

ISBHF

JURIDICAL REGULATIONS

I. ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION

§ 1 Types of sanctions

Sanctions may be imposed on affiliated National Association's (NA), clubs teams, players and officials of the ISBHF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the ISBHF Statutes, Regulations and others legal instruments.

All sanctions adopted against managers, coaches, referees and players by the ISBHF shall apply on both international and national level.

These sanctions are:

1.1 Fine

A fine consists of payment to ISBHF of a variable sum up to a maximum of CHF 10.000.

1.2 Discharge from official position

Discharge from office means losing the position held in any and all of the ISBHF bodies.

1.3 Suspension

a) A suspension consists of prohibition from participation, for a given period of time, in any official activity within the sphere of the ISBHF. A suspension may be imposed on all ISBHF members and NA's.

b) A suspended National Association is obliged to reimburse the ISBHF for all expenses incurred by the latter for the study of its case (investigation or conciliation working group, juridical expenses, etc.).

c) In order to recover its full affiliation, the said National Association must have satisfied the financial obligations above, unless an exceptional derogation is granted by ISBHF.

1.4 Expulsion

a) Only an Ordinary or Emergency Conference may expel an affiliated Association, after granting it a hearing.

b) The grounds for expulsion of a Federation are:

1. Debt to the ISBHF, notably for delay in payment of two (2) annual fees, admonition thereof having been issued three (3) months before the session or the Conference.

2. Clear or repeated breach of the ISBHF Statutes or Regulations, or serious misconduct.

3. Loss of status as a NA, on the basis of findings from inquiries made of the competent national authorities.

c) Quorum and voting requirements for the expulsion are the same as in the Statutes art. 31.

d) In the case of emergency, players and officials may be expelled by the Board by a seventy-five (75%) majority vote, effective upon notice of the decision.

e) A NA may propose a reversal of expulsion under Art. 1.4 d) above at the next Conference, requesting inclusion of the matter on the agenda 60 days before the date of such Conference.

§ 2 Offenses

Sanctions can be imposed on the NA's, clubs, teams, officials, players, etc., having violated the provision of the ISBHF Statutes or its Regulations.

2.1 Failure to pay or for late payment of membership fee

a) The NA's have the obligation to pay punctually their membership fee and other fees called for by ISBHF Regulations.

b) A late payment of the membership fee might entail a fine of CHF 20,- for each running month charged to the NA which, in addition, may be suspended until payment has been made.

c) Should the non-compliance continue for more than one (1) year, the NA shall be subject to suspension.

e) The resumption of activity will be permitted as soon as the arrears are paid.

2.2 Breach of ISBHF Competition Regulations

a) NA's have the obligation to inform ISBHF about any events and tournaments, between national teams and clubs, which have not been directly attributed by the ISBHF.

b) Failure to previously inform about events, tournament or else violate the general competition regulations may involve a fine of maximum CHF 500 for the NA at fault and suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players and referees) not exceeding one (1) year.

c) Failure to follow the instruction of the tournament organizer involves a fine of maximum CHF 500 for the participant and suspension of participants (managers, coaches, players and referees) not exceeding one (1) year. This fine does not relieve the participant of an obligation to reimburse the Organizer and/or the ISBHF for the expenses borne on the behalf of the failure

d) The fine CHF 500 and suspension shall be levied if a suspended NA or club has taken part in the competition.

2.3 Non-observance of the Statutes

Without prejudice to the prerogative of the Conference to expel a NA, the non-observance of the Statutes shall be penalized with a maximum fine of CHF 3000 and/or a suspension not exceeding 2 year.

2.4 Non-observance of the sanction

a) Non-observance of non-monetary sanction inflicted by the jurisdictional bodies shall be penalized to the relevant scale of sanctions, including expulsion.

b) No later than three (3) months after publication by the ISBHF fines must be paid.

c) Delayed payment shall involve a fine CHF 20 per each month and automatic prohibition from participating in competitions organized or authorized by the ISBHF until the entire sanction has been paid.

§ 3 Responsibility for Imposition

Expulsion of a NA from the ISBHF, except the sanctions, are specifically provided for in the text of the Statutes or Regulations, or may be imposed by a Directorate, Disciplinary Committee or the Board in accordance with the regulations in force.

3.1 Automatic (direct) Sanction

The sanctions specifically provided for specific violations of the Statutes or these Regulations are final. However appeal can be made to the "ad hoc" Appeal Committee on the legitimacy of such sanction. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter 2 article 7.2 of these regulations.

3.2 Sanctions imposed by Directorate

a) Sanctions imposed by a Directorate are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

b) However, the sanctions imposed by a Directorate can be subject to revision by the Central Board or the Disciplinary Committee if the execution of such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.

3.3 The Disciplinary Committee

a) The Disciplinary Committee may impose the sanctions provided for in Chapter I of these regulations.

b) All sanctions imposed by the Disciplinary Committee may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal Committee. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, § 8 of these regulations.

c) The Disciplinary Committee may revise sanctions imposed by Directorate if the consequences of the impositions and such sanctions extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.

d) Such revision by the Disciplinary Committee of sanction imposed by a Directorate may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal committee.

e) All penalties imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal Committee have been made. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, § 8 of these regulations.

II. SPORTS SANCTIONS

§ 4 Types of sanctions

As provided for in the ISBHF Statutes, sanctions may be imposed on affiliated NA's, clubs teams, players and officials of the ISBHF should they not comply with the requirements and provisions of the ISBHF Statutes, Regulations and others legal instruments.

These sanctions are:

1. Reprimand
2. Warning
3. Fine
4. Disqualification of teams, players and/or coaches for one or more competitions, or matches in official competitions, or in any competition recognized by the ISBHF. In case of matches, the loss of match results is the immediate consequence
5. Discharge from position held in the case of officials
6. Suspension
7. Expulsion

4.1 Reprimand

A reprimand consists of a formal declaration of blame. It may be imposed on all ISBHF members.

4.2 Warning

A warning consists of an official declaration of censure, with the express intimation that if further infractions are committed the next sanction will be more severe. It may be imposed on all ISBHF members.

4.3 Fine

A fine consists of payment to the ISBHF of a variable sum up to a maximum of CHF 5000.

4.4 Disqualification from competition

a) Disqualification of a player or a coach consists of prohibition for those persons from participation in one (1) or more competitions or matches during international competitions. Disqualification must be applied with reference to the official ISBHF competitions immediately following

b) Loss of match consists in the ratification of the result with a score of 0-5 for the team being punished.

4.5 Discharge from official position

Discharge from office means losing the position held in any and all of the ISBHF institutions.

4.6 Suspension

A suspension consists of prohibition, for a given period of time, in any official activity of the ISBHF. A suspension may be imposed on all ISBHF members.

4.7 Expulsion

Expulsion consists of exclusion from the ISBHF. It may be imposed on all ISBHF members.

§ 5 Sports Offenses

5.1 Dishonesty in competition

a) NA's with their local official representatives, and Clubs with their team delegates, are responsible for any untrue action, or attitude aimed at altering documents, or the performance of the participating team members, or influencing the result of a Street/ball match or competition to the advantage of its own team or any third party.

b) A NA or club declared responsible for such acts shall be subject to the loss of the match by 0-5 and exclusion for maximum of 2 years from official events and international tournaments organized or authorized by the ISBHF.

c) Responsible members shall be suspended.

5.2 Use of forbidden substances (Doping)

a) Street/ball players are prohibited from doping, namely from using doping substances and methods, as well as substances subject to certain restriction.

The following provisions shall be mandatory for all ISBHF components during sports activities and competitions:

b) The International Olympic Committee (IOC) doping regulations is valid. All players registered for competition of ISBHF agree to undergo doping control test. Refusal of player to submit to doping test shall be considered as equivalent to positive result.

The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other of the team during the test. The doping test shall be carried out in accordance with the IOC Doping Regulations.

In case of a positive doping test the player concerned will be suspended during investigation. Any player

whose doping control test proves positive (samples A and B) is subject to:

1. Decision about the length of suspension, minimum 1 month and maximum 24 month, will be made after the competition.

2. Lifelong suspension after the second infraction.

This applies to any infraction arising from the use of doping substances and/or methods of doping, as defined by the IOC List of Doping Classes and Methods.

c) If the analysis of the sample of a player's urine (bottle A) proves positive the player in question shall immediately be suspended. This suspension shall be communicated to the player in writing, as well as to the representative of the national association or club to which the player belongs, by a representative of ISBHF.

In this case however, the result of the game shall remain valid.

d) If, during a tournament, a team is found guilty of a second case of doping, this team shall be disqualified. The team shall not be allowed to finish the tournament and shall lose the game by forfeit, as well as the games that have already been played. If a medal has been presented to the team, the team shall return the medals.

e) The decision to penalize shall be taken in first instance as quickly as possible within thirty days following the infraction, by the Disciplinary Committee.

The implicated player has the right to be heard by the Disciplinary Committee before the verdict is pronounced and to present documents of medical nature.

f) An appeal against the decision in the first instance may be lodged with the Appeal Committee of ISBHF.

The Appeal Committee of ISBHF must make a decision in the second instance during the first 60 days following the receipt of the appeal.

g) To introduce a complaint does not avert the execution of the penalty.

Any complaint against faulty proceedings is not valid unless these faulty proceedings had influence on the results of the tests.

h) Any appeal against the decision in second instance may only be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport, in Lausanne, Switzerland. Recourse to a civil court is not permitted.

5.3 Doping sanctions imposed by a national association

a) National Associations are responsible for informing the Secretariat of ISBHF of any doping sanction they or the National Confederation of sport has imposed on a street/ball player. The information must be accompanied by a copy of the complete file on the doping control test and must be sent to ISBHF immediately, but under no circumstances later than 15 days from the day on which the decision of the National Association or the National Confederation becomes final.

b) ISBHF, through its Central Board, may adopt for the purpose of ISBHF competitions the sanction imposed by the National Association, provided that in performing the doping control tests, the provision of

the IOC Doping Regulations of were meticulously followed and, in particular, that the analysis of the samples was performed by an IOC accredited laboratory.

The extent of the sanction imposed by the national association shall remain even if it is below the minimum sanction provided for in these regulations.

c) If ISBHF adopts a sanction according to the preceding paragraph, all other National Associations shall apply this sanction for the purpose of their national competitions. ISBHF shall inform all affiliated nations on the sanction thus adopted.

d) Sanction being imposed by ISBHF on the basis of doping control tests conducted during ISBHF competitions, National Associations shall apply that sanction for the purpose of their national competitions. ISBHF shall inform all affiliated nations on such sanctions.

e) If a street/ball player, during doping control tests conducted under the control of organizations outside of ISBHF and its affiliated federations, is found guilty of doping, the Disciplinary Committee of ISBHF shall decide whether, and to what extent, a sanction shall be imposed on the player for the purpose of ISBHF competitions. If such sanction is imposed, ISBHF shall inform the national associations of the sanction thus imposed. The national association shall apply the sanction for the purpose of their national competitions.

5.4 Unauthorized line up of foreign players

a) NA's that permit their clubs to use foreign player without the necessary authorization called for by the ISBHF Transfer Regulations or ISBHF Competition Regulations shall be sanctioned with a fine of CHF 300,- for each player illegally used.

b) The responsible club and player shall be punished with a suspension of minimum 1 (one) year.

c) NA's lining up foreign players in their national team without previous written approval from the ISBHF shall be penalized with a fine of CHF 1000,- for each aligned player, lose the matches and be liable to 1 (one) year suspension from all official authorized competitions.

5.5 Obstruction of the regular playing of the competitions

a) A team declared forfeit because it did not start the match within the first 15 minutes of the scheduled time shall receive a fine of maximum CHF 500,- and be responsible for the damages caused to the organizer and to the ISBHF.

b) Delayed transmittal of a team players' list and documents with required information shall receive a fine of maximum CHF 100,-

5.6 Obstruction of the regular playing of a match

During any given competition, the following shall apply:

a) All team members must conduct themselves in accordance with the provisions of ISBHF Statutes and Regulations and the principles guiding it.

b) In the course of a tournament or sports event, before, during or after the playing of a match any team member who violates the Statutes, Regulations or the spirit guiding them shall be sanctioned as follows:

1. for protesting, incorrect attitude or behavior, by reprimand;
 2. for offensive, menacing and seriously offensive conduct, by disqualification for 1 (one) match.
 3. for violent conduct, by disqualification for the duration of the competition, with possibility of additional sanctions, depending on the seriousness of the case, to be imposed by the competent body.
- c) NA's and clubs shall be considered responsible for the offensive and intemperate conduct on the parts of their fans.
- d) If accidents and suspension are caused during a match due to the incorrect conduct on the part of their fans, the NA or club shall be fined CHF 100,- to 1000,- depending on the case.
- e) If such an accident has irremediably compromised the regular playing of the match, the team held responsible for the public conduct shall in addition to a fine, according to Chapter II article 4.4 b), be sanctioned by the loss of the match by 0-5 and no point for the match lost will be granted.

5.7 Partial refereeing

- a) Referees or other officials who carry out their job dishonestly in the course of matches or tournaments recognized by ISBHF shall be excluded from their job and shall be subject to an additional suspension of 1 (one) year.
- b) In case of proven corruption, the referee and all those who have participated in the illegal activity shall be expelled from the ISBHF.

5.8 Failure to participate in an official ISBHF tournament or matches

- a) Failure to participate in international tournaments or other events sanctioned by ISBHF. A fine should be put into force in accordance with the level of tournament (AAA, AA, A, B,C).
- b) Any NA or club that, after having registered for an official ISBHF tournament, withdraws after the draw is done and more than sixty (60) days from the starting date, shall be excluded from the two (2) subsequent official tournaments and shall be subject to a fine up to CHF 500,-.
- c) Should such withdrawal take place less than sixty (60) days but more than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the official ISBHF tournament, in addition to exclusion as provided for in Chapter II article 5.8 b) in these Regulation, the NA or club shall pay a fine up to CHF 1500,-.
- d) Any withdrawal taking place during the fifteen days prior to the start of official ISBHF tournament shall pay a fine up to CHF 5000,-, in addition to exclusion as provided for under Chapter 2 article 5.8 b) in these Regulations.
- e) Withdrawal during an official ISBHF tournament shall be punished by:
1. A fine up to CHF 5.000,-
 2. Suspension from official ISBHF tournaments for two (2) years
 3. Obligation to reimburse the Organizer and the ISBHF for the expenses borne on the behalf of the withdrawing delegation and team and for loss of income and other financial consequences.

5.9 Failure to participate in private or friendly matches between ISBHF member nations or clubs

- a) ISBHF member Association or club having registered or signed an agreement with another ISBHF member Association or club regarding a private or friendly match, are obliged to participate.

If a withdrawal takes place, a fine will be imposed up to 2/3 of that called for in Chapter II article 5.8 b) in these regulations. In addition the participant is to reimburse the Organizer for all expenses borne for the withdrawing team.

- b) In case of withdrawal from a private or friendly match within fifteen (15) days before the match, the obligation for reimbursement also includes all the expenses borne by the Organizer for preparation of the match/matches.
- c) In case of single or double game, if the organizing team forfeits, the visiting team must be reimbursed the entirety of its travel expenses, determined on the basis of its travel receipts.

The organizing team shall in addition be subject to sanction according to Chapter II article 5.8 a) and b).

5.10 Failure to organize ISBHF competition

Any member Federation or club failing, without previous ISBHF approval, to organize a competition when having been requested and having accepted to do so, shall be subject to sanction by competent ISBHF body as follows:

- a) Fine up to CHF 10.000,-
- b) Suspension from international participation for two (6-24) months.
- c) Three (3) years interdiction of international competitions.

5.11 Recovery of fees, costs and loss of income

In addition to the imposition of relevant sanctions, an ISBHF body has the right to request the Disciplinary Committee to render a decision with respect to the reimbursement of the fee, costs, loss of income and interests up to one percent (1%) monthly from the day of the withdrawal for the non-respect of the above-mentioned Chapter of these Regulations.

§ 6 Responsibility for imposition

With the exception of the expulsion of a NA from ISBHF, the sanctions are specifically provided for in the text of the Statutes and the Regulations and may be imposed by a Directorate, the Disciplinary Committee or the Central Board in accordance with the provision or the ISBHF Regulations approved by the Conference and other Regulations established by the CB from time to time.

6.1 Automatic (direct) sanctions

The sanction specifically provided for specific violations of the Statutes or these Regulations are final. However appeal can be made to the Appeal committee on the legitimacy of such sanction. Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, § 8 of these Regulations.

6.2 Sanctions imposed by a Directorate

- a) Sanctions imposed by a Directorate are final as far as the duration of competition (or tournament) to which they apply is concerned.

b) The Directorate officiating during recognized ISBHF sports events is competent to impose the sanctions set further under Chapter II article 6.2 c) of these Regulations, providing that such sanctions are applied with direct reference to the sports event for which the Directorate has been appointed. In the case of serious infractions, the Directorate may request the CB to impose heavier sanctions.

c) The Directorate of an official ISBHF competition has the responsibility of applying, in the manner and within the limits set by these Regulations, the ISBHF Articles and the Competitions Regulations, the following sanctions:

1. Against national teams and clubs

- Reprimand
- Warning
- Loss of match by 0-5
- Penalisation in standings and exclusion from the competition.

2. Against managers of delegation, physicians, coaches, players and referees

- Reprimand.
- Warning.
- Disqualification for one or more matches (against coaches and players).
- Suspension for entire tournament.

d) The sanction for which the Directorate is competent may not exceed the length of the sporting event for which the Directorate has been appointed. In the case of serious infractions, the Directorate may propose to the Disciplinary Committee an application of additional sanctions.

e) The Directorate must transmit to the ISBHF a detailed report with the facts attached to the official documents and all evidence necessary for an in-depth evaluation of what has taken place and consequent decisions.

f) The Directorate has exclusive competence to ratifying the matches and drawing up the standings for sports competitions. The Directorate evaluates and decides on protests made by participating teams, after studying the Referee Report and other reports relevant to the case that have been given to the Directorate. The Directorate also can ask for a report from other official Committees related to the sports event.

g) If the competition takes place in more than one venue, the competence indicated under Chapter II article 6.2 f) of these Regulations falls, in the first instance, to the Directorate delegate, who hears the opinion of the Referee Committee and other involved bodies or parties at the venue. In such a case an appeal to the Directorate in second and finale instance is permitted against the decision of the Directorate delegate.

h) To this end, the team involved shall deliver a written statement containing its own deduction to the Directorate delegate, who must then immediately transmit such statement to the Chairman of the Directorate.

i) The Directorate shall make a decision on the appeal within the following twenty-four (24) hours.

j) The disciplinary sanctions called for under Chapter II article 6.2 c) of these Regulations can be imposed solely by the Directorate.

6.3 Sanctions imposed by the ISBHF Board

a) The ISBHF Board may impose the sanctions provided for in Chapter 1, article 1.1 – 1.3 and Chapter II, § 4.

b) All sanctions imposed by the ISBHF Board may be subject to appeal to the Appeal Committee:

c) The ISBHF Board may revise sanction imposed by a Directorate if the impositions of such sanction extend beyond the duration of the competition to which they apply.

d) Such revision by the Board of sanction imposed by a Directorate may be subject of an appeal to the Appeal Committee

Procedure for appealing should be according to Chapter III, § 8 of these regulations.

6.4 Sanctions imposed by a NA

All sanctions provided for in the ISBHF Articles or in these Regulations may be imposed by the NA's at the national level.

III PROCEDURES

§ 7 Initiation of the procedure

Procedures of discipline shall be initiated directly by the competent jurisdictional bodies on the basis of:

a) Information from the match record, from the reports of the referees and Directorate delegates.

b) Indications given by those ISBHF Committees which are competent to oversee the various categories of members.

c) Indications given by members of the Board, the Confederations, the NA's and relevant ISBHF institutions.

§.8 Appeals

8.1 Validity

All penalties imposed will remain in effect until the relevant decision of the Appeal Committee or the ISBHF Board having been made.

8.2 Content of an appeal:

- a) name and address of proposer
- b) name of the ISBHF body to appeal
- c) number of decision against appealed
- d) reasons for an appeal
- e) exact formulation of request
- f) copy approving payment of a deposit
- g) signature of an authorized person

8.3 Appeal delivery

a) All appeals shall be sent through the actual national association.

b) The appeal shall be sent to the office of ISBHF within 21 days from announcement of the first decision. During the championship and tournament the appeal shall be delivered to the Directorate within 120 minutes after obtaining its decision.

c) The appeal shall be accompanied by deposit of:

- 1. CHF 100 for an appeal against a warning or a fine.
- 2. CHF 500 in any other case.

- d) In case of received appeal the Appeal Committee shall make decision within the following deadlines:
1. For fines, a date shall be communicated in good time by the Appeal Committee with the party concerned.
 2. For discharge or suspensions given by the Central Board in the first instance, the deadline shall be a maximum of 7 days following receipt of the appeal and the appropriate deposit at the office of ISBHF
 3. For sanctions imposed by the Directorate latest before the next game of the appealing team.
- e) If the appeal is successful the deposit will be refunded.

§.9 Publication and notification of a decision

9.1 When rendering their decisions, the jurisdictional body:

- a) Shall not suspend or delay their decision merely on the basis of notice received that a defense statement is forthcoming.
- b) Shall communicate the sanction by registered mail with return receipt, except in the case of those sanctions imposed during a competition, which shall be delivered by hand to the head of the delegations involved.

9.2 Persons or team subjected to procedures of discipline may send to the judging body, prior to its meeting, statements setting forth their defense.

9.3 At meeting called for such specific purpose or at their first subsequent meeting, the jurisdictional bodies shall evaluate the evidence and make their decision.

9.4 Sanction shall become effective after notification to the party involved.

9.5 With the exception of simple admonitions, sanctions shall be published by the ISBHF.

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