

England Handball Match Day Protocol

This document should be used for individual matches across all age groups.
(In specific tournaments/matches variations may apply)

Two weeks pre-match

- Teams communicate kit colours prior to game (EHA 10.2.2, 10.3.3, 4.2.4)
- The Home team communicates any resin restrictions imposed by the facility. (EHA 10.1.7)
- It is recommended that teams communicate their playing lists **no later than 24 hours** pre-match to allow printed match sheets to be produced. In case of absence of any player/official can be crossed off the sheet.

On the day pre-match: The Home team must

- Provide two qualified table officials – only these designated people will be allowed at the table. (IHF 17:1, 18:1, EHA 6.2.8)
- The score sheet must be prepared before arrival by the home team and must be handed to the away team upon their arrival if not already completed.
- Ensure the court, tables and equipment are set up as per IHF/EHA regulations, **Keep bags, clothing and other objects away from the benches and table officials.** (IHF 17:3, EHA 6.2.6)

30 Minutes pre-match:

- Official warm up time before the game lasts 25 minutes maximum e.g. if throw off time is 12:00 warm up time starts at 11:30 and finishes at 11:55. (An electronic scoreboard should be counting down the time to throw off.)
- 20 minutes pre-match the score sheet must be completed by both teams and handed to the referees. (This is the home teams responsibility).
- The match will not start until the score sheet is completed and checked by the referees. (EHA 10.3.1)

15 Minutes pre-match:

- A referee checks the score sheet and player registration/ ID where necessary. (EHA 10.3.1)

5 Minutes pre-match:

- Coin toss, (10:1, 17:4)
- Both teams must be off the court and lined up for team walk on and presentation. (This happens at all age groups)

Throw off:

- Only registered players and coaches may be on the team bench (IHF 4:2, EHA 8.2.1)
- Throw off time does not change for teams arriving late (teams arriving late sacrifice their warm up time, the throw off time does not get delayed)

Post-match

- Teams to line up in the middle of the court for final handshake
- Coaches/team officials to inform/report to referees any injuries
- Referees check and sign the score sheet (IHF 17:10, EHA 10.4.1)
- Teams nominate player of the match
- If a report follows the report box must be ticked by the either the team or referee (EHA 13)
- The home team keeps the score sheet and uploads it onto the England Handball website. (10.4.1)