



**Internationale  
Handball  
Federation**

## **c) Floor Regulations**

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## **1. General principles**

These Regulations are to define the International Handball Federation's criteria for handball floors which have to be met for the floor concerned to be provided with the IHF seal of approval.

## **2. Technical criteria for handball floors**

### **2.1. The playing court**

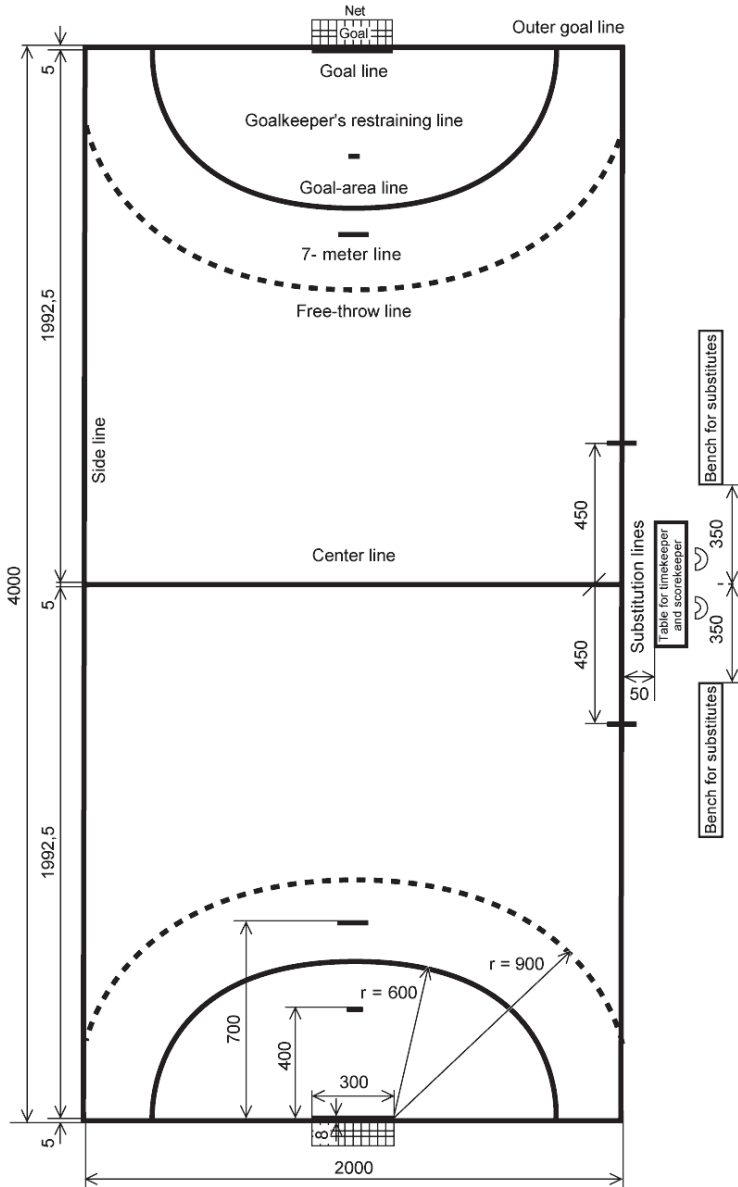
The playing court (*diagram 1*) is a 40m long and 20m wide rectangle consisting of two goal areas and a playing area. The longer boundary lines are called side lines, and the shorter ones are called goal lines (between the goalposts) or outer goal lines (on either side of the goal).

There should be a safety zone surrounding the playing court, with a width of at least 1 m along the side lines and 2m behind the goal lines.

All other technical provisions relating to play are set out in the IHF Rules of the Game (*Rule 1*).

See Diagram 1 for further technical specifications.

**Diagram 1: The Playing Court**



## **2.2.** Requirements for handball floors

See test form for general and special characteristics of the handball floor.

## **3. IHF seal of approval**

### **3.1.** Awarding the IHF seal of approval

- 3.1.1. The IHF seal of approval may be awarded upon application to any floor manufacturer if the manufacturer fulfils the technical and financial requirements.
- 3.1.2. The application shall be made in writing, with the necessary technical documentation, in English, French or German to the IHF Head Office.
- 3.1.3. The IHF shall appoint a member of staff to check the technical requirements. The costs shall be borne by the manufacturer.
- 3.1.4. The IHF reserves the right to withdraw the seal of approval for handball floors if technical defects identified on subsequent retesting are not eliminated or if financial commitments made have not been fulfilled.
- 3.1.5. The place of jurisdiction is Basle/Switzerland.

### **3.2.** Identification of IHF approved floors

Outside the court on the outer goal line, IHF approved floors shall be clearly printed, in colour, with the official IHF logo (30cm high) and the designation 'IHF Approved Floor' (max. 80cm high).

**IHF Approved Floor**



**IHF  
Approved  
Floor**

### **3.3.** Use of IHF approved floors

- 3.3.1. Only floors with the IHF seal of approval may be used at official IHF competitions.
- 3.3.2. A list of floor manufacturers with the IHF seal of approval is kept by the IHF Head Office and is available free of charge.

## **4. Licence fee**

- 4.1.** On payment of the licence fee, the manufacturer gains the right to affix the IHF seal of approval to floors of the tested and approved type. The licence takes the form of a contract drawn up by the IHF Head Office.
- 4.2.** The licence fee shall be paid annually in Swiss francs and, on conclusion of the contract, it shall be paid immediately for the current contractual year. For all subsequent years, it shall be paid by one month prior to the expiration of the contractual year.
- 4.3.** The contract shall be extended by tacit agreement if the contracting parties do not exercise their right of termination.
- 4.4.** If one of the contracting parties is no longer interested in awarding or using the IHF seal of approval, it shall notify the other party by registered post, at least three months prior to the expiration of the contractual year. If notice of the termination is not received in good time, the contract shall be valid for a further year.

# Appendix 1



## TEST FORM FOR HANDBALL FLOORS

Manufacturer: .....

Designation of article: .....

Flooring: Synthetic  .....

Wooden  Parquet  Other  .....

Cleaning: .....

Wearability: .....

Substructure/possibilities: .....

Shock absorption: .....

Slide proof degree: .....

Humidity and thermal absorption: .....

Type of elasticity: Point elasticity  Area elasticity  Both

Colours available: .....

Lines on the court possibilities / colours available .....

Remarks in relation to articles 2.1. & 2.2. of the Regulations: .....

General remarks: .....

Remarks concerning the awarding of the IHF seal of approval: .....

.....  
Place / Date

.....  
Name / Signature of examiner





**Specimen Contract - Floors -**

*Since English is the IHF's first official language, contracts are only composed in English.*

**CONTRACT**

between the

**INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION**, hereinafter named 'IHF',

with its Head Office at  
Peter Merian-Strasse 23  
P.O. Box  
CH-4002 Basle  
Switzerland

and represented by

and

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hereinafter named 'Floor Manufacturer',

with its headquarters in

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and represented by

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§ 1 Subject of the contract

The IHF shall grant the Floor Manufacturer

the IHF seal of approval for handball floors

and, in accordance with the IHF Floor Regulations,

the right to imprint the floors it produces as mentioned under § 2 with the clear coloured imprint, containing the IHF logo (30cm high) and the designation 'IHF Approved Floor' (80cm high at most)

**IHF Approved Floor**



**IHF  
Approved  
Floor**

The stipulations in the IHF's current Floor Regulations, which form an integral part of this contract and which both parties to the contract recognise in full, shall be authoritative.

§ 2 Specification of floor types

The rights listed under § 1 shall be granted to the following floor type exclusively:

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Should the Floor Manufacturer require the rights listed under § 1 for further of its products, an additional or amended contract shall be necessary.

§ 3 Licence fee

According to a decision of the IHF Executive Committee the annual licence fee has been set at

CHF..... (Swiss francs)

for the first contractual year.

The licence fee for the first contractual year, from ..... to ..... is payable upon the contract's conclusion. For all subsequent years it shall be paid by one month prior to the expiration of the contractual year into the IHF account with the UBS AG bank, Basel, Switzerland (account no. 664.538.01 K, BIC: UBS WCHZH80A, IBAN: CH73 0023 3233 6645 3801K). On payment of the licence fee, the Floor Manufacturer gains the right to affix the IHF seal of approval to floors of the tested and approved type(s).

At the time that annual payment is made, the Floor Manufacturer shall notify the IHF in confidence of the previous year's production figures for the individual floor types as mentioned under § 2 of this contract. The IHF is obliged not to make this figure known to any third parties except the members of the Executive Committee.

#### § 4 IHF logo

A sample of the IHF logo shall be provided to the Floor Manufacturer, if necessary, at the time the contract comes into force.

#### § 5 Duration of contract

According to IHF Floor Regulations, this contract shall be valid until further notice, at the earliest.....

The contract shall be considered automatically renewed for another contractual year unless the Floor Manufacturer (or the IHF) exercises its rights pursuant to § 6.

#### § 6 Termination of contract

The contract shall terminate according to the IHF Floor Regulations. The same right shall also apply to the IHF.

The Floor Manufacturer shall have the right to continue promotion and sale of the approved handball floor listed under § 2 of the contract for a period of six months following the termination of the contract. Simultaneously, it shall notify the IHF in confidence of the last contractual year's production and sales figures for the floor type as mentioned under § 2 of the contract. The IHF is obliged not to make these figures known to any third parties except the members of the Executive Committee.

§ 7 IHF's duty to provide information

The IHF is obliged to indicate to its affiliated member federations at least once a year the existence of all floors mentioned in this contract, and recommend their use.

§ 8 Advertising

The Floor Manufacturer shall have the right to advertise sporadically or regularly in the IHF World Handball Magazine, in return for a contribution to printing costs.

§ 9 Place of jurisdiction

The place of jurisdiction shall be Basle, Switzerland, where the IHF Head Office is located. This contract shall be drawn up in duplicate.

This contract shall come into effect immediately upon signing by the two parties.

Place and date .....

**INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION**

Signature .....  
Name .....  
Function .....

**Floor Manufacturer**

Signature .....  
Name .....  
Function .....