

IHF INFO



**III Men's and Women's
Beach Handball World Championships**
9 - 13 July 2008, Cádiz, Spain



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WELCOME

***To
the participants
at the 2008 Men's and Women's
Beach Handball World Championships***

Dear Handball Friends,

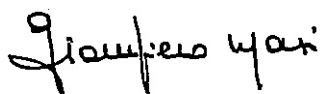
*Welcome to the Men's and Women's Beach Handball World
Championships 2008 in Cadiz, Spain.*

*From 9 to 13 July 2008 you can experience Beach Handball at the
highest level with a large number of exciting matches to be played at
the beautiful beaches of Cadiz. Twenty-four teams from eighteen
countries have qualified and will celebrate this year's major event of
this exciting new sport. As for the Beach Handball World
Championships, this will already be the third official edition since its
premiere in 2004 in El Gouna, Egypt.*

*The present brochure includes many details, which have been
compiled particularly for your purpose and which we hope might be
of use to you. We would be pleased if this brochure helped you for
your orientation within the IHF, and will additionally try to keep
you well informed on a regular basis.*

*We hope for a successful staging of the World Championships as well
as for a constructive collaboration and remain with kind regards,*

INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION



Giampiero Masi
Chairman of the
Beach Handball Working Group

OVERVIEW

Date and Place

The III Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships will be held from 9 to 13 July 2008 in Cadiz Spain.

The competition venue will be located in the very centre of the beach of Cadiz with a capacity of 3'000 viewers at the main court, equipped with electronic timekeeping and scoreboards, advertising pane. A secondary court with 500 seats will be made available and a third court to be used also for training purposes.

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OVERVIEW

Participants

Men				Women			
Group A		Group B		Group A		Group B	
Russia  RUS		Brazil  BRA		Brazil  BRA		Croatia  CRO	
Croatia  CRO		Egypt  EGY		Norway  NOR		Russia  RUS	
Hungary  HUN		Pakistan  PAK		Italy  ITA		F.Y.R.O. Macedonia  MKD	
Serbia  SRB		Spain  ESP		Serbia  SRB		Spain  ESP	
Iran  IRI		Turkey  TUR		Ukraine  UKR		China  CHN	
Uruguay  URU		Libya  LBA		Dominican Republic  DOM		Uruguay  URU	

PLAYING SCHEDULE - WOMEN

Groups - Women

Group A		Group B	
Brazil	 BRA	Croatia	 CRO
Norway	 NOR	Russia	 RUS
Italy	 ITA	F.Y.R.O. Macedonia	 MKD
Serbia	 SRB	Spain	 ESP
Ukraine	 UKR	China	 CHN
Dominican Republic	 DOM	Uruguay	 URU

PLAYING SCHEDULE - WOMEN

Preliminary Round

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09.07.	W1	1	9:30	A	A1-A4	BRA	SRB
09.07.	W16	2	10:30	B	B3-B5	MKD	CHN
09.07.	W2	2	12:30	A	A2-A6	NOR	DOM
09.07.	W3	1	13:30	A	A3-A5	ITA	UKR
09.07.	W17	2	13:30	B	B2-B6	RUS	URU
09.07.	W4	1	17:30	A	A4-A2	SRB	NOR
09.07.	W5	2	18:00	A	A5-A1	UKR	BRA
09.07.	W6	2	19:00	A	A6-A3	DOM	ITA
09.07.	W18	1	19:30	B	B1-B4	CRO	ESP
10.07.	W7	1	9:30	A	A1-A6	BRA	DOM
10.07.	W19	1	10:30	B	B4-B2	ESP	RUS
10.07.	W20	2	11:30	B	B5-B1	CHN	CRO
10.07.	W21	2	12:30	B	B6-B3	URU	MKD
10.07.	W8	1	13:30	A	A2-A3	NOR	ITA
10.07.	W22	2	17:00	B	B1-B6	CRO	URU
10.07.	W23	1	18:30	B	B2-B3	RUS	MKD
10.07.	W24	1	19:30	B	B4-B5	ESP	CHN
10.07.	W9	2	20:00	A	A4-A5	SRB	UKR
11.07.	W25	2	10:00	B	B2-B5	RUS	CHN
11.07.	W10	3	10:30	A	A2-A5	NOR	UKR
11.07.	W26	3	11:30	B	B3-B1	MKD	CRO
11.07.	W11	1	11:30	A	A3-A1	ITA	BRA
11.07.	W12	3	12:30	A	A6-A4	DOM	SRB
11.07.	W27	1	13:30	B	B6-B4	URU	ESP
11.07.	W13	1	16:30	A	A5-A6	UKR	DOM
11.07.	W14	2	18:00	A	A3-A4	ITA	SRB
11.07.	W28	3	18:30	B	B5-B6	CHN	URU
11.07.	W29	1	18:30	B	B1-B2	CRO	RUS
11.07.	W30	1	19:30	B	B3-B4	MKD	ESP
11.07.	W15	2	20:00	A	A1-A2	BRA	NOR

PLAYING SCHEDULE - WOMEN

Match Evaluation

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PLAYING SCHEDULE - WOMEN

Placement Round, Placement Matches and Finals

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12.07.	W31	2	11:00	6B-5A	(9-12)
12.07.	W33	1	11:30	4A-3B	(5-8)
12.07.	W32	2	13:00	6A-5B	(9-12)
12.07.	W34	1	13:30	4B-3A	(5-8)
12.07.	W37	2	17:00	los 31 - los 32	Places 11/12
12.07.	W35	1	17:30	1A-2B	Semi-Final 1
12.07.	W36	1	18:30	1B-2A	Semi-Final 2
12.07.	W38	2	19:00	win 31 - win 32	Places 9/10
13.07.	W39	2	9:30	los 33 - los 34	Places 7/8
13.07.	W40	2	10:30	win 33 - win 34	Places 5/6
13.07.	W41	1	10:30	los 35 - los 36	Places 3/4
13.07.	W42	1	12:30	win 35 - win 36	Final

Final Ranking

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| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

PLAYING SCHEDULE - MEN

Groups - Men

Group A		Group B	
Russia	 RUS	Brazil	 BRA
Croatia	 CRO	Egypt	 EGY
Hungary	 HUN	Pakistan	 PAK
Serbia	 SRB	Spain	 ESP
Iran	 IRI	Turkey	 TUR
Uruguay	 URU	Libya	 LBA

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TRAINING SCHEDULES

Training Schedule

Date	Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3
08.07.	09:00	EGY (Men)	NOR (Women)	DOM (Women)
	10:00	ITA (Women)	URU (Men)	URU (Women)
	11:00	ESP (Women)	CRO (Women)	CRO (Men)
	12:00	BRA (Women)	BRA (Men)	MKD (Women)
	13:00	HUN (Men)	SRB (Men)	SRB (Women)
	16:00	LBA (Men)	PAK (Men)	UKR (Women)
	17:00	TUR (Men)	RUS (Men)	RUS (Women)
	18:00	ESP (Men)	CHN (Women)	IRI (Men)

Note: The training schedule for the teams who play the placement matches and semi finals will be provided by the competition management at short notice.

IMPORTANT DATES

Date	Time	What?	Where?
07.07.	all-day	Arrival of the teams, Passport check for player eligibility (at Hotel check-in)	
08.07.	09:00 - 19:00	Official training day for the teams (see training schedule)	Playing Venue Cadiz Beach
	17:00	Technical Meeting for the team representatives, checking of player's clothing	t.b.a.
	t.b.a.	Mini course for IHF Technical Delegates and referees (theoretical part)	Hotel Playa Vicotria
	t.b.a.	Opening Ceremony	t.b.a.
09.07.	all-day	1 st day of competition	Playing Venue Cadiz Beach
10.07.	all-day	2 nd day of competition	Playing Venue Cadiz Beach
11.07.	all-day	3 rd day of competition	Playing Venue Cadiz Beach
11.07.	21:30	Second Technical Meeting for the team representatives, determination of the colours for the finals	t.b.a.
12.07.	all-day	4 th day of competition	Playing Venue Cadiz Beach
13.07.	all-day	5 th day of competition	Playing Venue Cadiz Beach
	14:30	Medal ceremony	Playing Venue Cadiz Beach
14.07.	all-day	Departure	

IHF NOMINEES

Representative

Miguel Roca Mas (ESP)

Technical Officials

Giampiero Masi (ITA)

Alex Gehrer (GER)

Technical Delegates

Koray Akguloglu (TUR)

Panos Antoniou (CYP)

Carlos Centeno (ESA)

Nico Chiang (TPE)

Pedro Godinho (ANG)

Eduardo González (URU)

Jesus Guerrero (ESP)

Steen Hjorth (DEN)

Ole Jorstad (NOR)

Oliver König (GER)

Gabor Kosa (HUN)

Oleg Lavrov (RUS)

Iva Perica (CRO)

Referees

ARG Marcello Casella / Omar Salguero

BRA Luiz Caldas / Silvio Lago

EGY Hesham Abdelwahab Ahmed / Mohamed Hassan Mohamed

ESP Marcos Perez Outeda / Vanesa Perez Dominguez

FRA Cyril Rolland / Jerome Rolland

GRE George Bebetos / Ioannis Meimaridis

MKD Marija Ilieva / Silvana Karbeska

OMA Abdullah Al-Nofli / Abdulreda Al-Shaikh

SRB Vanja Antic / Jelena Jakovljevic

Administration

Michel Pape (GER)

Technical Support

Jan Van de Vyle (GER)

OFFICIAL BODIES

Competition Management

Chairman Giampiero Masi (ITA)

Member Alex Gehrler (GER)

Member Steen Hjorth (DEN)

Disciplinary Commission

Chairman Panos Antoniou (CYP)

Member Jesus Guerrero (ESP)

Member Nico Chiang (TPE)

Member Koray Akguloglu (TUR)

Jury

Chairman Miguel Roca Mas (ESP)

Member Ole Jorstad (NOR)

Member Pedro Godinho (ANG)

CLARIFICATIONS TO THE RULES OF THE GAME

I. Goalkeeper's behaviour

a) outside the goal area

The goalkeeper is fully responsible for any contact with an opponent outside of his goal area. That practically means that in any contact where the attacking player has no chance to see (or avoid) the goalkeeper, a respective throw (6m-throw if there is a lost chance of scoring) and progressive punishment (disqualification during the shoot-out) will be called.

On the contrary (if an attacking player has sufficient time and space to see and avoid the goalkeeper) a free throw (offensive foul) in favor of the goalkeeper's team will be awarded.

b) inside the goal area

If a goalkeeper “jumps” against an opponent, who is trying to score, not vertically, even for scaring the opponent, both a 6m-throw and a suspension must be awarded.

If a goalkeeper is causing a physical contact against the opponents, both a 6m-throw and a disqualification must be awarded.

II. Substitute Goalkeeper

The substitute goalkeeper is allowed to await his turn to enter the court by seating or kneeling at the sideline part between his team's goal line and goal area line.

III. 6m-throw and suspension (Rule 16:16, Comment 2b)

If a 6m-throw and suspension is called, then:

a) Goal: turnover, suspended player (or substitute) can go in.

b) No goal: player (or substitute) may re-enter the court when there is a change in the possession of the ball (turnover). The previous means that it is not necessary to await the next turnover.

CLARIFICATIONS TO THE RULES OF THE GAME

IV. Shoot-Out

During the preliminary round matches, in case of a shoot-out, all the throws must be executed, regardless of the fact that the result of the game may have been already decided.

V. Replacement of court players and goalkeepers

The rule concerning the replacement of court players and goalkeepers (1:8a; 4:13; 5:12) is applied in the following way not only to accelerate the game but also to construct it easier and more fluently:

It allows the goalkeepers and the court players (who e.g. landing after a shoot in the goal area) to leave the playing area on the shortest way on the side of their own team's substitution area. This means the players can leave the playing area beyond the whole side line of the playing area.

The rules concerning the entering of the court of players and goalkeepers (1:8; 4:13; 5:12) are not concerned.

VI. Goal area violation and goalkeeper's throw

If a player of the opposing team has entered the goal area in violation of the Rule 6:2a the game restarts with a goalkeeper's throw.

VII. Numbers and official's teams uniform

A team is allowed to use a maximum of 4 officials during the game but only 2 may remain in the substitution area. The other 2 officials shall remain behind the substitution area outside of the playing court but in case of a player injury, after the referee's permission, they can go in according to the Rule 4:7.

All the team officials must wear identical shirts in different color than the shirts of their own team players.

CLARIFICATIONS TO THE RULES OF THE GAME

VIII. Official's punishments

The progressive punishments line for the team's officials consists of oral warning, suspension and disqualification. In case of suspension and disqualification, the team must be reduced by one player till the next change of possession between the two teams.

IX. Change of Goalkeeper and Goalkeeper Throw

The goalkeeper throw has to be always carried out by the leaving goalkeeper.

X. Equipment

The goalkeeper shall wear transparent pullovers provided to the teams at the moment of the registration.

Not more than two players of a team shall be marked as goalkeepers at the same time.

All players play barefoot. It's permitted to wear regular (cloth made) sports socks or sports bandages. Other types of footwear are not permitted.

Qualification for Kaohsiung 2009

As previously announced, Beach Handball will once again be featured as an invitational sport at the World Games 2009 in Kaohsiung (Chinese Taipei).

Eight men's and eight women's teams are eligible to take part. Therefore, the 2008 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships will be the official qualification event for the 2009 World Games.

The corresponding place distribution is as follows:

1. World Champion
2. Africa 1
3. Asia 1
4. Europe 1
5. Oceania 1
6. Pan-America 1
7. Continent best placed in the World Championship in Cadiz
8. Organiser

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scouting and Statistics

For the first time at a Beach Handball World Championship, the IHF will have its own scouting team involved in the preparation of match-related statistics. With the help of the IHF Beach Handball Working Group and the scientific input of IHF Delegate Mr Oliver König, these statistics were developed to provide coaches, referees and the media with an in-depth view of beach handball.

Playing Rules

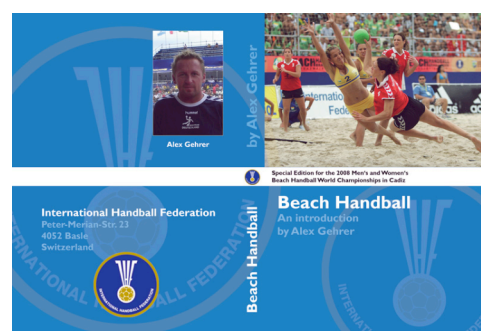
The official Rules of the Game are held ready in printed form for teams and officials in English, French and German.

Official Balls

The new official IHF beach handballs by the Spanish company Rasán will be used for the tournament.

Informational Material

A CD-ROM with a presentation made by Alex Gehrler will be provided to all participants. The presentation is based on Alex Gehrler's book "Beach Handball - Development and Origin of a New Sport".



The CD-ROM, including the Powerpoint presentation and the official Rules of the Game for Beach Handball will be made available in English and Spanish to all participants.

ABOUT THE IHF BEACH HANDBALL WORKING GROUP

The newly established Beach Handball Working Group held their first official meeting at the IHF Headquarters in Basle at the end of November 2007. Following a decision taken by the IHF Executive Committee, the group had been established in order to facilitate and support the work of other IHF bodies in the field of beach handball.



The members of the group, all renowned Beach Handball experts and pioneers in their own field of activity, such as coaching, refereeing, education and marketing, dealt with the following topics at their kick-off meeting: concepts to promote beach handball, the production of material for education and marketing, adaptations to the Rules of the Game for beach handball and the 2009 World Games.

During the following weeks and months, the group took the lead in pushing forward the preparations for the 2008 Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in Spain.

For the very purpose of a thorough preparation of the World Championships, the IHF Beach Handball Working Group travelled to Cadiz and held their second working meeting in mid-April to meet with the Organizing Committee of the 2008 Beach Handball World Championships.

The Beach Handball Working Group will continue their efforts to further develop beach handball on a global scale.

PREVIOUS BEACH HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

I Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in El Gouna, Egypt (2004)

In 2004, the IHF held the first official Men's and Women's Beach Handball World Championships in El Gouna, Egypt. At the end of four thrilling days, 57 high-rate matches and two highly dramatic finals the Russian women's and the Egyptian men's dream came true. They became the first official Beach Handball World Champions.



On the occasion of the tournament's colourful opening ceremony in the Egyptian seaside resort of El Gouna, Dr Hassan Moustafa, who, as President of both the International Handball Federation and Egyptian Federation, took the role as double host, once more stressed the importance of the tournament. "In many ways our sport is still a child you need to carefully raise with much support." In the very end all those involved agreed that the attempts at walking undertaken in late November in the Egyptian sand were really successful and that a bright future would be held in store for the much-lauded young hopefuls.

On the four match days the eight women's teams and nine men's sides did not miss determination and sporting ambitions despite the holiday mood that was easily emerging against the breathtaking scenery of the holiday idyll on the Red Sea. Quite to the contrary: a shoot-out had to decide many of the matches so that the tension for the players and spectators alike kept high until the very last minute.

Final ranking:

Men: 1. Egypt, 2. Turkey, 3. Russia, 4. Croatia, 5. Ukraine, 6. Hungary, 7. Bahrain, 8. Oman, 9. Brazil

Women: 1. Russia, 2. Turkey, 3. Italy, 4. Croatia, 5. Hungary, 6. Brazil, 7. Japan, 8. Hong Kong

PREVIOUS BEACH HANDBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

II Beach Handball World Championships in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2006)

In the very end you could read the results of the II Beach Handball World Championships from the face of Manoel Luiz Oliveira, the President of Confederaçao Brasileira de Handebol. And he was right: The masterpiece they set up in terms of organisation in several-month-long preparations led by OC chief Fabiano Redondo finally came along with sporting success. Brazil gained the 2006 Beach Handball WCh crown in both the men's and women's tournament.

While the Brazilian ladies were confident that they may win a medal, their male compatriots did spring a surprise. Following modest efforts in the preliminaries they constantly boosted during the knock-out stage to make through to the final. Their final victory over



Turkey was the prelude to a very successful outcome for the host they would never have dreamt of. In the subsequent women's final, the Brazilians demonstrated their class to put down the German side into second place.

But not just the top teams managed to fascinate the crowd. New-comers like the Dominican Republic and Uruguay as well as the men's selection of Bahrain, showed fine performances to amaze both the opponents and the crowd, demonstrating the quality of beach handball as a stepping stone to break into the circuit of international top tournaments.

Final ranking:

Men: 1. Brazil, 2. Turkey, 3. Spain, 4. Egypt, 5. Hungary, 6. Bahrain, 7. Croatia, 8. Germany, 9. Russia, 10. Dominican Republic

Women: 1. Brazil, 2. Germany, 3. Russia, 4. Bulgaria, 5. Turkey, 6. Croatia, 7. Hungary, 8. Italy, 9. Uruguay, 10. Dominican Republic

ABOUT CADIZ

Cádiz is a city and port in southwestern Spain. It is the capital of the province of the same name, a province which is one of eight comprising the autonomous community of Andalusia.

Cádiz, the oldest continuously-inhabited city in western Europe, has been a principal home port of the Spanish Navy since the accession of the Spanish Bourbons in the 18th century. It is also the site of the University of Cádiz.



Its peculiar location at the end of a narrow isthmus protruding into the Bay of Cádiz lends added charm to this ancient city. In actuality, Cádiz is on an island which is separated from the mainland by a larger island, the Isla de León; thus, to reach the mainland from Cádiz, it is necessary to cross a narrow channel to the low-lying Isla de León, before crossing another narrow channel to the mainland. Cádiz, on approach from the sea, presents a dramatic and aesthetically appealing view.

Despite its unique site, Cadiz is, in most respects, a typically Andalusian city with a wealth of attractive vistas and well-preserved historical landmarks. The older part of Cádiz, within the remnants of the city walls, is commonly referred to as the Old City (in Spanish, Casco Antiguo). It is characterized by the antiquity of its various quarters (barrios), among them El Populo, La Viña, and Santa Maria, which present a marked contrast to the newer areas of town. While the Old City's street plan consists largely of narrow winding alleys connecting large plazas, newer areas of Cádiz typically have wide avenues and more modern buildings. In addition, the city is dotted by numerous parks where exotic plants, including giant trees supposedly brought to Spain by Columbus, flourish.

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