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1. THE HISTORY OF HANDBALL IN FISU

Handball was the first sport ever organised as a FISU World University Championship (WUC) in 1963 in Lund, Sweden. Since then, the discipline has grown to become a very important sport on the FISU Championships programme. In the inaugural event in 1963, seven countries participated. In 1971, 1973, 1987 and 2008 there were 16 male teams competing. Handball is since 1972 on the programme of the Olympic Games and has always been hugely popular in schools and universities. This is why the technical performance level has been high from the very first edition.

Audiences also tend to be very present at these tournaments. The edition in 1998 in Novi Sad (Serbia) and 2006 Gdansk (Poland) were of a very top level. In Serbia, the arena was sold out for the final where home team played before 7.000 spectators on live TV. In Gdansk, both men and women finals were sold out with an attendance over 3.000 spectators. It was striking to see how friendly the atmosphere was throughout the matches, despite the high level of competition, with many players from their national senior teams.

The women's tournament was introduced in 1994, with the first edition being staged in Bratislava (Slovakia) and followed by separate competitions in 1996, 1998, 2000 and 2002. From 2006, in Gdansk (Poland), the FISU World University Handball Championship included both men and women's tournaments. This was much more welcomed by the participating countries and it looks good for the future of the Handball in FISU.

In 2008 in Venice (Italy), the home team participated in addition to traditional teams from Europe, Asia (Korea, Japan and Chinese Taipei), America (Brazil, Mexico) and also Oceania (Australia). The first African team (Egypt) participated in 2014 at the 22nd WUC Handball organised in Guimarães (Portugal). Also, the first WUC Handball to be organised away from the European continent was in 2012 in Blumenau, Brazil.

The 2018 edition was hosted by the city of Rijeka (Croatia). The 2020 edition was supposed to take place in Lodz, Poland but has unfortunately been cancelled. The 2022 event was organised under the FISU University World Cup format and took place in Prishtina, Kosovo that saw the home team being crowned in the men's tournament.

In 2024, Handball will be back as a Championship and will take place in Madrid, Spain.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	1963**	SWE	Lund	7		0		
2	1965	ESP	Madrid	10	145	0		145
3	1968	GER	Darmstadt	15	219	0	45	264
4	1971	CZE	Prague	16	238	0	55	293
5	1973	SWE	Lund	16	228	0	55	283
6	1975**	ROU	Bucharest	13		0		
7	1977	POL	Warsaw	10	150	0	16	166
8	1981	FRA	Different places	13	189	0	44	233
9	1985**	GER	Frankfurt	16		0		
10	1987	ROU	Bucharest	16	235	0	93	328
11	1990	NED	Groningen	13	186	0	80	266
12	1992	RUS	Saint Petersburg	7	98	0	37	135
13	1994	TUR	Izmir	13	177	0	60	237
14	1996	HUN	Nyiregyhaza	13	174	0	64	238
15	1998	SRB	Novi Sad	9	125	0	52	177
16	2000	POR	Covilha	13	177	0	64	241
17	2004	RUS	Chelyabinsk	6	81	0	34	115
18	2006*	POL	Gdansk	15	185	96	34	315
19	2008*	ITA	Venezia	20	225	196	146	567
20	2010*	HUN	Nyiregyhaza	12	137	97	69	303
21	2012*	BRA	Blumenau	12	134	81	66	281
22	2014*	POR	Guimaraes	14	162	166	98	426
23	2016*	ESP	Malaga	12	121	115	70	306
24	2018	CRO	Rijeka	13	140	126	79	345
25	2022***	KOS	Prishtina	9	98	76	37	211

* From 2006 both men and women WUCs are organised simultaneously in the same place.

** Due to a lack of information, the concerned editions have incomplete statistics.

*** The 2022 edition was organised as a University World Cup and gathered university teams rather than countries.

Women

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY
1	1994	SVK	Bratislava
2	1996	BUL	Sofia
3	1998	POL	Wroclaw
4	2000	FRA	Besancon
5	2002	ESP	Valencia

3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS & OPENING	COMPETITION DAYS 1 TO 3	REST DAY DAY 4	COMPETITION DAYS 5 AND 6	COMPETITION DAY 7, FINAL & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES
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4. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

4.1. GENERAL TERMS

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

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by the FISU Executive Committee in agreement with the Organising Committee and the ITC. The competitions shall last seven days and include:

- one men's tournament;
- one women's tournament;

Each country is authorised to enter a maximum of 18 persons per tournament: a maximum of 14 competitors and a maximum of 4 officials.

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

4.2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Team deposit

The countries participating in the Handball tournament shall pay a deposit (Art. 5.4.4) of 5000 EUR 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 by FISU, the Technical Committee Chairs shall select the teams who will take part in the event, considering both the results achieved in previous FISU events and the IHF ranking. Continental distribution will be taken into consideration.

Seeding Procedure

The seeding procedure shall consider several factors (in no given order)

- FISU ranking of the two previous FISU events
- Continental distribution
- IHF ranking

Seeding of the Host Country

- If the host country appears in the FISU ranking as one of the top four teams, it shall be seeded in position 1 in Group A.
- If the host country appears in the FISU ranking after the fourth place, it shall be seeded in position 2 in Group A.

The place and time of the seeding and drawing procedure shall be decided in agreement between the OC and FISU.

The draw shall be done manually.

4.3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination and Costs

International referees shall be appointed jointly by IHF and FISU. The participating delegations shall bear their costs of travel, board, per diem and lodging in proportion to the number of teams registered (from two days before the opening ceremony to one day after the closing ceremony).

Other costs are referenced in the FISU – IHF partnership agreement.

The Organising Committee shall announce the exact sum shortly after the closing date for nominative entries (one month before the beginning of the Championship).

Number of Technical Officials Needed

A ratio of one pair of ITOs for two teams should be respected.

In terms of NTOs, there should be for each playing hall:

- 1 floor manager
- 1 score keeper
- 1 time keeper
- 1 delegate
- 1 announcer

5. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wi-Fi shall be available for all delegations for free.

Laundry services for teams' game kits shall be free of charge and taken care of by the Organising Committee.

Technical Officials

Technical Officials (TO) Services is complex and must not be underestimated. The Sport functional area must set up an efficient team early in advance.

In coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is responsible for:

- NTOs recruitment in coordination with the Competition Manager and NF;
- support services such as visa, invitation letters, flight tickets and accreditation;
- managing and delivering TO clothing / uniforms when requested;
- procuring suitable accommodation for the period required;
- providing daily catering and transportation;
- ensuring that all TOs are properly qualified (in close cooperation with FISU);
- hosting Technical Officials' meetings;
- per diem and allowance payment.

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championships Department and FISU TCCs 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.

7. EQUIPMENT

Equipment is listed in the FISU Handball Venue Minimum Requirements.

8. TRAINING SESSION

The training sessions schedule should be drawn up by the FISU Technical Committee Chair together with the Organising Committee Competition Manager and provided to the participating teams as early as possible to make the planning as smooth as possible.

9. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

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

10. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND DOPING CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

The venue 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	1	1

11. SPORT PRESENTATION

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

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

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, 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 is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific World Cup concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, it is

important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

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

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

12. SPORT TIMELINE

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue 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) - ITO cost (OC) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & teams' 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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