

England Handball Club Meeting Notes

Azolve System updates

EHA Actions: (completed for July 2018)

All teams will need to upload Photos of players (head shots) to the Azolve this will be mandatory and players cannot be approved with out it.

TEAM CAN DO THIS NOW

- **Clubs should follow this guidance:**
<https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/help/photo-rules>

During the 2018.19 season teams will be required to print off (have available) roster sheets at each game. The Azolve system will produce ID style cards for referees to check.

Players will be approved for multiple teams on initial sign up, clubs won't need to constantly update rosters for each game. The ID cards will show which players are available for which teams.

Payment areas to show what as been purchased more accurately by whom and for what activity

Premier Handball League Branding

Badges will not be issued next year
Premier League banners will not be sent to team next year

EHA Actions (completed for September 2018)

England Handball to focus more towards online presence and branding, investigate templates for teams to use in promotion, online video and online platform.

Investigate an online area for club logos to be created in HD which can be shared with other teams to allow branding to improve.

Score-sheets and Fixtures

Updating score sheets is poor and the quality of score sheets is low and often updated to the website late.

EHA Actions (completed for August 2018)

Level 1 – table official online course alongside a YouTube how to video for score sheets

Investigate a more mobile friendly website allowing immediate upload of result at the game.

2018.19 season failure to uploaded score sheet, 3 Strike and out policy: 1st warning – 2nd Fine – 3rd Forfeit

League Reviews

Premier Handball:

League to remain in its current format; survey suggests no need for major changes currently.

EHA Actions: (completed for September 2018)

Decrease court length minimum to 34m after feedback from clubs and available facilities resulting in teams requesting dispensation for venues during 2017.18 season.

National Leagues:

EHA Actions: (completed for September 2018)

England Handball to investigate potential to increase to 8 teams mirroring the Premier Handball League. Teams selected based upon Fit For Purpose Criteria.

Regional Leagues:

More games required in certain leagues, aim to get the balance of the league right dependent on the area and the level of competition.

EHA Actions: (completed for September 2018)

Home – Away – Home (best of 3) to be played in leagues with fewer teams to increase number of fixtures

South East Regional league to be split into two tiers either by ability or geography

Other issues:

To many teams forfeiting, is it too easy to forfeit rather than play fixtures. Regional partnership managers to be given list of teams that forfeit most frequently to arrange meetings

Investigating the possibility of National League tier for women – dependent on having a sufficient number of teams to make it viable and also not destroy the relevant regional leagues.

Format of Meetings

WebEx version of meeting has worked; maybe have a mixture of formats going forward – one face-to-face and one WebEx each year.

EHA Actions

Introduce Pre Season Webex meeting for teams

Continue with 1 regional meeting conducted face to face and 1 league meeting via Webex.

Introduce a youth league meeting as well via Webex.

Referee

EHA Actions (completed for September 2018)

Investigate option for fixed referee course at the start of the year for teams to attend, subsidised by England Handball. Mandatory for all teams to attend with 2 attendees organised around a tournament ideally.

Youth Competition

U19/u16 competition should mimic realistic handball as close as possible 2x20mins in a 60min window with a standard format across the country where possible. Would be better to have a maximum of two fixtures on one date of competition allowing 80 minutes of playing time.

Concerns still around having someone in charge on the day to deal with any issues when the fixtures are on a tournament basis

Table officials at tournament-based leagues are still a problem with not all teams taking full responsibility for their duties.

Finding suitable venues, which reduce travel and are affordable, still a issue.

Can a new format be considered e.g. Percentage win ratio to allow teams to play closest opposition.

EHA Actions (completed for September 2018)

Investigate potential for teams to arrange local fixtures themselves to provide more flexibility and be able to organise games in shorter timeslot but to the standard minimum length. Time scales for this would need to be considered.

Cement a sustainable competition structure, which can be used to accommodate new teams entering the league.

AOB

Insurance

Is the players insurance effective, not clear how to make a claim or whether the policy is comprehensive enough to cover the range of injuries that could be encountered in handball?

EHA Actions (completed for July 2018)

Ensure all links on website are working properly. Include a simple how to guide and review the current insurance documents

League Play-offs

Just waiting to confirm final details of promotion and relegation matches for this season – depending on teams meeting Fit for Purpose criteria.

EHA Actions (completed)

Information has been sent to relevant teams.

Coaching

Interest in whether England Handball will consider running a coaching conference with practical sessions – some will be linked to club conference in June but also look at a standalone event at some point.

Performance Squads

Futures Selection Round 1

At the RA Tournament in February 2018, the athletes were assessed using the FTEM framework by 2 x RA Coaches over the two matches played. Assessment scores were also provided by their own RA coach so that there were a total of 3 scores given per technical competency.

The scores/ rankings for each region were very consistent in that all 3 coaches had ranked players in a very similar way e.g. chose the same top 8 players although their scores allocated from the likert scale were different. Whilst this gave us a good picture of the best players in the region, the discrepancies in the scoring across coaches made it difficult to compare athletes from different regions. Therefore it was decided for the first round of selections, the top 4 from each region would be selected, giving us the opportunity to assess those athletes again at the first futures camp and consolidate assessment scores for them on that weekend.

The players that were not selected will then be assessed again on the 28th April at the next RA Tournament where our assessors will have 1) more experience in using the assessment tool & 2) have a clearer benchmark to assess players against

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Future Selection

England Handball will make amendments to the selections policies to include possible/not possible entry points into the RA/AASE programme so this is clearer for teams.