



**Report, Greetings and Summary of
IV Women's Youth World Championship in Montenegro 2012**
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Foreword

From 14 to 26 August the IHF nominated our couple for the IV Women's Youth World Championship. 20 national teams competed for the World Championship title.

A new generation of international handball youngsters went for gold, silver and bronze, but it was not only the fight for medals, but an initial point for the development of all players, as it was their first intercontinental challenge on their way to juniors and seniors.

In our capacities as referees, it is important to teach them what is allowed and what not. We would like to discuss our impressions how we experienced the whole championship and most of all how we enjoyed the opportunity of learning a lot over 14 days and to improve some things for the future.

Preparation and expectations

To prepare for the championship we worked hard on our physical condition and whistled a lot of matches in the youth category.

Further we watched a lot of videos about steps, offensive fouls and progressive line in this category.

We also prepared some rules tests taken from the international catalogue of questions, as published on the IHF website to improve our knowledge on terminology used in international handball.

To prevent different kinds of defence and attack styles, we asked some experienced coaches in this category about the most difficult points to attack other teams and also frequently used defence styles. All this made our preparation intense but useful as we would experience during the championship.



(Running hard ... in motorbike)



(refereeing youth categories)



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The Championship

During the championship we had the opportunity to whistle seven matches. The first match we had to whistle was the opening match in Podgorica, so, we were a little bit nervous during the first minutes of the game because our line could be followed by other colleagues. This was well noticed because our whistle signals were too loud and our body language was too restless.



(Korea vs Denmark)



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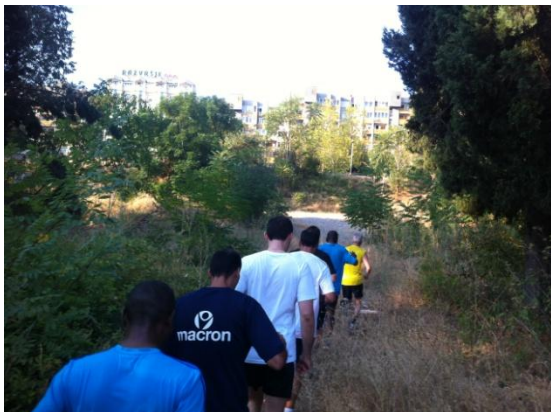
This improved during the second half and in the next matches. We also enjoyed the technical meetings every day. They were useful and provided helpful advice. We kept updated about what happened during the day and about what should be improved for a better quality of the games. The delegates gave useful advices, and we noticed that our performance improved through taking their advice. We plan continuing in that way during the next season in Portugal, which will kick off in September, and during European competitions.

Another thing we enjoyed was the team spirit between most of the referees and delegates. We had good relations with most of our colleagues. Unfortunately we didn't have close contact to couples who stayed in Bar. We thought the level of refereeing and officiating was very good.



There's always some tension between the referee couples because everyone wants the best for everyone else but most of all for oneself. It's normal.

Needless to say all referees are used to run with Mr Ramon, and we all enjoyed being better prepared during the games.



Conclusion

The IV Women's Youth World Championship in Montenegro 2012 was our second championship on international level. We had attended the IV Men's Youth World Championship in Argentina in 2011 before. We really appreciated the atmosphere, the people and the high-quality matches during the championship. Everything was well prepared no matter if airport pick-up, hotel, accommodation. The meals could have been better but it was ok. Our problem was that we are used to eat a lot.

We had the opportunity to learn a lot and to improve during each match. We obtained a wide range of information about refereeing and did our best to implement it in the best possible way. We enjoyed the discussion with the delegates and the technical meetings. It helped us to improve and will help us more in the future to further improve. We would like to thank everyone who made this possible and hope to get the chance to be nominated for another major tournament.

