

# Competition Format

## Men's Competition

### **1. PRELIMINARY ROUND**

The teams are divided in the preliminary round in TWO groups – A and B - with 7 teams each and a total of **42 matches** will be played in this stage of the Competition on a round robin basis.

### **2. Semifinals and Finals (places 1 – 4) (4 matches in total)**

After the preliminary round the teams ranked at the 1st and 2nd place of each group will go in the, Semifinals and Finals (places 1 - 4) as follows:

#### **SEMIFINALS 1 - 4 (2 matches)**

SF1    1A – 2B

SF2    2A – 1B

#### **FINALS 1 - 4 (2 matches)**

3 -4 place      LSF1 – LSF2

1- 2 place      WSF1 – WSF2

### **3. PLACEMENTS ROUND (Places 5 – 14) (5 matches in total)**

After the preliminary round the teams ranked the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> place of each group, will go in a placements round (places 9/16) as follows:

13 – 14 place      7A – 7B

11 – 12 place      6A – 6B

9 - 10 place      5A – 5B

7 - 8 place      4A – 4B

5 – 6 place      3A – 3B

## MATCH EVALUATION

All matches shall be played in 2 X 10 minutes with a half – time of 5 minutes, according to the official IHF Rules for Beach Handball.

Points are awarded as follows:

win = 2 points

defeat = 0 points

To determine the winning team will be taken into consideration:

First half:	win 1 period loss 0 periods
Second half:	win 1 period loss 0 periods
One against the goalkeeper (shoot out):	win 1 period loss 0 periods

Goal points are awarded according to the official IHF Rules of the Game for Beach Handball. Teams are ranked by adding the points gained.

If two or more teams have gained the same number of points, after the group matches have been completed, classification is decided as follows:

- a) Results in points between the teams concerned
- b) Periods difference in the matches between the teams concerned
- c) Greater number of periods between the team concerned
- d) Goal points difference in the matches between the teams concerned
- e) Greater number of plus goal points in the matches between the teams concerned

If the teams are still equal, a decision is made between those teams with equal number of points, as long as the contested place is not the last place within the group, as follows:

- a) Periods difference is subtracted in all matches
- b) Greater number of plus periods in all matches
- c) Goal points difference in all matches
- d) Greater number of plus goal points in all matches

If classification still is not possible, a draw shall decide. The EHF Delegate on site shall execute the draw, if possible in the presence of the “responsible team official”. If the “responsible team official” cannot be present, other co-workers selected by EHF Delegate shall take part...

### **Comments:**

**Shoot-Out:** During the **preliminary round** 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.