

BEACH HANDBALL (mixed)

2016

AUS Beach Handball competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of the [European Handball Federation](#) (EHF) except where these differ from AUS sports rules; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/squad size

- Minimum registered players – 8
- Maximum registered players – 12
- Maximum cross registrations – 0
- Minimum number of players that can take the field without incurring a forfeit – 4
- Minimum number of women on the field at any one time – 2

2. Substitutions

- 2.1. Only the players nominated for that game, plus up to a maximum of two team officials, will be permitted to sit on the substitution bench.
- 2.2. Players who have been suspended will not be permitted to sit on the substitution bench during the period of their suspension.
- 2.3. Players disqualified or excluded from play during the current match shall leave the enclosed playing area and will not be permitted to sit on the substitution bench for the remainder of that match.

3. Game time/duration

- 3.1. All games will be 2 x 10 minutes in duration with 3 minutes for half time.
- 3.2. A summary of game time/duration is also available via the [AUS supplement – games time summary](#).

4. Point score

- 4.1. Points for each period shall be awarded as follows;
 - First half: Win: 1 point Loss: 0 points
 - Second half: Win: 1 point Loss: 0 points
 - Shoot-out: Win: 1 point Loss: 0 points
- 4.2. A shoot out will occur if each team has won a half
- 4.3. In the event that two or more teams have the same number of points at the conclusion of the preliminary matches, the higher placed team(s) will be decided when the first of the following criteria, in order, favours one team:
 - a) The team with the highest goal difference (goals for - goals against) in all pool matches
 - b) The team scoring the highest number of goals shall be placed above the other team(s)
 - c) The team with the best result against the top team in their pool shall be placed above the other team(s). The best result to be determined by applying the following in order until the teams are separated:
 - largest winning margin
 - highest scoring draw
 - lowest losing margin
 - d) If two or more teams are still equal their ranking shall be determined as follows:
 - greatest number of points obtained in all pool matches between the teams concerned
 - goal difference resulting from all pool matches between the teams concerned
 - greatest number of goals scored in all pool matches between the teams

5. Drawn matches

- 5.1. In the event that the score is drawn at the end of a half, the golden goal method will be implement to decide the winner of that half.
- 5.2. There can be no drawn matches in Beach Handball. In the event that a game is drawn at the completion of any match (ie both teams have won a half), a shoot out will occur (until a result is reached) to determine the winning team.

6. Forfeits

- 6.1. Beach Handball is run under the [AUS Guideline – forfeit of competition requirements](#).
- 6.2. A forfeit will be declared 5 minutes after the scheduled start of play time where either team is unable to commence play.
- 6.3. The forfeit score is 10 points to nil (0).
- 6.4. Should the commencement of a game be delayed due to no fault of either side (as determined by the sport officials) the game shall be played in its full duration if possible. If full game duration is not possible, the recommended revised game duration will need to be agreed upon by both teams.
- 6.5. In the event of a game being abandoned, the [AUS abandonment guideline](#) will be implemented.

7. Uniform requirements

- 7.1. Each athlete shall wear the uniform of their university. The university shall submit a description of its uniform if requested.
- 7.2. The specific uniform requirements for Handball are as per the national sporting organisation standard with the following AUS uniform requirements:
 - All teams must have matching sleeveless shirts
 - All players must be barefoot
 - Socks and foot bandages are permitted upon approval by officials
 - Numbering is required on the front (at least 10cm high) of shirts
 - Numbering is allowed on the upper arm and upper leg, in addition to numbering on shirts
- 7.3 Minimum uniform requirements for AUS events must be met:
 - A competitor must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another competitor (including any kind of jewellery)
 - Long or sharp fingernails are to be trimmed short
 - All participating competitors are to be correctly attired in appropriate, matching team uniforms
 - Exceptions may be made for some sports in cold weather, providing permission is granted by the appropriate officials. Additionally the exceptions will only be granted providing they are the same colour, and the extra clothing does not cover up any identification numbers or colours
 - All numbers on shirts need to be clearly visible, and in a contrasting colour to the dominant colour of the shirt
 - Mouth guards are strongly recommended for all sports where there is a potential for collision. It is compulsory to wear a mouth guard in those sports where it is stated
 - All participation must retain the one number throughout the tournament (if numbered jerseys are used)
 - Numbers on shirts are restricted to one or two digit numbers
 - Players should not take the field of play in any costume or part of a costume. If they do, players will be asked to remove costume items or incur a code of behaviour report

8. Team duties

- 8.1. Team duty requirements Beach Handball are:
 - One person from each team competing in the current match will be required to assist with scoring and time keeping



8.2. The person fulfilling the team duty requirements can be any competent person associated with that team or university and does not necessarily have to be a player e.g. team manager.

8.3. Teams that do not fulfil team duties will be fined as per the [AUS Guideline - forfeit of competition requirements](#).

9. Award ceremonies

9.1. Medal ceremonies will be held at the completion of the competition.

9.2. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to those teams finishing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the competition.

Previous rule amendments

New rule in 2016