BEACH HANDBALL

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1. HISTORY

Beach Handball has been integrated into the FISU World University Championship programme as a compulsory sport for the 2024 edition of the Beach Sports event. The inaugural edition of this event was held in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It drew a respectable attendance of 105 participants, a mix of both men and women, eager to compete. The atmosphere throughout the event was truly electric, filled with camaraderie and the thrill of competition. Spectators and participants alike were treated to a series of captivating matches, showcasing impressive skill and sportsmanship. Adding to the unforgettable experience were the absolutely breathtaking views of Rio's iconic landmarks – the majestic Sugarloaf Mountain and the awe-inspiring Christ the Redeemer statue, providing a stunning backdrop to the proceedings.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	ATHLETES			OFFs	TOTAL
					M	W	TOT		
1	2024	BRA	Rio de Janeiro	5	33	51	84	21	105

3. GENERAL SCHEDULE

DAY -3	DAY -2	DAY -1	DAY 1-3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
A	A	GTM / OC	C	RD	C	C / CC	D

Legend: A – Arrivals / CC – Closing Ceremony / C – Competition / D – Departures / GTM – General Technical Meeting / OC – Opening Ceremony / RD – Rest Day

For Beach Handball, the competitions shall last 6 days

4. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

4.1. GENERAL ENTRY (DEADLINE: -6 MONTHS TO THE EVENT)

The General Entry if the first stage of the registration process, where delegations are invited to register, through the NUSFs, for the Championship indicating a general interest in participating in the event.

Teams and athletes are not required to submit any documentation or undergo a selection processes.

The submission of a General Entry Form is non-binding, indicating only initial interest by the NUSF but not final commitment

A. Team Deposit (Deadline: -5 months to the event)

A deposit of €5.000 must be paid to FISU during the General Entry stage and latest five months prior to the event, which secures a place in the selection process and serves as guarantee to confirm the intention to participate.

If a team is not selected, their deposit will be reimbursed

B. Teams Selection

The teams selection will be handled by the FISU Championship Department five months before the Championship following the below criteria (in no given order):

- Results achieved in the two previous FISU Championships
- IHF ranking
- Continental distribution and representativity

Once the teams selection is finalised, FISU transfers the deposit of the selected teams to the Organising Committee. If a team is not selected, the deposit is returned to the NUSF.

This deposit serves as part of the delegations' Participation Fee final balance, and according to FISU General Regulations, deposits are non-refundable in case of withdrawal

Seeding Procedure

The seeding procedure will follow the same principles and criteria of the teams selection (in no given order):

- Results achieved in the two previous FISU Championships
- IHF ranking
- Continental distribution and representativity

C. Draw

- The draw will be carried out at the FISU headquarters by the FISU Championships Department

The draw will take place one month before the Championship and is communicated initially via the FISU social networks and then via the event's social networks

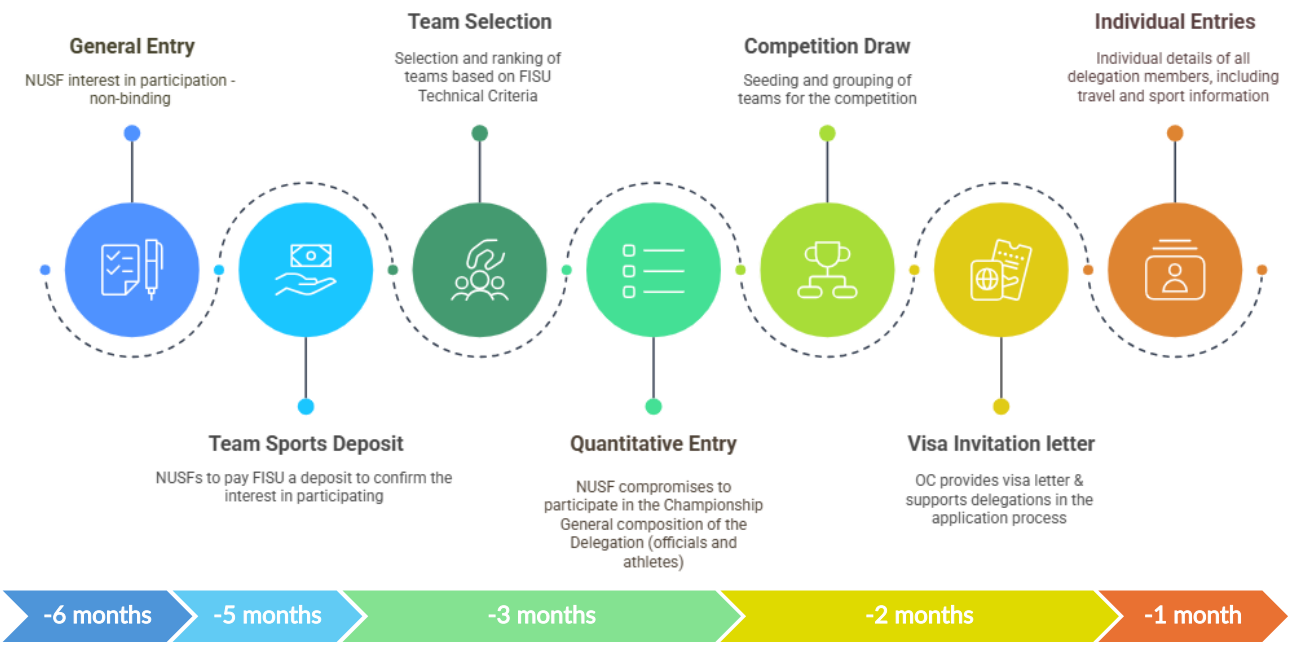
4.2. QUANTITATIVE ENTRY (DEADLINE: -3 MONTHS TO THE EVENT)

During the Quantitative Entry the NUSF delegation confirms the delegation composition in terms of numbers and although it does not yet provide individual details, it requires the NUSFs to submit an accurate count of delegation members.

4.3. INDIVIDUAL ENTRY (DEADLINE: -1 MONTH TO THE EVENT)

The Individual Entry is the final step in FISU event registration. The NUSF must provide all relevant data and documentation for each delegation member.

The remaining amount of the participation fees is paid in full to the Organising Committee by this deadline. Failure to do so may result in non-participation in the Championship, unless specifically approved by the Organising Committee



5. SPORT REGULATIONS

The Handball tournaments shall be organised following the most recent Technical Regulations of the International Handball Federation (IHF). In case of dispute in the interpretation of the rules, the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The competitions shall last 6 days as indicated in the General Schedule (Section 3) and the competition programme shall be proposed by the Organising Committee Competition Manager and confirmed by the FISU TCC, including the following events:

5.1. EVENTS

TOURNAMENTS	
Men	Women

For both men's and women's tournaments, a maximum of 16 teams and a minimum of 6 teams from at least 4 different countries and 2 different continents per tournament are required

If a tournament does not meet the minimum number of teams by the Quantitative Entry deadline (-3 months to the event), the tournament shall be cancelled

A. Match

A match comprises two periods of 10 minutes each, with scores recorded separately, and a 5-minute interval between periods. A team needs to achieve a higher score than the opponent in order to win the period. If the scores are level at the end of a period, the "Golden Goal" rule applies, whereby the winner is the team that scores the first goal in extra time.

The winner of each period is awarded one match point. A match is won when a team accumulates two match points.

If the same team wins both periods, they victory with a 2-0 match score. In the event that each team wins one period, resulting in a 1-1 score, a shootout shall determine the match winner.

B. Shoot-Out

Five eligible players from each team take turns executing throws against the opposing team. If a goalkeeper is among the throwers, he is considered a court player when taking his throw.

The team with the most goals scored after five throws is declared the winner. If the result remains undecided after the initial round, the shoot-out continues with a change of ends, and the opposing team begins the next round.

In this, and subsequent rounds, the match is decided as soon as one team takes the lead after an equal number of attempts by both teams.

During preliminary round matches, all throws in a completed shoot-out round must be executed, even if the outcome of the game has already been decided

GOAL POINTS SYSTEM	
1 GOAL POINT	- Regular goal (non-creative or incomplete spin shots)
2 GOAL POINTS	- 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

C. Classification Criteria

Teams will compete against one another in each group on a round-robin basis. Classification points will be awarded for each group match according to the following criteria:

CLASSIFICATION POINT SYSTEM	
Win	2 points
Loss	0 points

During the preliminary round, teams will be ranked based on the following criteria:

a) Higher total number of classification points earned
b) Greater periods difference across all matches
c) Greater number of goal points scored across all matches

If teams are still tied, they will share the same position

In the event of a tie on classification points at the end of the preliminary round, the following criteria will be used to break the tie:

a) Higher number of classification points in matches between the concerned teams
b) Greater periods difference in matches between the concerned teams
c) Greater goal points difference in matches between the concerned teams
d) Greater number of goal points scored in matches between the concerned teams
e) Higher number of periods won in matches between the concerned teams

If ties persist, the following criteria will be applied:

a) Greater periods difference across all matches
b) Greater goal points difference across all matches
c) Higher number of goal points scored across all matches
d) Greater number of periods won across all matches

If teams remain tied after these criteria, the tie will be resolved by a draw. The draw will be conducted by the FISU TCC, in the presence of the team captains.

This is a full ranking tournament, meaning that teams will compete for every position in the final standings

5.2. DELEGATIONS COMPOSITION

A. Athletes

EVENTS	MEN's	WOMEN's
Tournaments	Max. 10 athletes	Max.10 athletes
Max. 20 athletes (10 men & 10 women) per delegation		

Each country is allowed to enter a maximum of 13 individuals per tournament: a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 8 players, and up to 3 officials

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

B. Officials

EVENTS	MEN's	WOMEN's
Tournaments	Max. 3 officials	Max. 3 officials
Max. 6 officials (3 for the men's team & 3 for the women's team) per delegation		

6. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

6.1. INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

For the FISU Championship, the ITOs are appointed by IHF, with the endorsement of FISU. This appointment process considers several critical factors, including the number of teams, number of competition venues, the level and availability of NTOs, and the goal to minimise expenses when possible. To achieve cost-efficiency, IHF will aim to nominate ITOs from neighbouring countries whenever feasible. This approach not only fosters regional cooperation but also optimises resources.

A. Number & Roles of ITOs

INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS	
NUMBER	FUNCTION
1 per team	Delegate
1 per team	Referee
The total number of ITOs depends on the number of participating teams	

B. ITOs Costs

According to the Collaboration Convention signed between FISU and IHF, the costs of the ITOs are the following:

- Organising Committee shall manage:
    - Technical Delegate's flights
    - Technical Delegate's accommodation in single room
    - Technical Delegate's meals
    - Technical Delegate's internal transportation
    - ITOs flights
    - ITOs accommodation
    - ITOs meals
    - ITOs per-diems
    - ITOs internal transportation

All ITOs costs should be shared among the participating teams. The Organising Committee will collect all expenses related to the ITOs and submit them to FISU for approval. Once approved, the Organising Committee will communicate the total cost information to the teams and provide them with the invoices for payment

6.2. NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Concerning the NTOs, these individuals are appointed by the Beach Handball National Federation or the appropriate governing bodies within a country, under the supervision of the Organising Committee.

A. Number & Roles of NTOs

NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS	
NUMBER	**FUNCTION**
8	Timekeeper
8	Scorekeeper
A total of 16 NTOs are required per competition venue	

B. Agreement with the NF

Concerning the NTOs participation, it falls outside the scope of FISU or IHF. It is therefore advisable for the Organising Committee to reach an agreement directly with the National Federation. This collaboration will help ensure clarity and alignment on the financial aspects associated with it, including the following:

- NTOs Nomination – Ensure all NTOs possess the necessary qualifications to work in an international event
- Management and distribution of the technical officials clothing / uniforms
- Arrangement of suitable accommodation for the required period, if needed

It is strongly recommended to initiate communication with the National Federation promptly regarding the appointment of these officials. This proactive approach will help avert any potential personnel shortages that may arise from conflicting event dates, thereby expanding the available options and ensuring a more successful engagement

7. SPORT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

7.1. COMPETITION VENUES

- Number of competition venues – 2
- Type of venues – Outdoor
- Courts:
    - Length – 27m
    - Width – 12m
    - Depth – 40cm
- Safety zone:
    - Side lines – 4m
    - Outer goal lines – 3m

It is essential for the Organising Committee to schedule thorough cleaning of the sand in the competition venues at the end of each competition day, due to the potential risk to players

7.2. TRAINING VENUES

- Number of training venues – 2
- Type of venue – Outdoor
- Courts:
    - Length – 27m
    - Width – 12m
- Safety zone:
    - Side lines – 4m
    - Outer goal lines – 3m

All training venues should follow the same standards as the competition venues

7.3. EQUIPMENT

A. Venue Equipment

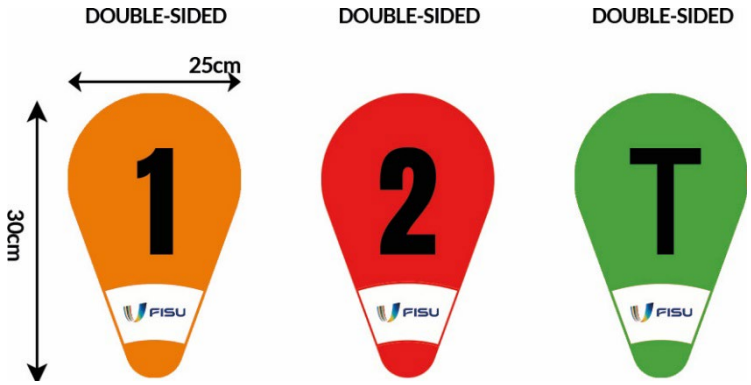
- Goals with double nets
- Electronic score and time board (big – 6m x 4m) – 1
    - NF should provide the software for the scoreboard
- Electronic score and time board (small – 2m x 1m) – 1 per court

- Sound system – 1
- Pumps for court watering – enough to serve all courts

Please refer to the Minimum Requirements document for more detailed information

B. Uniforms & Sport Equipment

- Team timeout & suspension paddles – 30cm x 25 cm



- ABCD cards – 15cm x 10cm

8. TRAININGS

The Organising Committee is responsible for coordinating and communicating the training schedule to each delegation, ensuring appropriate access to facilities based on the sport and competition schedule. Some of the factors to be considered are:

- Create a training schedule based on the indications of the FISU TCC
- Consider the usage of the main competition venue, if needed and appropriate
- Provide hydration and basic medical assistance for training sessions
- Share a detailed training plan with each delegation at least 48 hours before their arrival
- Ensure training venue availability throughout the Championship

Please refer to the Section 5.2.3 of the General Handbook for more detailed information regarding Trainings

9. MEDICAL SERVICES

A. FISU Requirements

- First aid and Emergency Medical care
- Medical transportation
- OC on-call first aid medical services shall be available on a 24-hour basis
- A minimum of two ambulances per venue should be available and on duty from the start of warm-up until at least 45 minutes after the final competition of the day

B. Participants Medical Insurance

All participants must have a valid travel medical insurance, covering:

- 24/7 Emergency Assistance
- Emergency Medical Expenses
- Medical Evacuation/Repatriation
- Trip Cancellation/Interruption
- Accidental Death or Injury

The OC is solely responsible for providing first-aid, emergency medical care, and transportation to the designated hospital. All other medical costs shall be borne by the participant's insurance

Refer to the Section 3.4.1 of the General Handbook for more detailed information regarding Medical Services

10. DOPING CONTROL

A. FISU Requirements

- The requirements regarding the number and type of doping tests, as well as the total number of tests to be conducted, can be found in the *FISU Doping Test Requirements* document. This information is available exclusively to the Organising Committee.
- The OC Doctor or Head of the Medical area shall coordinate the doping testing and contact the FISU CMI to clarify the moment or disciplines in which the tests will be carried out.
- All doping tests costs (including collection, transportation, laboratory analyses) shall be borne by the Organising Committee.

B. Athletes Selection

- Athletes are eligible for testing once accredited until departing from the official event accommodation.

Please refer to the Section 3.4.2 of the General Handbook for more detailed information regarding Doping Control

11. PROTOCOL, SPORT PRESENTATION & AWARDING

11.1. MEDALS TABLE

BEACH HANDBALL									
EVENTS	MEN			WOMEN			OFFICIALS		
	G	S	B	G	S	B	G	S	B
Men's Tournaments	10	10	10				3	3	3
Women's Tournament				10	10	10	3	3	3
TOTAL	**10**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**10**	**6**	**6**	**6**

A. FISU Requirements

The Organising Committee is responsible for providing the medals as shown in the table above. Medals must be awarded for both tournaments. The top three teams in each tournament, including their officials, are eligible for medals.

The table below provides a comprehensive overview of the total number of medals awarded across all competition tournaments. Please note that extra/reserve medal sets and the FISU set are not included in these figures.

BEACH HANDBALL MEDALS	
Gold	26
Silver	26
Bronze	26

The Organising Committee must provide FISU a set of medals of the event

B. Recommendations & Considerations

It is crucial to have additional sets of medals on hand as a contingency. Some medals may be defective and may need to be replaced.

C. Trophies

For the Beach Handball Championship, the Organising Committee will present the winning team with a trophy as a minimum. However, it is recommended that trophies be awarded to all top three teams. The trophies may vary in size and colour based on their finishing positions.

D. Individual Awards

The individual awards ceremonies are most common for team sports events and are not mandatory. As unofficial awards, there is not a specific or rigid protocol, and they can be linked to an OC sponsor, such as:

- Best Goalkeeper
- Best Defender
- Best Right Winger
- Best Left Winger
- Best Line Player
- Best Playmaker
- Most Valuable Player (MVP)
- Top Scorer

Referees awards should also be considered

11.2. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sports presentation is vital for elevating a Championship from a competition to an unforgettable experience. It encompasses everything from music and lighting to commentary and fan engagement, creating an unique atmosphere that engages the audience.

In case there is a big screen in the venue for the spectators, some educational video (provided by IHF) regarding the rules of the sport can be displayed at the beginning of the competition day

A. FISU Requirements

- **Audio Elements**
  - Sound System: A high-quality sound system is essential for announcements, music, and commentary, ensuring clear communication and engaging atmosphere.
  - Microphone: Essential for general announcements such as schedule, results, athletes introduction, general information, others.
  - Thematic Music: Curate an energetic playlist to be played during introductions, warm-ups, team time-outs, and medal ceremonies to elevate the excitement.

- **Commentary and Announcing**
  - Live Announcements: Make timely announcements regarding event schedules, results, and athlete backgrounds to keep the audience informed and engaged.
- **Athletes Introduction**
  - Ceremonial Introductions: Develop exciting and personalized introductions for the athletes, showcasing their achievements and backgrounds. This builds anticipation before each match.

B. Recommendations & Considerations

- **Audio Elements**
  - DJ: Enhances the atmosphere and overall experience of a sports competition, by creating and maintaining energy, motivating the athletes and engaging the crowd.
- **Commentary and Announcing**
  - Engaging Commentary: Hire knowledgeable commentators who can provide insights about the athletes, tactics and strategies. This adds depth to the viewing experience.

11.3. BEACH HANDBALL PRE-COMPETITION PROTOCOL

A. All Matches

ALL MATCHES	
TIME	**ACTIVITY**
-20'	- Teams warm-up
-10'	- Announcer announces the game
-9’	- End of warm-up and players leave the Field of Play
-7'	- Welcome announcement and teams stand-by
-6'40”	- Referees and Delegates presentation
-6'	- Team A presentation, name by name, as they enter the Field of Play
-5'	- Team B presentation, name by name, as they enter the Field of Play
-4’	- FISU anthem is played
-3’	- Teams and referees shake hands
-2’	- Teams’ photo and coin toss
0’	- Match start
End of First Half	
EFH	- Teams exit the Field of Play
EFH +4’30”	- Teams and referees re-enter the Field of Play
EFH +5’	- Second Half start
Potential Shootout	
ESH	- Teams exit the Field of Play
ESH +1’	- Shootout start
End of Match	
EM	- Teams and referees shake hands and exit the Field of Play

A more visual scheme of the protocol steps will be shared at a later stage with the Organising Committee

12. SERVICES

The Organising Committee should provide a variety of services for the event, including:

- Competition Video Recording
- Ice
- Laundry
- Wi-Fi

12.1. COMPETITION VIDEO RECORDING

Recording matches or athlete performances for review, evaluation, and technical analysis is a common need in Beach Handball. The Organising Committee should be prepared to meet the expectations of delegations in this regard.

- Ensure a system is in place allowing delegations to access recordings as soon as possible after the matches or events conclude.
- Provide reserved spaces in each venue with good visibility and access to power outlets, so delegation officials can carry out private recordings effectively if needed.

The OC should provide the recordings through a download option from the official event website, or from an alternative Cloud-based platform (access via link) for easy and quick retrieval

12.2. ICE

The supply of ice is one of the most common requests from participating delegations, particularly for injury treatment and recovery purposes.

- The Organising Committee must supply ice for treating injuries during both practice and competition, as part of the medical coverage for the event. It does not cover large quantities of ice needed for recovery treatments, such as cryotherapy.

The Organising Committee secure a reliable ice provider on standby, anticipating the request from teams and establishing clear procedures for ice procurement, including pricing and how to access this service

12.3. LAUNDRY

Laundry services are essential for many sports, particularly in long-duration competitions and team sports, where athletes may require frequent changes of clothing.

- Laundry services must be provided in all Team Sports Championships and in all sports with more than four competition days.
- Self-Service or Full-Service Laundry can be considered (hotel/accommodation and external services included in the latter)

Self-Service is the preferred option, giving more flexibility and control to the teams. If not, it is important to negotiate reduced pricing and adjust the timing for collection/delivery of uniforms with the provider

12.4. WI-FI

Wi-Fi is an essential service for university students, as it serves as a critical infrastructure that fosters communication and supports their academic responsibilities.

- Participants can easily access real-time information about event schedules, results, and updates. This allows them to plan their day effectively, ensuring they don't miss out on key events and activities.
- Participants can engage with live broadcasts, social media updates, and other digital content related to the event.
- For many students, academic responsibilities continue even during events. Wi-Fi connection ensures they can access study materials and educational resources, maintain communication with professors, and keep up with online courses.

Wi-Fi should be provided free of charge for all participants at the event, both at the accommodation sites and at the competition venues

Please refer to the Section 3.11 of the General Handbook for more detailed information on all services

13. GENERAL TIMELINE

TIMELINE	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	• Coordination Visit ○ Venues visit and Equipment approval (FISU TCC) • Competition programme approval (FISU TCC) • Venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	• General Entries (NUSFs)
Event -5 months	• Team Deposit (NUSF) • Team Selection (FISU)
Event -3 months	• Quantitative Entries (NUSFs) • ITOs & NTOs list (FISU / IHF)
Event -1 months	• Individual Entries (NUSFs) • ITOs Cost (NUSF) • 100% payment from participating countries (NUSFs / OC) • Final Bulletin (OC / FISU / FISU TCC)
Event -1 day	• Accreditation and participants list confirmation (NUSFs) • Technical Officials Meeting (ITOs / NTOs / TCC / OC) • General Technical Meeting (NUSFs / OC / FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 week	• Send all documents and media to FISU (OC)
Event +1 month	• Final Report to FISU (OC)

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