

# **GENERAL REGULATIONS OF** **COMPETITIONS**

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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 and youth categories.

It also organizes the Africa Clubs Championships and the Africa Clubs championship for Winners' Cup, the Super Cup, the Beach Handball Nations Championships.

### **ARTICLE 2**

The trophies for 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 5000 Euros.

### **ARTICLE 3**

If over a period of Ten years a country or a club wins the trophy three (03) times it will definitively keep it.

But, if over a period of Ten years no country has won the trophy three (3) times, it will be withdrawn from the competitions.

### **ARTICLE 4**

The Congress or the Council allocates the organization of such events to a member federation if it officially applies before the meeting of the Congress 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)- Information and communication facilities
- d)-The report of the measures envisaged for the welcome, the accommodation and feeding, officials, heads of delegations, 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 refuses to organize 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).

A competition that is not allocated for lack of organizer will take place at the Head Office of CAHB. It will be the same if the organizer withdraws.

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**

Africa Championships are organized according to a regular cycle as follows:

### **At Level of the Zones**

The preliminaries of the Seniors, Juniors and Youth Africa Nations Championship (Men and Women) must be organized during the uneven years.

Each zone fixes the periods of competitions according to its organization.

### **At the Continental Level**

The different Seniors, Juniors and Youth Africa Nations Championships (Men and Women) will be organized during the even years except the preliminaries of the African Games which are planned one year before the event.

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

- Seniors Africa Nations Cups: every two (02) years (even year)
    - \* Men: in January.
    - \* Women: in December
  - Youth and Juniors Africa Nations Championship (Men): every two (02) years (even year) in August.
  - Youth and Juniors Africa Nations Championship (Women): every two (02) years (uneven years) in August
  - Africa Beach Handball Championship (Men & Women): in August of the year of the competition.
  
  - Africa Clubs Championship for Winners' Cup: every year from the last two weeks of April to early May.
  - Africa Clubs Championship: every year in September – October period.
  - Super Cup: at the start of Africa Clubs Championship for Winners' Cup.
- Teams qualify for that championship as follows:

The Cup holder of the trophy of the Clubs Championship of the preceding season plays against the Cup holder of the Winners' Cup of the preceding season.

If one of the teams automatically qualified simultaneously holds the titles of Clubs Championship and Winners' Cup, it will defend the title of the Africa Clubs Championship.

In this case, the team that is ranked second in the Winners' Cup Championship will be its opponent.

The Council shall decide the schedule of the other competitions.

#### **Article 8: ANNOUNCEMENT**

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

#### **ARTICLE 9: REGISTRATION**

The zones shall communicate the list of teams qualified four (4) months before the start of a competition organized by CAHB, at the latest.

Besides, zones must organize the preliminaries no later than six months before the African competition.

The qualified teams must irrevocably confirm their participation to the Secretariat General and no later than three months before the start of the competition.

The registration fees of 500 Euros must be paid at the same time.

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 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

To register, national member federations shall transfer an amount of Five Hundred (500) Euros per team on the account of CAHB.

Registration forms in 3 copies shall be submitted to CAHB Secretariat by modern means of communication, with the payments before January 31<sup>st</sup>, final deadline.

Furthermore, any team registered for a competition must pay a deposit of 5,000 Euros deductible from the participation fees one month before the draw.

In case of withdrawal, the deposit is not refundable.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

Registrations can be done by email or fax 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**

A delegation may consist of up to 25 persons. A maximum of 18 players and the remaining officials (stating their position) with copy of the list sent to the General Secretariat of CAHB) as follows:

- Provisional registration: send the list to the Secretariat of CAHB one (1) month at the latest before any Championship.
- Definitive registration: send the list of 16 players and 4 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 goals scored, number of international matches.

c) Player clothing: colors of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> clothing (shirt and short), colors of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> clothing of the goalkeeper.

The tracksuits (well-padded pants) must be of the same color as the shorts.

The wearing of the face masks or similar are not allowed.

One hour before the start of the match, teams must compulsorily give the list of the 16 players and 04 officials for their registration on the match report.

If a player is injured before the start of the match, he can be replaced before the start of match.



## **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 to 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 be attached with the registration documents).

CAHB and the organizer shall not be liable for any accident or sickness

- d) Participating teams arriving earlier must bear the additional cost **by paying 50 Euros** per day and per person to the organizer.

The same thing will be applied for the teams and delegations which leave later.

These measures are applied to all the CAHB competitions, including the qualification matches.

### **ARTICLE 17**

Participating federations shall pay to the Treasurer of CAHB a fixed sum relating to the participation fees per day and per person 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:

### **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SENIORS AFRICA NATIONS CUP AND JUNIORS AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Accommodation:	Double	Single
Participation fees:	60 Euros	80 Euros
Organizer's fixed sum:	40 Euros	60 Euros
CAHB fixed sum :	20 Euros	20 Euros

NB: Duration of the Men's and Women's Seniors Africa Nations Cup is **14 days** (1 arrival date, 11 days for competition, 1 day for departure and 1 day for solidarity Funds).

### **AFRICA CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP AND AFRICA CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WINNERS' CUP**

Accommodation	Double	Single
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Participation fees:	60 Euros	80 Euros
Organizer's fixed sum:	40 Euros	60 Euros
CAHB fixed sum :	20 Euros	20 Euros

### **YOUTH AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP**

Accommodation	Double	Single
Participation fee:	50 Euros	80 Euros
Organizer's fixed sum	35 Euros	65 Euros
CAHB fixed sum	15 Euros	15 Euros

NB: Duration of each competition : **13 days** (1 arrival date, 10 days for competition, 1 day for departure and 1 day for solidarity Funds).

### **IHF TROPHY (competitions of Countries per zone)**

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:	15 Euros per license
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**

Payment must be made in convertible currency. No other form of payment will be accepted.

### **ARTICLE 20**

All teams arrived in at the competition site must compulsorily pay the total participation fees even if they have to leave for some reason or other the competition site.

### **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 within the organizing country in relationship with the matches and programmes of events.
- b) Stay fees of the delegations: one (1) day before the championship and one (1) day after the championship.
- c) Return ticket of the nominated officials of CAHB to lead the events from their home to the place of the competition ; they are:

-the members of the Jury of Appeal

- the members of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination
- the referees
- the Members of CAHB Secretariat.

d) Transportation within the host country, the accommodation and meals expenses of the officials (members of the Jury of Appeal , members of the Council, members of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination, referees, staff of the Secretariat), during the period of the competitions.

e) the stay fees of the members of the Council and the technical commissions who are present on the site

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.

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

But when the distance to drive is over 200 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 ticket to the technical 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 shall respect the laws relating to visas and vaccination certificates of the host country.

b/ Cars shall be provided at the airport and during the championship 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
- Members of the technical commission	1 or 2 cars
- Secretariat of CAHB	1 car

c/ Referees will have 1 or 2 mini buses

d/ Shuttle services shall be organized for delegations by the organizer.

No delegation shall be particularly entitled to a bus.

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

e/ Drivers of the delegations of athletes shall be fed at the Olympic village.

## **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 of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination, members of CAHB Secretariat shall be accommodated in a hotel of international standing in single rooms.

- The feeding rate at the hotel shall be discussed by the organization committee in order to determine well the responsibilities.
- Referees officially designated shall be accommodated in the same hotel with the members of the Jury and the commission of homologation and Nomination, 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 taking care by the organizing Committee of the Competition .

As the case may be, 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 shall be disqualified.

#### **ARTICLE 31**

The delegation of the host country shall be accommodated in the same conditions like all the competitors' 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.

**SANCTIONS**: in case a team does not respect the choice of CAHB about accommodation: Disqualification from the games, report and disciplinary sanction.

#### **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 Commission of Homologation and Nomination and the President of the Organizing Committee will attend that meeting. The general Intendant of the games is invited to take part in the 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**

For the broadcast on TV and for the films, CAHB is the only one entitled of all rights.

#### **ARTICLE 34**

The host country shall provide decent accommodation and good working conditions in hotels or a centre (different from that of athletes) for journalists 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**

The parade must be carried out in a correct and perfect way.

### **ARTICLE 38**

Athletes and additional participants shall pay particular attention and respect to the different national anthems.

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

### **ARTICLE 39**

For the opening matches, teams of the organizing country automatically enter in the competition (men and women) and choose their opponents, for the circumstance.

## **F – UNFORSEEN EVENTS, DISPUTES DURING EVENTS AND URGENT CASES**

### **ARTICLE 40**

The disputes which occur during all the events of CAHB (qualifying tournaments for the Olympic Games, African Games, Africa Championships and Cups) fall within the respective competence of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination and the Jury of Appeal.

### **ARTICLE 41**

The Commission of Homologation and Nomination is left to the appraisal of the Executive Committee of CAHB, on the basis of the synthesis of the Secretariat General.

### **ARTICLE 42**

In case of disputes during the championships, the Commission of Homologation and Nomination decides first against payment of 100 Euros refundable if the case is won.

### **ARTICLE 43**

A written appeal against the decision of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination is possible and must be addressed to the Jury of appeal of CAHB 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 500 Euros refundable if the case is won.

### **ARTICLE 44**

The decisions of the Jury of Appeal are without appeal.

### **ARTICLE 45**

During unforeseen situations like (electrical failure, incidents with spectators or in case of absolute necessity, etc...), the matches 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; 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.

However, for these particular cases, the official representative of CAHB shall decide or possibly the referees.

## **SECURITY OF THE HALLS AND PLAYING COURTS**

### **ARTICLE 46**

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

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

## **G - FORFEIT AND NON-APPEARANCE**

### **ARTICLE 47**

If a zone is not able to occupy a place allocated during an Africa Championship for Nations according to the ranking or immediately 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.

If a participating team does not appear, the COC determines 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 48**

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

- Administrative forfeit
- Technical forfeit
- Anti-statutory forfeit

## **ADMINISTRATIVE FORFEIT**

### **ARTICLE 49**

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 months before the draw.

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



## **ARTICLE 50**

### **SENIORS AFRICA NATIONS CUP**

In case of withdrawal, 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 51**

### **JUNIORS AND YOUTH AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP**

In case of withdrawal, forfeit or non-appearance of a national team during a juniors or youth Africa Nations Championship after registration, the concerned federation will pay a fine according to the following table:

- Until 1 month before the first day of the competition = 15,000 Euros
- From one month before the first day of the competition = 20,000 Euros

## **ARTICLE 52**

### **AFRICA CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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

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

## **ARTICLE 53**

Any team that declares forfeit on the competition site shall be fined 20,000 Euros without prejudice for further sanctions.

All trophy holders must defend their title; otherwise they will be imposed to pay a fine of 10,000 Euros, without prejudice for further sanctions.

## **ARTICLE 54**

Any team registered for the Africa Clubs Championships or Africa Nations Championships which declares forfeit will lose its registration fees and will be fined (see forfeit and non-appearance).

## **ARTICLE 55**

Any team which declares forfeit without informing CAHB will be penalized to a fine of 20,000 Euros without prejudice for further sanctions.

## **CASE OF TECHNICAL FORFEIT**

### **ARTICLE 56**

A team which does not show up at the indicated time and after 15 minutes in accordance with the playing rules will be punished with a fine without prejudice of subsequent sanctions.

### **ARTICLE 57**

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 58**

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

### **ARTICLE 59**

A team that makes one or many players of another nationality: penalty plus disciplinary sanctions.

## **ANTI-STATUTORY FORFEIT**

### **ARTICLE 60**

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

### **ARTICLE 61**

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

### **ARTICLE 62**

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 63**

All debts or financial sanctions imposed on a club, an official, and a player shall be paid by its federation within a period of six (06) months after notification. Failure to pay in time, the federation shall automatically be suspended from all the continental and international activities until payment.

# **TECHNICAL PART**

## **H - RANKING**

### **ARTICLE 64**

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

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 addition 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 65**

After the preliminary round, the matches must use 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**

### **AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **ARTICLE 66**

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

- SENIORS (Men and Women):	12 MEN'S TEAMS - 8 WOMEN'S TEAMS
- JUNIORS (Men and women):	10 TEAMS (per category)
- YOUTH (Male and female):	10 TEAMS (per category)

1) If there are less than five (5) teams registered, the formula of home and away matches will be applied.

2) If there are five (5) to seven (7) teams registered, the formula of simple home match is applied

3) From eight (8) teams, we proceed to two groups of four (4) teams for the 1<sup>st</sup> round.

At the end of that 1<sup>st</sup> round the first three teams of each group will be put in 2 groups of 3 teams.

3<sup>rd</sup> ROUND: Final for rankings.

### **PLACES AUTOMATICALLY ATTRIBUTED AND ACCORDING TO RANKING**

#### **ARTICLE 67**

##### **SENIORS AFRICA NATIONS CUP (Men and Women)**

- Number of places: MEN: 12
- Number of places: WOMEN: 8
- Organizer: 1 place
- Place automatically allocated: 4 teams based on the results of the preceding championship.
- Place according to ranking: the remaining places are allocated according to the general ranking of the federations.

In case of withdrawal, teams will be taken according to the general ranking of the federations.

## **YOUTH AND JUNIORS AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP (Male and female)**

- Organizer: 1 place.
- Place according to ranking: two (2) places based on the results of the preceding championship.
- Place automatically attributed: seven (7) places: one per zone.

If a zone withdraws, the COC/CAHB proposes to fill the place by teams from another zone and decision to be taken by the Executive Committee.

### **DRAW**

#### **ARTICLE 68**

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

The organizer has the free choice of the group of the preliminary round within its performance category, which is the last to be drawn.

### **NON PARTICIPATION**

#### **ARTICLE 69**

During an Africa Championship, if a zone is not able to fill a place attributed according to the ranking or automatically and if the place is filled by a country from another zone, or the place remains unfilled, that zone will lose the place. It will be an attributed place according to a free ranking at a next championship of the same category.

If a participant refuses to participate, the COC will determine which country will take the place and the consequences which come out.

In the case of withdrawal or non-presentation, the code of sanctions of CAHB is applicable.

If there is less than five (5) teams registered we proceed to the home and away championship. For a registration of 5-7 teams we apply the simple home championship

From 8 teams, we proceed to two groups of four (4) teams in the first round. At the end of that first round, the first three (3) teams of each group will be put in two (2) groups of three (3) teams.

The last round will be played for the ranking:

1<sup>ST</sup> ROUND:    A1            A2            A3            A4  
                      B1            B2            B3            B4

2<sup>nd</sup> ROUND:    A1            A2            A3  
                      B1            B2            B3

3<sup>rd</sup> ROUND:    Final for the rankings

## **ARTICLE 70**

The Congress or the Council decides the number of participating teams and possible qualifications whenever it deems it useful.

## **ARTICLE 71**

The Commission of Homologation and Nomination can modify the competition's plans according to the number of participants, that is to say more than 16 – 14 – 12 – 9 – 8 – 6 and less than 6.

## **I - NATIONALITY AND REGISTRATIONS**

### **ARTICLE 72**

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 are playing, according to the statutes of CAHB.
- b) Every national team can participate with 18 players play during the Africa Championship.

Nationality check will be done according to the valid passports.

### **ARTICLE 73**

For the Juniors Africa Championships:

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

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

## **J - EQUIPMENT**

### **ARTICLE 74**

#### **PLAYERS AND PLAYERS' CLOTHING**

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

If case of multi-colored jerseys, only one of the colors of the first set of clothing except the main color may be repeated in the second set of clothing.



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 75**

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

#### **ARTICLE 76**

Goalkeepers must wear clothing that distinguishes them from the two sets of clothing of their other field players' possible clothing.

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

#### **ARTICLE 77**

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 78**

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

#### **ARTICLE 79**

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

#### **ARTICLE 80**

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 81**

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 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 82**

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

#### **ARTICLE 83**

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 84**

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.

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 be in charge of 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.

#### **AUTORIZATION TO PLAY A MATCH**

#### **ARTICLE 85**

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 86**

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

**SANCTION:** Warning and possible disqualification.

## **ARTICLE 87**

Any official who protests against the decision of the referee 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 88**

A disqualified player or team official is automatically suspended for a match without prejudice of possible sanctions he may incur.

## **INTERFERENCE OF SUSPENDED AND /OR UNAUTHORIZED PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS**

### **ARTICLE 89**

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 interference of a suspended player, the match is considered as lost with the score registered but with 0 point minus 10 goals.

The importance of the penalty is determined by the Commission of Homologation and Nomination. The amount ranges from 300 € to 1,000 €.

In the case of non-authorized player interference, the concerned team is banned from the current competition. Other decisions are taken by the Competition Management.

### **ARTICLE 90**

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

## **BALLS AND NETS**

### **ARTICLE 91**

During African Championships, the organizer is responsible for all equipment and tools for the field and shall provide new balls and nets.

## **TIME KEEPING**

### **ARTICLE 92**

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 93**

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

## **TRAINING SCHEDULE**

### **ARTICLE 94**

A month before the start of the Africa Championship, the organizer must submit a training schedule. Attention must be paid to the following:

- a) Each team has the right for training period of at least 45 minutes per day.
- 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 be 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 their official competition playing halls at least once before their first match.
- e) The COC has the final decision of the training schedule.

## **SUBSTITUTION AREA**

### **ARTICLE 95**

The Substitution Area Regulations of IHF shall be applied.

## **TECHNICAL DELEGATES**

The delegate's table is composed of two (2) Technical Delegates of CAHB and the timekeeper and scorekeeper provided by the organizer.

The announcer shall sit behind the table. Another place is to be envisage for the representative of the Medical Commission of CAHB.

## **MATCH SUPERVISION**

The supervision of the match is done by the official designated by CAHB and a separate table shall be set up for him.

### **L - REFEREES**

#### **ARTICLE 96**

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

#### **ARTICLE 97**

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

#### **ARTICLE 98**

Referees designated 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 99**

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

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

#### **ARTICLE 100**

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

#### **ARTICLE 101**

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

### **M - PROTESTS AND JURY**

#### **ARTICLE 102**

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 referees
- Decisions of the Referees in conformity with the playing rules.

### **ARTICLE 103**

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 104**

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 105**

A written appeal against the decision of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination can be sent to the Jury of Appeal of CAHB which is the highest legal authority of an Africa Championship.

### **ARTICLE 106**

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

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

### **ARTICLE 107**

The written appeal against the decision of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination must be submitted at 10 o'clock maximum the same day against payment of 500 Euros to CAHB not refundable in case of rejection of the appeal.

The Jury of Appeal shall decide by 12 o'clock the same day at the latest.

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

## **N - AWARDS**

### **ARTICLE 108**

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

### **ARTICLE 109**

Proposals of awards are formulated by the Council of CAHB.

## **O - PARTICIPATION IN THE DIFFERENT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **ARTICLE 110**

Every national federation affiliated to CAHB and IHF has the obligation to participate at least in one continental championship per year.

Failure to do it, a fine of 1,500 Euros will be imposed on the federation.

### **ARTICLE 111**

Seniors, Juniors and Youth Africa Nations Championships are qualifying competitions for World Championships and Olympic Games.

### **ARTICLE 112**

The team ranked first in the Seniors Africa Nations Championship represents the Continent at the World Championship or the Olympic Games.

### **ARTICLE 113**

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.