

PARTICULAR RULES OF THE AFRICA
CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ARTICLE 1

The Africa Clubs Championships are organized by the African Handball Confederation in men and in women every year.

ARTICLE 2

The criteria of participating in the Africa Clubs championships:

1 – Automatically:

a) The winners of the last edition.

b) Men's and women's teams of the national Federations affiliated to CAHB and declared Champion or winners of the national cup of the year preceding the championship.

c) One men's team and one women's team of the organizing country.

2)- If the champion of a Federation does not register, CAHB can accept the entry of another team of the concerned federation among the first three teams of the national championship.

The federation which team is the Africa champion or trophy holder has the possibility to register a second team.

The non champion or non national cup holder teams of their country can be registered by their federation.

ARTICLE 3

The Africa Clubs Championships are open to all the national champion teams no matter how many clubs are registered. The formula of the championship (men and women) is adopted without prejudice of modification, should the Executive Committee find it necessary.

REGISTRATIONS

ARTICLE 4

See Articles 9 to 14 of the Administrative part of the General Regulations.

A delegation can be composed by up to 23 persons.

A maximum of 18 players and the remainder number of officials (stating their function) should be registered to the Secretariat General of CAHB, with copies of the local licenses, two (02) passport- size photos as follows:

- Provisional registration: send the list of 28 players approved and confirmed by the National Federation to the Secretariat of CAHB no later than two months (before the draw).

- Definitive registration: send the list of 16 players (taken in the Provisional list of the 28 players) and 4 officials to the official representative of CAHB the day before the championship before the technical meeting.

A delegation may consist of up to 23 persons.

In case of non-respect of that procedure, a fine of five hundred (500) Euros will be given and the definitive list (16 players) will remain the only reference document.

The registration on the CAHB forms for that purpose must include the following information:

* Officials: surname, first name, date of birth, position within the delegation

* Players : player N°, surname, first name, date of birth, club, height, weight, passport number, number of international matches, number of goals scored.

* Player clothing: Colours of the first and second sets of shirts and shorts, colours of the first and second sets of shirts and shorts of the goalkeepers.

* Wearing of mask or similar is forbidden.

One (1) hour before the start of the match, teams must compulsorily present in the hall. In the event one player is injured before the start of the match, he can be replaced before the start of the match.

The list of the team (men and women) which is mentioned must bear the following points :

- Surname and name of the players
- Date and place of birth
- Nationality
- Passport number and for the organizing federation, number of the identity card
- Date of admission of the player in the club

ARTICLE 5

The CAHB's delegate must check, before each match, the lists of the players. The presence of one (1) official per team is required.

TECHNICAL PART

Competition mode

ARTICLE 6

The Africa Clubs Championships shall be played according to the regulations of IHF.

ARTICLE 7

The dates fixed by the African Handball Confederation for the matches of the championship are irrevocable.

ARTICLE 8

The matches of the Africa Clubs Championship are played in two periods of 30 minutes with a break of 15 minutes.

ARTICLE 9

Points shall be given as follows:

Preliminary round

Preliminaries are played in groups. Points are given as follows.

- Match won 2 points
- Match drawn 1 point
- Match lost 0 point
- Match lost by penalty or forfeit..... 0 point, minus 10 goals and plus 10 goals for the opponent team.

Ranking is done by addition of the points.

If after the matches of the different groups, two or many teams have got the same number of points, ranking is done according to the following criteria:

- The results of the teams directly involved according to the points.
- The goal difference between goals scored and goals conceded of the teams directly involved.
- The highest number of goals scored during the matches between the concerned teams.

If there is still a tie, the settlement shall be as follows:

- The goal difference between all the matches by subtraction
- The highest number of goals scored of all the matches.

If it is still impossible to establish a ranking, a draw shall decide.

The official representative of CAHB who is present on the competition venue will make the draw, in the presence of the responsables for the teams.

If the responsables for teams cannot physically be present, other collaborators nominated by CAHB shall take part in the draw.

ARTICLE 10

Ranking in the finals

After the preliminary round, if the finals are played according to the knock- out system, the ranking is done as follows:

In the case of tie after the regular playing time, after a break of five (5) minutes, there is a first extra time of 2x5 minutes, with changing of sides without break.

If at the end of that extra time there is still a tie, after a break of five (5) minutes there will be a second extra time of 2 x5 minutes, with changing of sides without break.

If at the end of that second extra time there is still a tie, they will proceed to the 7 meters throws. 7 meters throws are performed according to the regulations of IHF.

Before the 7 meters throws, each team gives to the referee, by the use of a list of player's numbers, five (5) players entitled to play. They will make one throw each, alternating with the opposing team. Teams have free choice of the order in which players throw.

* The goalkeepers can freely be chosen and replaced.

*Goalkeepers can make throws and be goalkeepers.

*The referees decide which goal is used.

*The referees draw lots to decide which team goes first.

*The team which wins the draw can choose whether it begins or finishes the series of throws.

-If scores are equal after 5 throws of each team at the first round, the process of 7 meters is repeated with 5 selected players entitled to play (taken either from the initial list or a new list) established with the numbers on the back of one or many new players until a decision is reached. The other team begins.

*In this second round, a decision is reached in the case of difference of goal after one throw of both teams.

*The second round is repeated until the decision.

However, Teams are allowed to proceed to the replacement of one or many players after each round of five (5) throws.

The players and goalkeepers entitled to throw are those registered on the match report and who are not disqualified, excluded, or temporarily excluded at the last whistle of the second extra time.

Serious violations during the 7 meters throws will be punished by disqualification, in all cases.

If a player or a goalkeeper is disqualified or injured, a player or goalkeeper who is entitled to play must be designated.

During the respective throws, only the player, the goalkeeper designated and the referees are authorized to be on the half of the playing court where the throws are performed.

Admission of the player

ARTICLE 11

To be admitted, each player must belong to the national champion club from January 15th, of the year of the Africa Clubs Championships and must regularly take part with his team in the championship of his Federation.

However, the transfer from Federation to Federation can be done at any time of the sporting season.

*The International Regulation of transfer of players between federations is a full part of this particular Regulation.

* The documents of that transfer must be presented with the definitive list.

ARTICLE 12

The team which does not come to the match will be disqualified for the remainder of the competition. In addition, the concerned team is liable to disciplinary sanctions and its participation fees will not be refunded

Licenses

ARTICLE 13

The participation in the Africa Clubs Championship is subject to the possession and compulsorily presentation of the license issued by CAHB and of the local license. The team list is approved and confirmed by the national federation that shall be sent to CAHB Secretariat in the prescribed time (provisional list).

In case of non-presentation of the local licence, the team respectively the federation will pay 500 Euros, without prejudice of further technical and disciplinary sanctions it may incur.

SANCTION: In case of loss of the CAHB licence, disqualification or non-participation of the player + 50 Euros as fees for the establishment of a new licence

ARTICLE 14

The Secretariat General of CAHB sends the license application forms to the National Federations for their entered teams.

ARTICLE 15

The cost of the license is respectively fixed by CAHB's Congress and Council and its amount is now 300 Euros per team payable to CAHB.

ARTICLE 16

The license must be correctly filled without any erasure or overprint.
A Birth Certificate can be asked in case of dispute.

ARTICLE 17

The use of an assumed name is strictly forbidden.

ARTICLE 18

The Secretary of the member national federation will forward to CAHB' Secretariat general by the mean of registered letter with acknowledge of receipt, the copies of the deposit of the CAHB tally-sheets together with the corresponding local license cards, correctly filled out and signed.

The CAHB license includes:

- The Country of the team.
- The full name of the player.
- Age and place of birth of the player.
- The nationality of the player.
- The player's position.
- The date of the registration and number of the license.
- 3 identity photographs.
- Signature of CAHB' Secretary General.
- The National Federation' seal.
- The signature of the player.

So the license has got 2 parts and 2 identity photographs.

ARTICLE 19

The qualification of the player takes effect from the day of the deposit or sending of the complete required document.

ARTICLE 20

Once CAHB receives the tally-sheets, they are given a number in their arriving order.

The names of the players whose qualification is contested or whose admission or registration's application is not regularly established will be crossed out and canceled.

ARTICLE 21

Without committing himself with any irregularity but rather in conformity with the foregone provisions, the player is qualified.

ARTICLE 22

The 4 officials must have their licenses established and delivered in the same conditions as those of the players.

SANCTION: Prohibition from participation.

Transferred Players (JT)

ARTICLE 23

All the regulations relating to the international transfer shall be applied as following:

1. Up to two (2) players with different nationality of that of the team already registered in the team list in the national championship in the current sporting season can be registered in the provisional list of Twenty- Eight (28) players (a copy of the original IHF Certificate of transfer is requested).
2. Up to Four (4) foreign players can be registered in the provisional list (28 players) under the following conditions:
 - A) Up to Two (2) foreign players who play outside the national championship.

The Copy of the IHF Certificate of Transfer is requested.

B) Up to Two (2) players with the same nationality or not, who play in another team in the same local championship in the same sporting season can be registered on the provisional list of Twenty -Eight (28) players. (A Certificate of confirmation from the national federation is requested).

3. Up to three (03) players taken from the above three cases can be registered in the team definitive list of Sixteen (16) players if the required documents are presented.

The provisional list must be approved and confirmed by the national federation and no team can be registered without this confirmed list.

4. The licenses delivered to these kind of players (A and B) are marked with a special seal (**J.T**). For this special case, it is 15 days from the date of sending to CAHB of the full document (the Post office seal to be considered).

The number of transferred players in a team is limited to three (3) compulsorily per match.

The team which does not observe the above mentioned provisions will lose its match by penalty.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITION

For the qualification of the player playing outside the national championship, the club must compulsorily give to the Competition Management:

- a) The "International Transfer Certificate" according to the IHF regulations for transfer between federations with all required documents (for full transfer or loaning players).
- b) The international certificate with the supported documents must be remitted to the Competition Management the day before the day of the technical meeting.

The complete list of each team with the players who play outside the national championship must be given the day before the first match of the concerned event (before the technical meeting).

- c) For the qualification of a player playing in another club in the same national championship and who has got the same nationality of the club or not, a certificate of confirmation from the national federation attached with the approval of the club of origin to loan the player.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

The validation fees of CAHB license of the player who plays outside the national championship are 1,500 Euros. And for the player who plays in the national championship the validation fees are 1,000 Euros.

The issued CAHB's license must bear the mention: "Transferred Player" (J.T).

Protest against qualification

ARTICLE 24

Any protest against qualification of one or several players will be subject to reserves.

Only the Competition Management has power to set up cases of fraud at any time.

Awards

ARTICLE 25

The champion: Trophy of the Africa Clubs Champion given by CAHB.

- The team ranked first :Gold medal
- The team ranked second : Silver medal
- The team ranked third : Bronze medal

All the participating teams : Certificate of participation

The organizer can envisage a ceremony for individual awards (best players, top scorer...). The technical staff of CAHB will choose the laureates.

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Final provisions

ARTICLE 26

The cases which are not examined in this Regulation will be solved as follows:

- The general litigious cases will be solved by the Council in compliance with IHF and CAHB Statutes and Regulations.

- The technical litigious cases will be solved by the Competition Management in compliance with IHF and CAHB rules.