

## HANDBALL LAWS OF THE GAME

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Each team needs to be present at the sports venue minimum 30 minutes before the start of the match.

All Handball matches shall be played in accordance with the IFH regulations ([www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info)), as amended and advised by EuroValencia 2017 Organizing Committee. In any dispute, the English text will be regarded as decisive.

Please take attention to following points:

1. **Match Duration**

The duration of each Handball game is 2 x 10 minutes in round robin, 2 x 15 in final (Continuous – NO REAL TIME). The clock will only be stopped on decision of the referee.

2. **Half time interval**

The half time interval shall last 1 minute.

3. **Referee Sheet**

A maximum of 14 players are to be filled out on the Referee Sheet during a Handball match.

4. **Bench**

The bench consists of maximum 7 players fielded, 7 substitutes, a coach and assistant coach, a doctor and physiotherapist. A translator may be present behind the bench. All persons on the bench have to be mentioned on the Referee Sheet. Persons who are not on the Referee Sheet are not allowed on the substitution bench or in the neutral zone where only officials are allowed. Players who are not on the Referee Sheet should be wearing a different color t-shirt.

5. **Official Table**

The free space in front of the Official Table is to be kept clear. It is not allowed to disturb the persons at the table during games.

6. **Time Out**

The teams are entitled to request a time out during each half but only by ball possession. No substitutions can be made during time outs. Replacing the goalkeeper by field player during a time out is also not allowed. Time out has to be requested at the referee table (not the referee). Each team may call one team timeout per period which lasts one minute.

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7.        **No extra time**

In case of a draw, no extra time will be played. Only during Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Finals, a throwing shoot-out with 3 throws per team (and subsequent sudden death) will be taken in order to determine a winner.

8.        **Forfeit**

In case of a forfeit, 5 minutes delay in accordance with the match official time, or a refusal to play, the result of 0-10 is acknowledged to the opponent. If a team forfeits or refuses more than one (1) game in the same championship it will be taken out of the tournament and all match results of that team will result in 0-10 results for the opponent.

9.        **Misconduct**

Any player or any delegation member who commits an act of gross unsporting misconduct during the tournament, shall be reported in writing to the Head of his Delegation. Furthermore the organization can exclude them from the competition.

10.        **Sanctions**

Real time punishments even when matches are played without stopping the clock.

The faults will be punished with free throw, except for those who are a clear chance to score, which will be punished with a seven-meter throw.

***Warnings***

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A warning will be shown to a player with unsportsmanlike behavior, a player who exceeds in contact with the opposite or a behavior against the laws of the game. The way to indicate the warning will be holding up a yellow card.

***Suspension***

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The suspended player is not allowed to participate in the game during 2 minutes, and the team is not allowed to replace him on the court. The second suspension for the same player in a match leads to a disqualification. The referee will use the suspension, if a player commits offenses repeatedly, repeats his unsportsmanlike behavior or when the player puts the ball on the ground when a fault is against his team.

***Disqualification***

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A disqualification of a player or team official is always for the entire remainder of the player time. The player or official must leave the court and the substitution area immediately. After leaving, the player or official is not allowed to have any form of contact with the team.

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The disqualification of a player or a team official, on or off the court, during the playing time, always carries with it a 2 minute suspension for the team. The team is, however, allowed to increase the number of players on the court again following the expiration of the suspension.

A disqualification is the appropriate punishment for seriously unsportsmanlike conduct repeatedly, as a consequence of a second suspension of the same player or an aggression on or off the court. The disqualification will be indicated by holding up a red card.

The disqualified player is not allowed to play the remainder of the playing game, but is allowed to participate in the next game.

## 11. Ranking System

4 teams divided into 1 pool. All teams will qualify to semifinals.

The following system shall be applied in order to determine the ranking or qualification:

- 1st 2 points for a win / 1 point for a loss / 0 points for a defeat
- 2nd Better goal difference
- 3rd Higher number of goals scored
- 4th Mutual result
- 5th Throwing shoot-out (5 throws) if the circumstances allow so
- 6th If a winner still cannot be appointed; the winner will be determined by allotment