



BEACH HANDBALL HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF BEACH HANDBALL IN FISU

Beach Handball joined FISU as a compulsory sport for the 2024 World University Championship Beach Sports. It will be the 1st edition of this event and it will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

2. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS & GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING	ARRIVALS, TECHNICAL MEETING & OPENING CEREMONY	COMPETITION	QUARTER FINALS	SEMI FINALS	FINALS, CLOSING CEREMONY & DEPARTURES	DEPARTURES
DAYS -3 & -2	DAY -1	DAY 0	DAYS 1 TO 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAYS 7 & 8

3. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

3.1. GENERAL TERMS

The Beach Handball tournament shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical regulations of the "International Handball Association" (IHF). In any dispute the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the World University Championship TCC. The competitions shall last 6 days and include:

- One men's tournament: a maximum of 16 teams and a minimum of 6 teams from 4 different countries and 2 different continents
- One women's tournament: a maximum of 16 teams and a minimum of 6 teams from 4 different countries and 2 different continents

For each tournament, each country is authorised to enter a maximum of 13 persons: a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 8 athletes, and maximum of 3 and minimum of 1 officials.

In case a tournament doesn't reach the minimum of teams by the Q-Form deadline (3 months prior to the event dates), the respective tournament shall be cancelled.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or a team representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

3.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Team Deposit

The countries participating in the Beach Handball tournament shall pay a deposit (Art. 5.4.1) of EUR 5000 per team five months before the Championship. The deposit, which guarantees entry into the selection process, shall be directly collected by FISU. If a team is not selected their deposit will be reimbursed.

Team Selection

Further to the confirmation of payment, FISU shall determine the teams that should take part in the event, considering the latest IHF Beach Handball World Championships, continental distribution and order of team deposit payment.

Team Draw

The seeding procedure shall be of a full draw, as this is the first edition. The only exception is the Host Team, which should go already on Group A, position 1.

Seeding Procedure

Teams will be drawn from group A → D for position 1, then coming back from D → A, for position 2, and so this cycle (serpentine system) is repeated until all teams are drawn.

3.3. COMPETITION FORMAT

Phase 1: Round Robin pools of 4. First 2 of each pool go to the quarterfinals. The last 2 of each group join the classification bracket (9th-16th).

Phase 2: Eliminary Phase. Losing teams on quarterfinals will compete for 5th-8th place.

→ The competition format may be altered according to the number of participating teams to better fit the event.

3.4. SCORING SYSTEM

A match consists of two periods of 10 minutes, which are scored separately, with a 5 minute interval between periods. A team needs to achieve a higher score than the opponent in order to win the period. The winner of each period is awarded 1 match point. A match is won when a team gets 2 match points. Should the scores be level at the end of the period, the "Golden Goal" method is used, meaning that the winner is the team that scores the first goal.

If the same team wins both periods, this team is the winner with a 2-0 score. In case each team wins a period (1-1), a Shootout should determine the match winner.

For goal points, the following system will be used:

1 GOAL POINT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular goal (non-creative or incomplete spin shots)
2 GOAL POINTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative or spectacular goals • In-flight goal (a player scores while receiving the ball in the air) • 6-metre throw (penalty) • Goal scored by the goalkeeper

3.5. CLASSIFICATION

The system of play used will be a Round Robin Pool Phase followed by an Eliminary Phase, with each team playing one match against each of the other teams in the same group. Teams shall be awarded with 2 points for a win, and 0 for a defeat.

The ranking of each team in each group will be determined as follows:

- a. Higher number of points obtained in all group matches;
- b. Higher period difference in all group matches;
- c. Higher goal points difference in all group matches;
- d. Higher number of goal points scored in all group matches;
- e. Head-to-head record between teams tied (in case only 2 teams are tied);
- f. Higher number of points obtained in the group matches between the teams concerned;
- g. Higher period difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- h. Higher goal points difference resulting from the group matches between the teams concerned;
- i. Higher number of goal points scored in all group matches between the teams concerned;
- j. Higher number of periods won in all group matches between the teams concerned;

Drawing of lots by the local Organising Committee, in the presence of the team captains.

3.6. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

International Technical Officials (ITOs)

ITOs shall be appointed by IHF in cooperation with FISU.

The number of ITOs should be according to the number of participants, with the approval of the IF and FISU.

The ITOs must receive a EUR 50 daily allowance since departure from home to arrival. This is to be paid in cash by the OC before the first competition day.

The OC will be responsible to manage ITOs trips to the place of the event and provide the VISA reimbursements. Each ITO is responsible to arrange their own VISA appointments, if necessary.

The OC will calculate the total amount resulting of this payment, together with the daily allowance and travel expenses mentioned above and, after providing documental proof to FISU, will have to charge a compensating fee to all participating teams.

The OC will be responsible for the internal transportation, accommodation and full board of the ITOs.

National Technical Officials (NTOs)

NTOs shall be appointed by the NF in cooperation with the OC.

The number of NTOs should be according to the number of participants. The number must be agreed by the IF, the NF and the OC, with the approval of the FISU TCCs.

All NTOs must be able to speak and write in English.

All NTOs cost, including fees or allowances negotiated between the NF and the OC are to be covered by the OC.

4. SERVICES

The OC shall inform the participating delegations through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wi-Fi must be available for all delegations for free. Costs for laundry services should be provided as soon as possible to assist with budgeting.

Technical Officials

The provision of Technical Officials (TO) Services is a complex task that should not be underestimated. To ensure a smooth operation, the Sports functional area must establish an efficient team well in advance.

Working in coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is entrusted with the following responsibilities:

- Recruitment of National Technical Officials (NTOs) in collaboration with the Competition Manager and National Sports Federation (NSF).
- Provision of support services such as visas, invitation letters, flight tickets, and accreditation.
- Management and distribution of TO clothing/uniforms upon request.
- Arrangement of suitable accommodation for the required period.
- Provision of daily catering and transportation services.
- Ensure that all TOs possess the necessary qualifications in close cooperation with the International University Sports Federation (FISU).
- Organisation of Technical Officials' meetings.
- Facilitation of per diems and allowance payments.

5. COMPETITION VENUE

The OC shall present the competition venue's layout during the inspection visit. The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championship Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

6. EQUIPMENT

Equipment is listed in the FISU Beach Handball Venue Minimum Requirements.

7. TRAINING SESSION

To ensure effective planning and coordination, the schedule for training sessions will be collaboratively established by the FISU TCC, the OC Competition Manager, and the IHF Technical Delegate. This schedule will be prepared well in advance and promptly provided to the participating teams to facilitate smooth planning and preparation, allowing teams to optimize their training sessions leading up to the championship

8. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved.

9. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

The medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit.

Doping Control

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
1	8	0	0

10. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in the FISU World University Championship competition venue.

Sports presentation has become a vital instrument of major sports events and is key to successfully delivering the Championships. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sports presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, the creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions.

It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT are essential.

Sports presentation planning should be based on one common creative theme that fits the specific Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, each sports presentation must be tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sports presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle.

Considering the importance of sports for the sports presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sports presentations under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

11. SPORT TIMELINE

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue & equipment visit (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -5 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Team deposit (NUSF) - Team selection (FISU)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs) - ITO list (FISU - IHF)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & participants list confirmation (NUSFs) - Referee Meeting (ITOs – NTOs – FISU TCC – OC) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs – OC – FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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