the Competition for non-commercial purposes.
- 30.2. All participating Member Federations, including the Host Federation, grant the EHF the right (royalty-free) to use any photo, any material (print material, ads, internet, product presentation, video etc.) produced for/at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches for handball/ EHF competitions promotions and sport development (training, teaching, etc.) purposes at any time during or after the Competition.
- 30.3. The EHF has the right to transfer these aforementioned rights of use to partner companies for the same purposes. Such transfer is limited to an advantageous usage in the framework of the direct promotion of the event and/or the sport, prior, during and directly after the event and serves the increase of the event venue and the attraction of additional spectators. Exclusively film material, TV footage and group pictures may be used for such purposes by the EHF and its related partners. Any individual picture use or any use which assigns an individual person to a specific product and its values shall not be comprised by the actual entitlements.
- 30.4. Each participating Member Federation, including the Host Federation, must obtain the consent of the respective players and officials participating to the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments to the use of their image as defined here above. Each participating Member Federation must hold the EHF and its partners harmless from any legal action from a player concerning the player's image rights.

## **XIII. PROTESTS/VIOLATIONS — LEGAL PROVISIONS**

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### **Article 31**

#### **EHF Legal Regulations**

- 31.1. The provisions of the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Catalogue of Administrative Sanctions apply to all legal matters including procedural aspects and disciplinary offences committed by the teams, delegations, individuals and/or EHF Officials at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments unless stipulated otherwise in the present chapter.

#### **Competent Bodies**

##### ***Jurisdiction***

- 31.2. Under the provisions defined in the present chapter, the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury are responsible for disciplinary adjudication, punishing violations of applicable regulations including those of an administrative nature falling within the scope of Article 21 of the Legal Regulations, settling dispute including protests and deciding upon any other issues arising from the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

##### ***Disciplinary Commission***

- 31.3. The Disciplinary Commission is responsible as the body of first instance.
- 31.4. The Disciplinary Commission is composed of individuals nominated by the EHF.

##### ***Jury***

- 31.5. The Jury is responsible as the body of second instance. It is the highest EHF legal body at the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 31.6. The Jury consists of the EHF Court of Appeal acting as an ad hoc body.
- 31.7. Any decision made by the Disciplinary Commission according to the aforementioned provisions may be appealed to the Jury.

### **Regulations Infringements/Disciplinary Matters**

- 31.8. Delegation members (including players and team officials) and EHF Officials agree to comply with the present Regulations as well as all applicable regulations as defined in Article 3 and EHF directives. They must notably:
- Respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence and behave accordingly
  - Refrain from any activity that endangers the integrity of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments and bring the sport of handball into disrepute
  - Refrain from anti-doping violations as defined in the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping
  - Observe the EHF Codes of Conduct
- 31.9. If deemed appropriate by the EHF to ensure the proper running of the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments and/or the respect of the applicable regulations during the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, violations of the present Regulations and/or any other EHF regulations applicable to the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, by any team, delegation, individual and/or EHF Official are examined, decided upon and sanctioned by the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury (in appeal) following an express procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, the present dispositions also apply to direct disqualifications.
- 31.10. The Member Federations of the respective delegations or teams, individuals and/or the EHF Officials against whom the proceedings are initiated, must have the possibility to provide a statement of defence.
- 31.11. In those cases, the deadlines applicable to protests are not applicable and shall be defined by the competent legal body within the course of the proceedings.
- 31.12. The carrying out of legal/disciplinary proceedings as defined herein is independent of any reporting obligations.

### ***Direct disqualification***

- 31.13. Any player sent off by the referees with a direct disqualification in a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match is not eligible to play in the respective team's next match of the current tournament. However, based on the action which resulted in the direct disqualification, a player can be suspended for more than one game.

## **Protests**

### ***Definition***

31.14. Under the present chapter, “protest” shall mean: any match-related claim which may have an impact on the result of a M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments match.

### ***Exclusion of protests***

31.15. With regard to all and any M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments matches, protests shall not be permitted when relating to:

- a) Date, time, venue and draw of the matches.
- b) Nomination of referees and delegates.
- c) Referee’s decisions on facts in accordance with the Rules of the Game including those based on EHF delegates’ recommendations.

### ***Procedure***

31.16. Protests shall be submitted via e-mail to the EHF ([tedesco@eurohandball.com](mailto:tedesco@eurohandball.com) and [riede@eurohandball.com](mailto:riede@eurohandball.com) in cc) in English within one (1) hour after the end of the relevant match.

31.17. Moreover, a protest fee of € 1,070 shall be paid by the claimant to the EHF. This amount shall be transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time as the claim is handed over. A written proof of payment of the protest fee in the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.

31.18. If the protest is fully granted, the protest fee is refunded to the claimant; otherwise it is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.

31.19. The reasons for the protest as well as any relevant statement shall be submitted in writing to the EHF delegate by the claimant no later than 8:00hrs local time, the day after the relevant match.

31.20. The deadlines and fees for protests apply equally for any additional information submitted in connection with the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

31.21. The Disciplinary Commission takes a decision by simple majority on the protest no later than 9:00hrs local time, the day after the relevant match. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.

### **Appeals**

31.22. Unless otherwise provided in the decision of the Disciplinary Commission, an appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Commission shall be submitted via e-mail to the EHF ([tedesco@eurohandball.com](mailto:tedesco@eurohandball.com) and [riede@eurohandball.com](mailto:riede@eurohandball.com) in cc) in English no later than 20:00hrs local time the same day the Disciplinary Commission decision is communicated to the parties.

31.23. Besides, an appeal fee of € 1,070 shall be paid by the appellant to the EHF. This amount shall be transferred to the EHF bank account at the same time as the appeal is filed/requested. A written proof of payment of the appeal fee in the defined deadline shall be deemed sufficient.

31.24. If the appeal is fully granted, the fee shall be refunded; otherwise the appeal fee is forfeited to the credit of the EHF.

31.25. Such an appeal request is transferred to the Jury. The Jury makes a decision by simple majority following an express procedure. Such a decision is announced to the relevant parties.

### **Eligibility to play**

31.26. The submission of protests concerning eligibility to play is not subject to any mandatory deadline.

### **European Handball Court of Arbitration (ECA)**

31.27. Any issue decided upon by the Jury may be brought by any of the relevant parties before the ECA. The Rules of Arbitration for the ECA apply.

31.28. The initiation of proceedings before the ECA on a specific issue does not suspend the implementation of the decision taken by Jury on such an issue, unless decided otherwise by the ECA in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration for the ECA.

### **Arising costs**

31.29. In principle the actual costs for personnel and material arising from the activities of the Disciplinary Commission and the Jury shall be charged in connection with the procedure. Rules governing the apportionment and payment of costs related to the EHF bodies' legal proceedings by and between the parties are stated in Article 48 of the EHF Legal Regulations.

### **Exclusion of liability**

31.30. 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 M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.

## XIX. ANTI-DOPING

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### Article 32

#### **Doping control**

- 32.1. Doping controls may take place before, during and after each M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments in accordance with the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. As of the registration of their teams to the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments, the participating Member Federations must fill in the official “whereabouts” forms and send them to the EHF and the EHF Anti-Doping Official/Unit (EAU). The “where-about” forms must be regularly updated by the participating Member Federations and communicated accordingly to the EHF and the EHF Anti-Doping Official/Unit (EAU) prior and during the M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments.
- 32.2. The EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping, their enclosures and the WADA’s Anti-Doping Code including the list of banned substances are an integral part of these M18 EHF EURO 2026 Qualification Tournaments Regulations.
- 32.3. In case of anti-doping rule violations, EHF will initiate disciplinary proceedings against the perpetrators and take the appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with the EHF Legal Regulations, the EHF List of Penalties and the EHF Regulations for Anti-Doping. This may include the imposition of provisional measures.
- 32.4. Member Federations must immediately inform the EHF of any decision at national level sanctioning a player for doping (including interim measures of protection/temporary injunction). A copy of the decision must be sent to the EHF Office. Decisions of Member Federations concerning doping confirmed by the EHF Anti-Doping Unit will be automatically implemented by the EHF at European level.

## XX. CLOSING PROVISIONS

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### Article 33

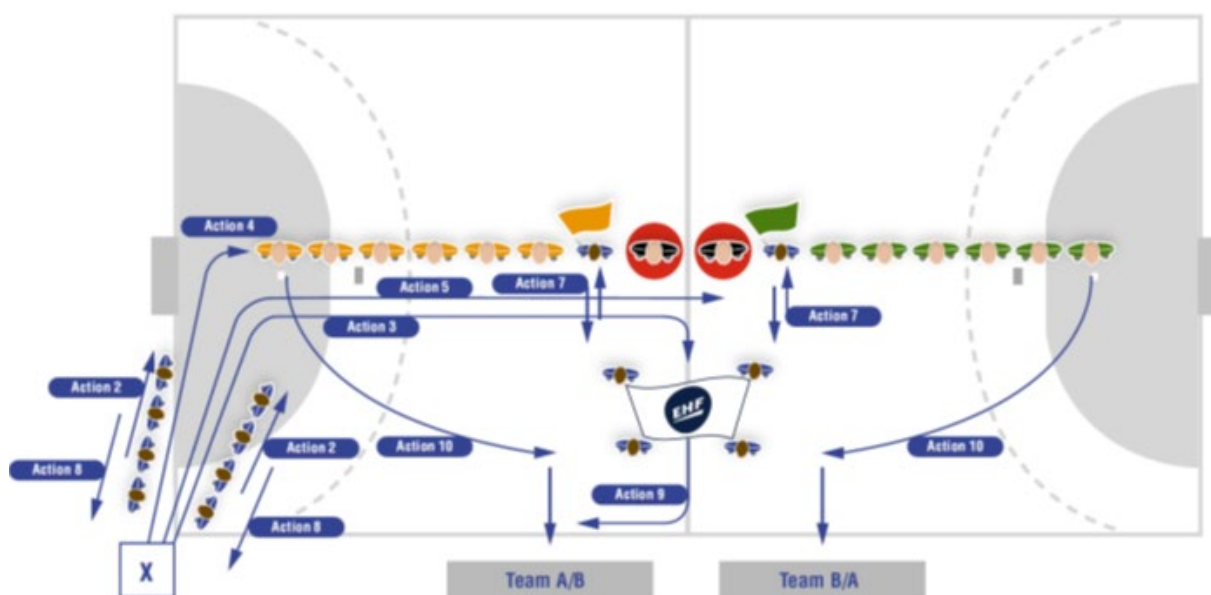
- 33.1. All enclosures form an integral part of these regulations.
- 33.2. These regulations are an excerpt of the YAC EHF Regulations 2025.
- 33.3. Any amendment to the present regulations decided by the EHF will be communicated in writing to the EHF Member Federations.



# ENCLOSURE 1 — OFFICIAL PLAYING SCHEDULE

YAC EHF EURO QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS		
<b>Group</b> TEAM 1 TEAM 2 TEAM 3 TEAM 4		
Playing schedule		
	match no.	
1st playing day	1	TEAM 2 : TEAM 4
	2	TEAM 1 : TEAM 3
2nd playing day	3	TEAM 3 : TEAM 4
	4	TEAM 1 : TEAM 2
3rd playing day	5	TEAM 4 : TEAM 1
	6	TEAM 2 : TEAM 3

## ENCLOSURE 2 — PRE-MATCH PROCEDURE



- 12:00 Teams must leave the court
- 10:00 Teams must be ready for the line-up at the meeting point
- 09:45 Flag, mascots, referees, teams ready at the entry meeting point. Player escorts (children) form tunnel
- 09:30 Start of the protocol flag presentation by four flag presenting children
- 09:00 Line-up of Team A/B (team seating in the first substitution area after the players' entrance point)
- 08:30 Line-up of Team B/A
- 08:00 Introduction of Team A – players and officials
- 06:30 Introduction of Team B – players and officials
- 05:00 Introduction of the referees, EHF officials
- 04:00 National anthem of Team A
- 02:45 National anthem of Team B
- 01:30 Final match preparations of the teams and fair-play announcement
- 00:00 Throw-off/Order by EHF delegate (supervisor)

## ENCLOSURE 3 — POST-MATCH PROCEDURE

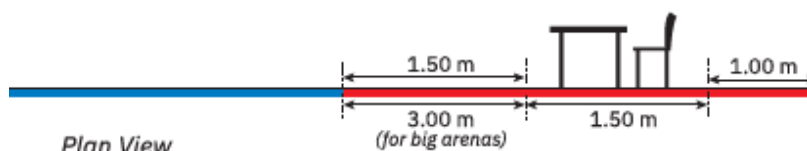
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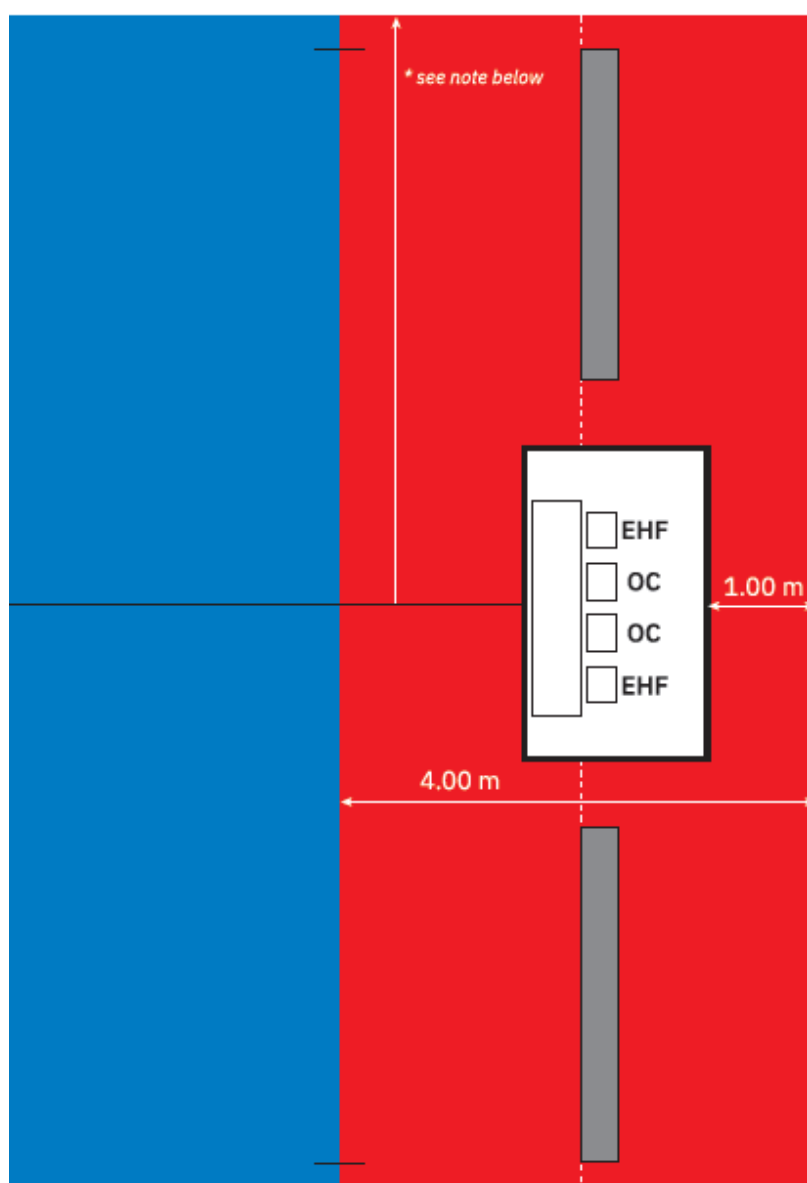
- Action 1: Informal handshake at the end of the game
- Action 2: Post-match team line-up
- Action 3: Awarding of the best player
- Action 4: Official "passing by" handshake

## ENCLOSURE 4 — SUBSTITUTION AREA

Section View



Plan View



\* The substitution area covers a distance of 12m on both sides of the centre line