

National Federations of Europe
Attn.: Secretaries General / Transfer Department

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Subject: International Transfer as of July 1st 2011

Dear Handball Friends,

The Congress of the International Handball Federation in May 2011 approved the new Regulations for Transfers between Federations and the Player Eligibility Code.

On June 21st the IHF addressed a letter to all National Federations underlining the continental internal procedure for “Continental Transfers” with the new approval by IHF afterwards – please refer to the resp. part of the enclosed document and the IHF online platform for “Intercontinental Transfers” to be installed by July 15th, 2011.

The EHF in close cooperation with the IHF is currently working on an efficient procedure for harmonizing the continental transfers Europe with the IHF data base.

The EHF Executive Committee in the last meeting June 17th/18th dealt with the consequences of the congress decisions and their impact on Europe transfers.

Taking into consideration the economic and practical aspects and in the interest of the best possible handling of the transfer system the EHF Executive approved the following measures:

1. Fixed exchange rate / cost for bank transfers

The transfer fees decided by the IHF Congress, to be used for all transfers, are however fixed in Swiss Francs. The official currency of the EHF is the Euro; also multiple EHF Member Federations have the Euro as currency. Within the Euro Zone bank transfers are in principle free of charge. In order to avoid additional expenses for all involved, the EHF Executive decided to use the CHF amount specified converted into EUR. The rate is based on the current rate from 03.06.2011 (1 CHF = 0.8234 EUR) and the amount arising is rounded off.

Starting from 1 July 2011 as a result, transfers for professionals stand at EUR 1,230 (CHF 1,500) and transfers for amateurs stand at EUR 400 (CHF 500) in each case for the releasing federation and the EHF. Furthermore, the Executive decided to adapt the rate of exchange annually in each case in June with validity starting from the following season if the rate of exchange between CHF and EUR changes substantially, as a basis the course of 3.6.2011 is valid.

Same holds true for the education compensation for clubs – the new amounts stand at EUR 2,880 (CHF 3,500) per year, the education compensation for National Federations / teams new EUR 660 (CHF 800) and for possible fines in case of failure to pay the education compensation EUR 16,470 (CHF 20,000).

2. Amateur Fees - Reimbursement to the receiving Federation / Club

Because of the new fees for players (or their new clubs) changing on an amateur level (previously known as 'non-contract players') a substantial increase has developed. Therefore the EHF Executive decided to repay the difference in the amount to the receiving Federation – previously EUR 150, now standing at EUR 400 meaning a difference of EUR 250 – immediately upon receipt of the amount, the receiving Federation will be credited the EUR 250 and half-yearly, the collected listings will be forwarded. It remains for the receiving Federation to use the funds on the clubs, or in the context of projects supporting member / youth promotion, etc.

3. Student Regulations – Training stays

Due to the past regulations showing some issues with the recognition of certain study programmes, in the future, the student transfers should be interpreted that all students are to be considered as amateurs who are registered either with a university exchange programme or whose field of study stipulates foreign education.

In accordance with the exchange of information with the International Handball Federation as the organisation responsible for the Regulations, the IHF will send the Regulations, presented and confirmed at the Congress, once again in a parallel email with today's date to all Member Federations.

For any questions concerning these procedures the EHF Office particularly BG Additional Activities / Transfers (trans@eurohandball.com); respectively Doru Simion (+43 1 801 51 132) and Claudia Brantl (+43 1 801 51 133) will be at your disposal.

In the first phase we assume that with the new regulations and the treatment thereof, we will work in close cooperation, and remain.

With kind regards,

EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

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Attachment: IHF Letter dated 21.06.11
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