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ADMINISTRATIVE PART

A - ADMINISTRATIVE PART

ARTICLE 1

According to its Statutes, the African Handball Confederation organizes the Men's and Women's Africa Nations Championships in the seniors, juniors, youth categories, the African Games, the qualifying tournaments of the Olympic Games, the Beach Handball Nations Championship and the IHF Trophy.

It also organizes the Africa Clubs Championships, the Super Cup.

ARTICLE 2

The trophies of the Cups and Africa Championships are put in competition by CAHB for Ten (10) years.

The Winner keeps it for one year.

The trophy must be given to CAHB in good state, two days before the start of the next edition.

In case of non-remittance of the trophy to CAHB, the concerned team must reimburse the sales value of the trophy and pay a fine of 5,000 Euros.

ARTICLE 3

If over a period of Ten (10) years, a country or a club wins the trophy three times it will definitively keep it.

But, if over a period of Ten (10) years, neither country nor club has won the trophy three (3) times, it will be withdrawn from the competitions.

ARTICLE 4

The Council or the Executive Committee allocates the organization of such events to a member federation if it officially applies before the meeting of Executive Committee or the Council.

Applications will be accepted only if they are composed by the following documents:

- a)-The approval or the letter of acceptance of the Ministry of Sports saying that the dates, time limit, Regulations relating to the concerned competition will be respected, in conformity with the terms and conditions of CAHB.
- b)-The description of the sport facilities and their respective seating capacity.
- c)- Report on the information and communication facilities
- d)-The report of the measures envisaged for the welcome, the accommodation and feeding of the teams, officials, heads of delegations, CAHB responsables, referees and other VIPs.

A Memorandum of Understanding on the organization methods of the competitions must be signed between CAHB and the organizer.

ARTICLE 5

If a federation desists from the organization of a competition after it has been allocated for reasons other than war, natural disaster, the following sanctions will be imposed upon it:

- Non allocation of competitions for two (02) years.
- A fine of 80,000 Euros (Eighty thousand Euros) for the clubs, Youth and Juniors competitions.
- A fine of 150,000 (One hundred fifty thousand Euros) for the Seniors Nations.

A competition that is not allocated for lack of organizer will take place at the Head Office of CAHB.

That competition will fully be organized and covered by CAHB.

ARTICLE 6

Each member federation can participate in an Africa Championship if it has fulfilled its obligations towards the International Handball Federation (IHF) and CAHB.

The Council can authorize a provisionally admitted federation to participate.

ARTICLE 7

- a) Africa Championships are organized according to a regular cycle.

The preliminaries, in case of need, must take place six (06) months before the final phase.

GENERAL CALENDAR:

The different Seniors, Juniors and Youth Africa Nations Championships (Men and Women) will be organized one year before the World Championship, the Qualifying tournaments of the African Games and the Qualifying tournaments of the Women's Olympic Games.

- b) Concerning all the competitions, CAHB, in accordance with the organizer, shall fix dates of the competitions with respect to the periods presented below:

- Seniors Africa Nations Cups : every two (02) years (even year):

* Men: in January-February.

* Women: in November-December

-Youth and Juniors Africa Nations Championship (Men): every two (02) years (even year) in August-September.

- Youth and Juniors Africa Nations Championship (Women): every two (02) years (uneven years) in August- September.

- Africa Beach Handball Championship (Men & Women): each year (according to the calendar of IHF)

- Africa Clubs Championship for the Winners' Cup: every year: April - May.

- Africa Clubs Championship: every year: September – October.

-Super Cup: at the start of the Winners' Cup or according to the decision of the Executive Committee. The teams which qualified for the Super Cup are :

- a) the two finalist teams of the Africa Clubs Championship for the Winners' Cup of the preceding season.
- b) the two finalist teams of the Africa Clubs Championship of the preceding season.

If one of the qualified teams cannot take part or is qualified at the end of the two championships, the team with the higher ranking will be selected.

Article 8: ANNOUNCEMENT

The Secretariat General of CAHB announces forth coming competitions with reference to the Statutes and Regulations.

ARTICLE 9: REGISTRATION

National federations shall communicate the list of teams which qualified no later than two (02) months before the start of a competition.

The teams which qualified must irrevocably confirm their participation to the Secretariat General, before the draw.

If these time limits are not kept, the qualification acquired will not be valid anymore.

In that last case, the substitute team nominated by CAHB shall be eligible to play.

ARTICLE 10

The sporting season of CAHB starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st of the current year.

At the registration of the teams: national federations shall transfer an amount of Five Hundred (500) Euros per team on the bank account of CAHB.

Registration forms in 3 copies shall be sent to CAHB Secretariat by modern means of communication, with the proofs of payment.

Furthermore, any team which registered for a competition must pay a deposit of 5,000 in nations and 2,000 Euros in clubs Euros deductible from the participation fees.

In case of withdrawal, the deposit is not refundable.

ARTICLE 11

Registrations can be done by email and confirmed later with necessary documents within time limit.

ARTICLE 12

If these registration fees are not paid in the due time limit, the registration will be cancelled.

ARTICLE 13

Registration received after deadline shall not be processed unless the Executive Committee allows a special dispensation.

ARTICLE 14: TEAMS REGISTRATION

An official delegation may consist of up to:

- **For the Seniors Africa Nations Cups**

A maximum of 30 persons among whom 23 players (18 players on the match report and 05 substitutes), the remaining number of officials (stating their position) must be registered near the organizer (with copy of the list sent to the Secretariat General of CAHB) as follows:

- Provisional registration: send the list of **35 players** two (02) months at the latest before the Africa Championship, to the Secretariat of CAHB.

- Definitive registration: present the list of the **23 players (18 players on the match report and 05 officials)**, to the official representative of CAHB, the day before the championship before the technical meeting.

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

a) Officials: surname, first name, date of birth, nationality, position within the delegation

b) players : player N°, surname, first name, date of birth, club, height, weight, number of international matches, number of goals scored.

c) Players clothing: two (02) sets of shirts and shorts. One set clear dark color and one set clear light color (with no more than 3 colors each), also for goalkeeper, 1 dark shirt and 1 light.

The wearing of the face masks or similar is forbidden.

Teams must compulsorily give the **list of 18 players and 05 officials**, one hour before the start of the technical meeting.

A list received at the Secretariat after deadline will be considered as definitive list **(a maximum of 18 players)**.

- **For the other competitions**

A maximum of 25 persons among whom 20 players (18 players on the match report and 02 substitutes) and the remaining number of officials (stating their position) must be registered near the organizer (with copy of the list sent to the Secretariat General of CAHB) as follows:

- Provisional registration: send the list of **25 players** two (02) months at the latest before the Africa Championship, to the Secretariat of CAHB.

- Definitive registration: present the list of the **20 players (18 players and 02 substitutes) and the 05 officials**, to the official representative of CAHB, the day before the championship before the technical meeting.

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

a) Officials: surname, first name, date of birth, nationality, position within the delegation

b) players : player N°, surname, first name, date of birth, club, height, weight, number of international matches, number of goals scored.

c) Players clothing: two (02) sets of shirts and shorts. One set clear dark color and one set clear light color (with no more than 3 colors each), also for goalkeeper, 1 dark shirt and 1 light.

The wearing of the face masks or similar is forbidden.

Teams must compulsorily give the list **of 18 players and 05 officials**, one hour before the start of the technical meeting.

A list received at the Secretariat after deadline will be considered as definitive list **(a maximum of 18 players)**.

FINANCIAL PART

B – FINANCIAL PART

ARTICLE 15

The competitions of CAHB are budgeted in advance thanks to the financial contributions of the federations according to the standards defined by the Council following the cases.

ARTICLE 16

Participating federations shall bear the following costs:

- a) Return travel's expenses until the capital of the organizer
- b) Costs to obtain visas;
- c) Costs of the insurance coverage for all the members of their delegation against accidents and sicknesses. (A copy of the insurance policy to present during the technical meeting).

Hence, neither CAHB nor the organizer for those reasons shall be liable for any coverage of the fees linked to it.

d) Teams which arrive earlier on the competition site before the planned date or which leave later than planned will pay the amount relating to the additional days and/or the stay fees of the additional persons **(beyond 30 for the Nations and 25 for the clubs)** according to the rate fixed by the organizer.

ARTICLE 17

Participating federations which take part in the competitions will pay the participation fees per day and per person, to the Treasury of CAHB before the start of the competitions.

ARTICLE 18

The participation fees per day and per person for the different competitions are fixed and presented as follows:

a) SENIORS AFRICA NATIONS CUP (MEN AND WOMEN)

- Accommodation :	Double	Single
- Participation fees:	90 Euros	120 Euros
- Organizer's fixed sum:	60 Euros	80 Euros
- CAHB fixed sum :	30 Euros	40 Euros

Duration of the Men's and Women's Seniors Africa Nations Cup is 15 days (02 days for arrival , 11 days for competition, 01 day for departure and 01 day for solidarity Funds).

b) AFRICA CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP AND JUNIORS AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN AND WOMEN)

- Accommodation :	Double	Single
- Participation fees:	90 Euros	120 Euros
- Organizer's fixed sum:	60 Euros	80 Euros
- CAHB fixed sum :	30 Euros	40 Euros

Duration of each competition : 14 days (02 days for arrival, 10 days for competition, 01 day for departure and 01 day for solidarity Funds).

YOUTH AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP (MEN AND WOMEN)

- Accommodation :	Double	Single
- Participation fees:	80 Euros	100 Euros
- Organizer's fixed sum:	50 Euros	70 Euros
- CAHB fixed sum :	30 Euros	30 Euros

Duration of each competition : 14 days (02 days for arrival , 10 days for competition, 01 day for departure and 01 day for solidarity Funds).

a) IHF TROPHY (Zonal and continental phases)

The IHF Trophy benefits from a considerable support from IHF.

Besides, for all the competitions of CAHB, the participation fees of the heads of delegations are 80 Euros per day and per person. They have right to be accommodated in single room and meals in the same hotel as the athletes or in another hotel booked for this purpose. They are not entitled to individual cars.

License fee: 300 Euros per team

Registration fee: 500 Euros per team

All the participation fees must be paid at the arrival of the delegations before any access to accommodation.

ARTICLE 19

During all the CAHB championships, the payment must be done in convertible currency (Euro-Dollar).

ARTICLE 20

Any team which arrives on the competition site must compulsorily pay the total participation fees even if they have to leave earlier for some reason or other.

ARTICLE 21

During the competitions organized by CAHB, no delegation will be accommodated unless it pays its total participation fees.

ARTICLE 22

The organizing federation shall bear the following costs:

- a) Transportation of the delegations in relationship with the matches and for the other programmes of events.
- b) Accommodation of the delegations:
 - Two (02) days before the start of the competition: two (02) days for the CAN and two (02) days for the clubs.
 - One (01) day after the championship.
- c) Round-trip ticket of the nominated officials of CAHB to lead the events from their home to the place of the competition ; they are:
 - The President and the members of the Jury of Appeal
 - The members of the Competition Management
 - The Referees, Officials and Technical Delegates
 - The staff of the Secretariat.
- d) Transportation within the host country, the accommodation and meals expenses of the CAHB responsables, during the period of the competitions.
- e) The stay fees of the CAHB responsables.
- f) The organizing federation shall pay 30 % of the gross receipts from the sale of tickets to CAHB.
- g) In case technical officials and referees pay in advance their air tickets, they will fully be reimbursed in convertible currency.
- h) The air tickets and the stay fees of the representatives of CAHB for the inspection visits and for the draw ceremony.

The transport of the delegations from the airport to the competition venue is done by road.

But when the distance to drive is over 300 km, the organizer makes the arrangements to make it by air.

However, the latitude is given to the Executive Committee to judge of the conditions of application of that provision.

ARTICLE 23

The African Handball Confederation pays the allowances of the technical officials, referees and members of the Secretariat during the Africa Nations Championships, Africa Clubs Championships and the IHF Trophy.

The Council may give a fix sum to CAHB members on mission; the amount will be defined.

C - PARTICULAR CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 24

CAHB shall be in charge of sending air tickets to the technical delegates, officials and referees.

CAHB shall be reimbursed by deducting from the participation fees of teams paid to the organizing country.

Beneficiaries shall be informed by CAHB about the issuing date of the ticket.

ARTICLE 25

Referees and technical officials designated for a competition shall acknowledge receipt of their ticket and shall communicate the flight, the day and time of arrival to the organizing federation.

ARTICLE 26

CAHB Responsibles and delegations shall be welcomed on arrival.

For this purpose:

- a) A reception desk shall be put in place at the airport (or station) to guide, orientate and facilitate entry into the country. Therefore, participants must respect the laws relating to visas and vaccination certificates of the host country.
- b) Cars shall be provided at the airport (or station) and during the competition as follows:

-President of CAHB	1 car
- President of Jury	1 car
- President of Zone	1 car
- Secretary General	1 car
- Treasurer	1 car
- Competition Management	1 car
- Technical Delegates	1 or 2 cars
- Secretariat of CAHB	1 car
-Referees	1 or 2 mini buses

- c) Shuttles shall be organized for the transportation of the delegations by the organizer.

No delegation shall be particularly entitled to a bus.

Shuttles services shall be functional upon arrival of delegations at the airport (or station).

- d) For the Men's and Women's Seniors CAN, a bus will be put at the disposal of each delegation once it arrives.

ARTICLE 27

Players shall be accommodated in good conditions.

The African Handball Confederation shall reserve the right to approve the accommodation hotels or centers for athletes if their hygienic conditions are acceptable.

ARTICLE 28

Members of the Jury of appeal, officials, the Competition Management, the Technical Delegates and the members of the Secretariat shall be accommodated in a hotel of international standing in single rooms.

- The feeding rate at the hotel shall be discussed before with the organizing committee in order to well determine the responsibilities.
- Referees officially designated shall be accommodated, in double rooms and by couples.
- The Executive Committee of CAHB reserves the right to approve the hotel.

NB:

Any official, referee or delegation who does not communicate his arrival to the host federation before, copy of the message to testify, shall bear all the expenses relating to his travel or accommodation until his actual taking care by the organizing Committee of the Competition .

Otherwise, the hosting federation shall reimburse in full the total expenses if justified bills are presented.

ARTICLE 29

All the delegations of athletes, additional participants and heads of delegations are obliged to be in the places arranged for that purpose, whatever the reasons.

ARTICLE 30

The delegation which takes its own initiative to accommodate its athletes at its convenience will be disqualified with report sent to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 31

The delegation of the host country must be accommodated in the same conditions as the other teams and shall comply with the same meal and transport conditions.

The head of delegation and the President of federation are submitted to the same accommodation conditions.

ARTICLE 32

A meeting of sport doctors or doctors of delegations of the same mission will be held one day before the start of the competitions to inform them about the menu decided.

This meeting shall be convened by the President of the Medical Commission of CAHB. The Secretariat General of CAHB, the members of the Competition Management and the President of the Organizing Committee will attend that meeting.

However, doctors of the participating federations shall submit their suggestions concerning the menu to the Medical Commission of CAHB with copy to the Secretariat General one month before the arrival of delegations on the competition sites.

D – PRESS AND TELEVISION RIGHTS

ARTICLE 33

CAHB is the owner of all TV broadcasting and Marketing rights.

ARTICLE 34

The host country shall provide accommodation in a hotel different from that of the teams for journalists who are registered among the delegations

E – OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

ARTICLE 35

Unless CAHB decides otherwise, all participating delegates shall actively participate in the opening and closing ceremonies.

ARTICLE 36

Delegations taking part in the parade of the teams shall wear perfect uniforms, town suit, tracksuits or decent sport clothes and shoes.

ARTICLE 37

Players, officials and additional participants shall pay particular attention and respect to the different national anthems.

SANCTION: Any delegation found guilty of incorrect behavior before, during or after this ceremony will get a disciplinary sanction and a fine of 2000 Euros.

ARTICLE 38

The teams from the organizing country play the opening match (men and/or women) and have free choice of their opponents for the opening match, (during the draw).

F – UNFORSEEN EVENTS, DISPUTES DURING EVENTS AND URGENT CASES

ARTICLE 39

The disputes which occur during all the events of CAHB fall within the respective competence of the Competition Management and the Jury of Appeal.

ARTICLE 40

The Competition Management is nominated by the Executive Committee on the basis of the synthesis of the Secretariat General.

ARTICLE 41

In case of protest of a team during the championships, the Competition Management decides first, against payment of 100 Euros refundable if the case is accepted and approved.

ARTICLE 42

A written appeal against the decision of the Competition Management is possible and must be addressed to the Jury of appeal of the competition which is composed by one

of the Vice- Presidents of CAHB, the Secretary General of CAHB and the President of the organizing zone, against payment of 1000 Euros refundable if the case is accepted and approved.

ARTICLE 43

The decisions of the Jury of Appeal are without appeal.

ARTICLE 44

During unforeseen situations like (electrical failure, incidents with spectators or in case of absolute necessity, etc.), the match shall continue to the end with or without spectators.

If, despite all the measures taken, the continuation of the match is impossible, it shall continue the following day with the time left, the same possible sanctions and disqualifications registered; to restart, the ball shall be handed over to the team which was having the possession of the ball when the match was stopped or the start shall be done by the referee depending on the case.

In this case, can take part only the players and the officials who were involved in the match which was stopped.

In any case, the Competition Management shall decide on further action.

SECURITY OF THE HALLS AND PLAYING COURTS

ARTICLE 45

During the competitions, the organizing federation is responsible for the security and safety, of the officials, the players, the referees and the spectators before the Council of CAHB.

It shall make all the necessary arrangements to assure security and the respect of the officials, referees and players before, during and after the matches.

G - FORFEIT AND NON-APPEARANCE

ARTICLE 46

During an Africa Nations Cup, if a zone is not able to occupy a place allocated according to the ranking or immediately allocated and if the place is taken by a country of another zone or the place remains unfilled, this zone shall lose its place. The place then becomes a free performance place at a next championship of the same category

When a participating team does not appear, on proposal of the COC, the Executive Committee decides the country of replacement and the consequences which will come out.

In case of withdrawal or non-appearance, the code of sanctions of CAHB will be applicable.

ARTICLE 47

The African Handball Confederation (CAHB) classifies the forfeits in 3 groups:

- Administrative forfeit
- Technical forfeit
- Anti-statutory forfeit

ADMINISTRATIVE FORFEIT

ARTICLE 48

SENIORS AFRICA NATIONS CUP

a)-The qualified teams for the Seniors Africa Nations Cup which declare forfeit of non-participation for particular reasons shall notify this to the Secretariat of CAHB three (03) months before the draw.

The reasons of their forfeit shall be detailed in a report to CAHB.

b)-In case of withdrawal after the draw forfeit or non-appearance of a national team during a Seniors Africa Nations Cup, the concerned federation will pay a fine of 20,000 Euros.

ARTICLE 49

JUNIORS AND YOUTH AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

In case of forfeit after the draw or non-appearance of a national team during a juniors or youth Africa Nations Championship (men and women), the concerned federation will pay a fine of 15,000 Euros

ARTICLE 50 :

AFRICA CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS

a)-In case of withdrawal after the draw, forfeit or non-appearance of a club during an Africa Clubs championship after registration, the concerned club will be suspended for the next championship.

Besides, its federation will pay 500 Euros to CAHB representing its registration fees and must pay a fine of 15,000 Euros.

b)- A team that declares forfeit on the competition site during the championship shall be fined 20,000 Euros.

c)- All trophy holders must defend their title; otherwise they will be imposed to pay a fine of 10,000 Euros.

ARTICLE 51

A team which registers for the Africa Clubs Championships or Africa Nations Championships which declares forfeit will lose its registration fees and will be fined. (See the table of the sanctions).

ARTICLE 52

A team which declares forfeit without informing CAHB will be penalized to a fine of 20,000 Euros.

CASE OF TECHNICAL FORFEIT

ARTICLE 53

A team which does not show up at the indicated time and after 15 minutes in compliance with the playing rules will get a fine (see the table of the sanctions).

ARTICLE 54

A team that withdraws from a match following a protest against a decision of the referee loses the match by penalty. It shall be sanctioned; possible disqualification of the team from the competition depending on the cases without prejudice of possible disciplinary sanctions.

ARTICLE 55

A team that makes non-qualified players or non-registered officials participate in a competition shall incur a technical and financial penalty.

ARTICLE 56

A national team that lines up one or many non-eligible players from another nationality incurs a disqualification.

ANTI-STATUTORY FORFEIT

ARTICLE 57

a) A team that deliberately refuses to play against another team for non-sport reasons (example: political, religious, etc...), sanction: PENALTY + DISQUALIFICATION, possibly exclusion from the championship.

b) The penalty for anti-statutory forfeit is 20,000 Euros payable to CAHB before getting rehabilitated. Notification and Minutes shall be sent to IHF, ANOCA and CAHB Congress.

c) Failure to pay the imposed fines will result in the suspension of the federation until payment of the said fines (see table of the sanctions).

ARTICLE 58

All debts or financial sanctions imposed on a club, an official or a player shall be paid by its federation within a period of six (06) months maximum, after notification.

In case of non-payment in time, the federation shall automatically be suspended from all the continental and international activities until payment.

TECHNICAL PART

H - RANKING

ARTICLE 59

All the matches of the Africa Championship shall be played according to the regulation of IHF and CAHB.

-The dates and the time of the matches are decided by CAHB together with the organizer and the TV.

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 due to penalties or forfeit 0 point, minus 10 goals and plus 10 goals for the opponent team.

Ranking is done by total of the points.

If after the matches of the different groups (preliminary round), two or many teams have the same number of points, ranking is determined 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 determine a ranking, a draw shall decide.

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

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

RANKING IN THE FINALS

ARTICLE 60

After the preliminary round, matches are played according to the knock- out system.

-In the case of tie after the regular playing time, with 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 winning 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 process 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 referee are authorized to be on the half of the playing court where the throws are performed.

QUALIFICATION OF THE TEAMS

TO THE AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARTICLE 61

Normally, the number of participants in the Africa Nations Cup is the following:

- SENIORS Nations (Men and Women): 10-16
- JUNIORS Nations (Men and women): 10 -12 Teams (per category)
- YOUTH Nations (Male and female): 10 - 12 Teams (per category)

The competition system will be defined according to the number of participating teams by the Executive Committee, on proposal of the Commission of Organizing and Competitions (COC).

ARTICLE 62

PLACES AUTOMATICALLY ATTRIBUTED AND ACCORDING TO THE RANKING

SENIORS AFRICA NATIONS CUP (Men and Women)

- Number of places: 10-16
- Organizer: 1 place
- Place automatically allocated: 4 teams based on ranking of the preceding championship.

-Place allocated from the African Games: 3 places in Men, 3 places in Women (only for the CAN after the African Games).

- Place according to ranking: the remaining places (4 to 8) are allocated according to the general ranking of the national federations.

The Executive Committee can allocate the remaining places through the wild card system.

JUNIORS AND YOUTH AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP (Male and Female)

- Organizer: One (1) place.
- Place according to ranking: Four (04) places based on the ranking of the preceding championship.
 - Two (02) places for the finalists of the continental phase of IHF Trophy.
 - Other places :
 - Allocation by free registration
 - Allocation by system of Wild card by the Executive Committee.

DRAW

ARTICLE 63

The draw is carried out by CAHB (COC) according to the principle of the levels of performance.

The organizer has right to choose its preliminary within its level of performance which is the last to be drawn.

He has right to choose its opponent for the opening match.

ARTICLE 64

The Competition Management can modify the competition's plans according to the number of participating teams, before the technical meeting.

I - NATIONALITY AND REGISTRATIONS

ARTICLE 65

The matches of a Seniors, Juniors or Youth Africa Nations Championship are played as international matches.

- a) Men Players or Women players must have the nationality of the team in which they evolve, according to the statutes and Regulations IHF.
- b) Every national team can participate with up to 18 players in its team during the Africa Championship.

Nationality check will be done according to the valid passports during the technical meeting.

ARTICLE 66

For the Juniors Africa Championships:

- Male players must be 20 years at the most;
- Female players must be 19 years at the most.

-For the Youth Africa Championships:

- Male players must be 18 years at the most;
- Female players must be 17 years at the most.

These ages are fixed (minus 1 year) according to the competitions of the International Handball Federation (IHF).

J - EQUIPMENT

ARTICLE 67

PLAYERS AND PLAYERS' CLOTHING

The team must possess two (02) differently colored sets of clothing (for the field players).

One set clear dark color with no more than three (3) colors (not multicolor), and the second to be clear light color with no more than three (3) colors (not multicolor), the same for the goalkeeper one shirt dark color and one shirt light color.

Players' clothing must have clearly readable numbers of 20 cm high minimum on their back and 10 cm minimum on their chest.

SANCTION: A fine of 100 Euros

In case of a repetition of the offence: 200 Euros

In the case of persistency: banning from playing and possibly disqualification.

ARTICLE 68

Number written with a piece of chalk is not acceptable under sanction of rejection.

ARTICLE 69

Goalkeepers must wear clothing that distinguishes them from the two (02) sets of clothing of their other field players.

If all the conditions are met, the goalkeeper can wear his team's field player clothing that is not used in the match.

ARTICLE 70

The team's captain must wear an armband of at least 4 cm wide in a contrasting color on one upper arm, of different color from that of the jersey.

ARTICLE 71

During the competition of CAHB, players must wear the same number, regardless his position (goalkeeper or field player).

ARTICLE 72

A team whose players change their number of jersey during a competition loses its match under the false number.

ARTICLE 73

At the technical meeting preceding the CAHB competition, each delegation is obliged to show the two (2) different colored sets of clothing of the field players and the goalkeepers.

CHANGING OF PLAYER'S CLOTHING

ARTICLE 74

If the referees consider that the clothing of the two teams can lead to confusion, the team named first in the match schedule must change its clothing for a good color contrast. This means that the team named first is always obliged to bring its two (02) sets of clothing.

In all the other cases the Competition Management or the official who is present shall decide on changing of player clothing.

ARTICLE 75

A team that plays with advertisement on jersey shall pay 200 Euros for each advertisement.

ARTICLE 76

Television may, for technical reasons, ask referees to get a team or teams changing clothing.

K - PLAYING FIELD, BALLS, BEHAVIOR OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS,

TRAINING PROGRAMME

ARTICLE 77

All the matches of the Africa Nations Championships (seniors, juniors and youth), of the Africa Clubs Championship and the Africa Clubs Championship for the Winners' Cup shall exclusively be played indoors, according to the regulations of the International Handball Federation.

But, the IHF Trophy can be played indoor or on open playing field.

-Any official, player or club that is suspended by its National Federation is automatically suspended at continental and international level.

A report must be sent to CAHB in time.

-Any official, player or club that is suspended by CAHB is automatically suspended at international and national level for the same duration of the sanction.

-The concerned federation shall watch to the application of the sanction.

If the sanction is not respected, the President of the concerned Federation will incur a suspension which duration is fixed according to the case by the Council, the Executive Committee.

AUTHORIZATION TO PLAY A MATCH

ARTICLE 78

The rules of admission of the handball players are applicable.

Players who are not officially registered in proper form before the fixed deadline, do not receive any authorization for the competition.

In addition, their federation is sanctioned to pay a fine of 500 €.

During the matches, only five (5) substitute players and temporarily excluded players and four (4) officials of each team officially registered can sit on the substitution bench.

ARTICLE 79

The access to the touchline to communicate with players is forbidden to the Managers and officials.

SANCTION: Warning and possible disqualification.

ARTICLE 80

Any official who protests against the decision of the referees by some incorrect and unsportsmanlike behaviors which can give rise to problems, or if the official pronounces some impolite and discourteous words towards the referees or the officials of the table, he will automatically be liable to disciplinary disqualification with or without prior warning.

ARTICLE 81

A disqualified player or team official according to the case is automatically suspended for one match without prejudice of possible sanctions he may incur.

In case of suspension from activity imposed on a player or a team official and for the counting of the matches in question against him, the age category to take into consideration must be that of the same age category as the age category of the match in which the player or the team official took part and during which the offence was committed.

But, it is understood that the said player or team official will not be able to take part in any other category during the period of suspension taking into account the personal aspect of the sanction.

INTERFERENCE OF SUSPENDED AND /OR UNAUTHORIZED PLAYERS

AND OFFICIALS

ARTICLE 82

A disqualified player or team official has no right to neither coach nor manage his team from the stands or from any other position, before or during the match, also during the half-time and also during the period of his sanction.

In the case of an intervention of a suspended or non-registered player, the match is considered as lost with the result but with 0 point and minus 10 goals.

The importance of the penalty is determined by the Competition Management, in agreement with the concerned reports and regulations.

ARTICLE 83

At each half time, teams must compulsorily leave the playing field.

BALLS AND NETS

ARTICLE 84

During African Championships, the organizer is responsible for the supplying of all the equipment and tools as well as the training halls.

He must provide new nets and balls approved by IHF.

TIME KEEPING

ARTICLE 85

The organizer provides four (4) manual table clocks.

An electronic clock, operated from the table, shall keep the official time.

The clock must run from 0 to 30 minutes, with an automatic end signal.

A reserve table clock shall be used should the official clock not be operational. Any temporary exclusion shall either be shown by electronic display, or by visible cards.

ARTICLE 86

After the competition, all borrowed material as well as the ball of the final must be returned to the organizer.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

ARTICLE 87

After the draw, the organizer must submit a training schedule to CAHB. For that, he must pay attention to which follows:

- a) Each team has right to daily training period of at least 45 minutes.
 - b) Teams in the same preliminary round group that have not played yet against each other should not be allocated consecutive training periods.
- The break between the training slots of two teams should reach 10 to 15 minutes.
- c) Training period can be used for training matches against other teams.
 - d) For each Africa championship, participating teams should be able to train in the official competition playing hall at least once before their first match.
 - e) The Competition Management has the final decision of the training schedule.

SUBSTITUTION AREA

ARTICLE 88

The Substitution Area Regulations of IHF shall be applied.

TECHNICAL DELEGATES

The four (04) persons of the delegate's table are composed by two (2) technical delegates of CAHB as well as the timekeeper and scorekeeper provided by the organizer.

The announcer sits behind the table.

Another place is to be envisaged for the representative of the Medical Commission of CAHB.

MATCH SUPERVISION

The general supervision of the match is done by the official designated by CAHB, for whom a separate table must be envisaged.

L - REFEREES

ARTICLE 89

Referees of the Africa Handball Championships must absolutely be on the official list of IHF and CAHB.

ARTICLE 90

The referees must belong to a country different from that of the teams that they have to whistle the matches.

ARTICLE 91

Referees nominated for the Africa Championships must wear perfect clothes. They must have all equipment and tools relating to the game (whistle, cards, scratch pads, towel, bag, etc...)

ARTICLE 92

CAHB or IHF referee's badge must compulsorily be worn during all the competitions organized by CAHB on the African continent.

In principle, this obligation concerns the international referees registered at CAHB.

ARTICLE 93

A referee nominated for an Africa Championship and who cannot come, must inform the Secretary General of CAHB at least two weeks before the start of the championship. Besides, He must return the air ticket to the organizing Federation..

ARTICLE 94

The referee who was nominated for an Africa Championship must arrive on the competition site one (01) day before the start of the games.

M - PROTESTS AND JURY

ARTICLE 95

During an Africa Championship, protests cannot be done against the following and any claim regarding them is null:

- Place, date and time of the matches
- Designation of Delegates and referees
- Decisions of the Referees in conformity with the playing rules.

ARTICLE 96

A protest must be sent to CAHB representative within one hour after completion of the match.

The protest must be done against payment of 100 Euros refundable if the protest is accepted. On rejection, the fee which is paid goes to CAHB.

ARTICLE 97

The Commission of Homologation and Nomination of CAHB must pronounce decision and sanction about a protest or the disqualification of a player of a team, by 9 o'clock at the latest the following day of the match.

ARTICLE 98

A written appeal against the decision of the Competition Management can be sent to the Jury of Appeal of CAHB which is the highest legal authority of an Africa Championship.

ARTICLE 99

The Jury of Appeal of an Africa Championship is composed by:

- 1) One of the Vice-Presidents of CAHB
- 2) The Secretary General of CAHB
- 3) The President of Zone of CAHB

The composition of the Jury of Appeal can be modified in some cases by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 100

The written appeal against the decision of the Competition Management must be submitted no later than 10 o'clock the same day against payment of 1.000 Euros not refundable in case of rejection of the appeal.

The Jury of Appeal shall take a decision no later than 1.00 pm the same day.

There is no appeal against the decisions of the Jury of Appeal.

N - AWARDS

ARTICLE 101

The African Handball Confederation can give awards to honor some officials, coaches and referees for services rendered to handball during an Africa Championship.

ARTICLE 102

Proposals of awards are formulated by the Council of CAHB.

O - PARTICIPATION IN THE DIFFERENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARTICLE 103

- a) Seniors, Juniors and Youth Africa Nations Championships Men and Women, are qualifying for the World Championships.
- b) The winner of the Men's Seniors CAN automatically qualifies for the Olympic Games, but a qualifying tournament is necessary in women.

ARTICLE 104

Any team qualified to represent Africa in various Handball World Championships which withdraws, shall be penalized as following:

- Loss of continental title
- Payment of a fine of 16,000 Euros.