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The interest of Delegate's reports in the EHF Legal system

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Introduction

Few figures:

- Overall number of EHF cases for the season 2012/2013: 75
- Number of cases intiated on the basis of a Delegate's report: 13

Type of cases:

- Clothing
- Playing hall requirements
- Security
- Unsportsmanlike conduct





Presentation of the EHF Legal system

Organisation and type of cases

Federation, club, player's protest or EHF claim/Referee's or delegate's report/Initiator's claim/Disputes **EHF** competition related cases European FINAL4 **European Championship** & other cases Championship Challenge Trophy / Champions League final tournaments & Beach European / World Championship Championships Qualifications cases (tournaments) cases & Challenge Cup cases Administrative/ Other issues Transfer issues Disciplinary Disciplinary **EHF Handball EHF Office EHF** Delegate Commission Commission Court **EHF Court of EHF Court of** EHF Court of EHF Court of Jury Appeal Appeal Appeal Appeal (adhoc commission) (adhoc commission)





Presentation of the EHF Legal system

Journey of a report through the proceedings

- Nature of an EHF Delegate's report: Expert report
- Necessity to have a complete and detailed report in case of identified violation
- Main reasons:
 - ✓ Basis of the claim
 - ✓ Basis of the contradictory procedure
 - ✓ Basis of the sanction
 - ✓ Professionalism





Key elements for an effective report

- Knowledge of the regulations
- The more accurate is the claim, the less misunderstandings and complications occur in the proceedings





Duties and responsibilites of Delegates: risk assessment

Main points:

- Applicable EHF Regulations: The EHF delegates act on behalf of the EHF (Ex: art. 26.7 of the EHF EURO Regulations, art. 2.2.5, Chapter XI of the Champions League Regulations)
- Verify and ensure the orderly conduct of the event before, during and after the match and prevent any occurrences that may lead to a protest and a repetition of the match.

(Ex: art. 26.9 of the EHF EURO Regulations, art 2.2.1, Chapter XI of the Champions League Regulations)





Duties and responsibilites of Delegates: risk assessment

Potential risks on the proceedings:

- Absence of report: potential case never open
- Late report: delay in the proceedings
- Deficient report: delay in the proceedings and misunderstandings

Potential risks on the EHF:

- Sanctions from the EHF Legal bodies
- Sanctions from National Civil Courts

Potential risks on the sport of handball:

- Deficient harmonisation of the playing hall requirements
- Violation of the principle of equal treatment towards handball stakeholders
- Loss of credibility





Case studies

EHF/Turkey: incomplete report

EHF/Vujoic Veselin and EHF/Montenegro: effective reports

HC Zagreb/HC Dinamo Minsk: difference between a decision based on facts and a violation of the rules:

- ✓ Principle: decisions are final
- ✓ Exception: obvious error may lead to adjustments





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