

ENGLAND HANDBALL

COMPETITIONS ADVISORY GROUP

Terms of Reference

Introduction

The Competitions Advisory Group (CAG) is responsible for providing advice and guidance for the development of a programme of activities that offers formal opportunities for teams to take part in organised league and cup competitions as well as the delivery of one-off events.

The CAG is responsible for supporting the EHA professional staff to coordinate effective management and operational delivery in respect of the planning and running of a national and regional league structure for those aspects of the sport which fall within the remit of England Handball, including:

- National and regional leagues for senior men and women and junior (U19) boys and girls;
- Cup competitions for the same groups to allow for additional participation opportunities;
- Setting and, where necessary, revising the rules of such leagues and competitions, with relevant reference to the Rules of Handball set out by the European Handball Federation and/or the International Handball Federation;
- Setting of fixtures relating to such leagues and competitions;
- Forming a working relationship with the EHA Referees Group;
- Ensuring that the official competitions calendar is co-ordinated with the Performance & National Teams Advisory Group and is in line with EHF/IHF international dates

The following specific matters fall within the remit of the CAG:

- Senior Male and Female Leagues
- Senior Male and Female Cup Competitions
- Junior Male and Female Leagues
- Junior Male and Female Cup Competitions

Structure

The CAG consists of:

- 1 x Non-Exec Board Director (Chair) – *ex officio*
- 1 x National Competition & Events Manager (NC&EM) *ex officio*
- Up to 5 x additional Group Members (of which at least 1 should be from outside of the sport)

The 5 additional Group Members are to be selected by open invitation to volunteers against a brief role description (which makes relevant reference to these CAG Terms of Reference). The recruitment of advisory group members should be in line with the process set out in the Terms of Reference for the England Handball Nominations Committee. Members may be drawn from within the EHA membership and from persons outside the membership who have appropriate experience and expertise (e.g. involved in the organisation and delivery of competitions and events in another sport).

The 5 additional members shall each hold office for a term with a maximum length of 2 years; and, subject to the relevant process, may stand for re-appointment for a maximum of one further 2 year term. Recruitment, selection and appointment to fill any vacancies shall usually take place each year as soon after the England Handball AGM as practical.

The appointments of the additional members are subject to approval by the England Handball Board.

Operational Matters

The CAG shall usually meet at least once each quarter.

The Group's meetings are subject to:

- Written agendas
- Written action point notes (that can be published on the England Handball website)

With regard to the responsibilities set out above, the CAG is:

- To review, and provide input into, proposals from the NC&EM for the England Handball Competition & Events Calendar;
- To provide quarterly update reports of its work to the England Handball Board;
- To provide feedback on requests made to the Group by the England Handball Board;
- To make relevant recommendations to the England Handball Board for consideration and decision; and
- To contribute to the annual review of the outcomes and effectiveness of the activities of the England Handball Board and its Advisory Groups.

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