



# 18<sup>th</sup> EHF Referee Candidates Course

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 in Gabrovo, Bulgaria



EUROPEAN HANDBALL  
FEDERATION



EHF Competence  
Academy & Network





## Hosting City - Gabrovo, Bulgaria

### Geography

Gabrovo is a city in central northern Bulgaria, the administrative centre of Gabrovo Province. It is situated at the foot of the central Balkan Mountains, in the valley of the Yantra River, and is known as an international capital of humour and satire (see Gabrovo humour), as well as noted for its Bulgarian National Revival architecture. Gabrovo is also known as the longest city in Bulgaria, stretching over 25 km along the Yantra, yet reaching only 1 km (0.6 mi) in width at places. The geographic center of Bulgaria - Uzana is located near the city.

### History

The area around Gabrovo, inhabited since the Neolithic, gained economic importance after Veliko Tarnovo became capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Craftsmanship and trade prospered due to the proximity to both the capital and the Balkan passes. Medieval Gabrovo was a small pass village of about 100 houses. After the Ottoman invasion of the Balkans in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the demographic position of Gabrovo changed significantly, as it was the only settlement in a considerably large geographic area and an attractive place for Bulgarians fleeing from the conquered capital and neighbouring fortresses. It turned from a village into a small town (palanka) and began to develop as an economic, cultural and spiritual centre.

### Culture

Internationally known as a centre of humour and satire, Gabrovo has two theatres, the Racho Stoyanov Drama Theatre and the puppet theatre, a House of Humour and Satire that serves as a cultural institute, a centre, museum and gallery to popularise comic art. There is also a cinema, Aleko Cinema, and a number of museums and memorial houses both in the town and around it, most notably the Etar Architectural-Ethnographic Complex and the National Museum of Education at the Aprilov National High School. A planetarium is also in operation. Gabrovo historian Dr. Petar Tsonchev estimated there were more than 150 types of traditional knives.

### Tourism

Places of interest in Gabrovo include the House of Humour and Satire and Aprilov National High School. In Gabrovo Province sites include architectural reserve Bozhentsi. Hiking is widely available in the Central Balkan National Park and in the Bulgarka Nature Park, itself home to Ethnographic Complex Etara, Dryanovo Monastery, Sokolski Monastery, Shipka Pass, and the Uzana area. For admirers of historical tourism Shipka Memorial is a must-see.

### Sports

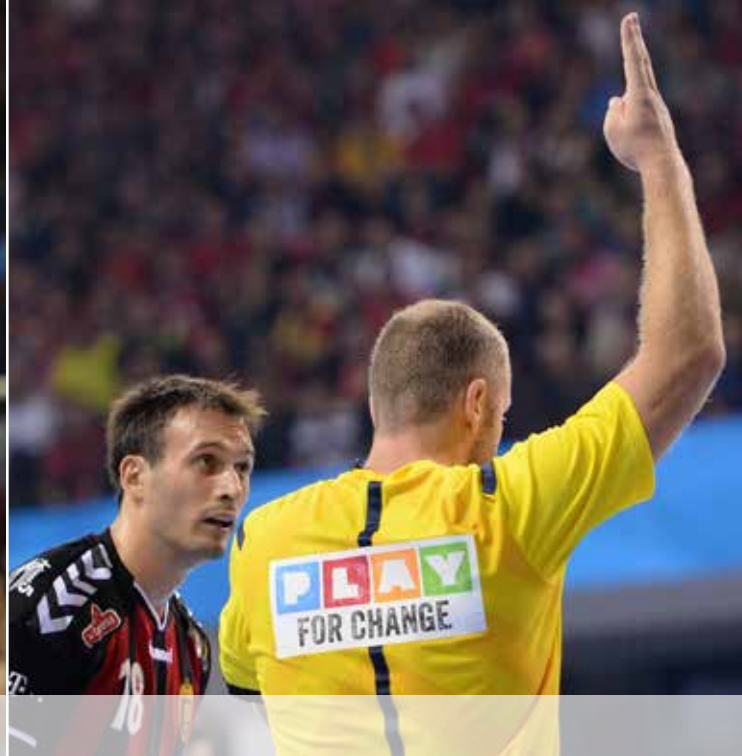
City's most successfully sports club is FC Yantra Gabrovo, which was founded in 1919. The city also has long handball traditions. About 25 km (16 mi) from the city in Central Balkan Mountains is located the renowned winter resort Uzana.



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## EHF Competitions Commission / Technical Refereeing Committee

The Competition Commission (CC) has been part of the EHF structure since the foundation of the European Handball Federation in 1992. Back then, there was a Technical Commission dealing with all the technical matters in handball.

Due to the rapid development in handball, the Technical Commission soon split into two new commissions, the Competitions Commission and the Methods Commission. The responsibility of the CC is to deal with all the competitions matters of the EHF events, playing system of competitions and regulations based on the EHF Refereeing structure.

The CC includes a Chairman and four other members elected by the Congress with specific fields of activity, such as men's competitions, women's competitions, club competitions and last but not least refereeing.

In order to guarantee high level refereeing all over the European handball courts, various programmes have been targeting referee- and delegate education with a special focus on young referees and female referees.

To take the subject to the next level, the EHF Executive Committee made a decision to set up a new specialised body. The EHF Technical Refereeing Committee (TRC) has been called into being to serve as a kind of think tank contributing to the further development of the European refereeing standards.

The EHF Technical Refereeing Committee held its first meeting on Friday, 9 January 2009 in the EHF Headquarters, Vienna.

The present chairman of the committee is Dragan Nachevski (MKD), responsible for refereeing matters within the EHF Competitions Commission.





## EHF / EHF Competence Academy & Network (EHF CAN)

The European Handball Federation (EHF) is the governing body of Handball in Europe! Its 50 Member Federations represent and stand for 50 different kinds of national and international handball know-how. Those individual national handball schools/philosophies shall be made use of by involving experts in order to contribute to the variety of handball education in Europe!

Handball know-how exchange and transfer in Europe shall be fostered as an EHF service for the EHF Member Federations by making use of national and international handball experts as well as external lecturers from sport science, medicine, other sports, economy (marketing, equipment suppliers) and media (press, TV, Internet).

The EHF Competence Academy & Network (EHF CAN) has been established as an educational service centre for EHF Member Federations with the possibility of granting scholarships in order to minimize or delete financial burdens for them. The same holds good for internal EHF Office management training on the job.

The EHF "CAN" has been established to develop and deliver sport specific educational and training programmes in order to ensure that coaches, officials, athletes and administrators from all over Europe (and the world) have access to the highest quality education relating to "handball know-how" and competence in e-learning, blended learning, interdisciplinary educational courses of various duration, summer schools or mainstream 2-4 semester courses within the European Education Credit Transfer System (ECTS framework).

The EHF "CAN" has set-up Business Executive Education programmes for further educating and training sporting administrators, resort managers and event executives in the Handball Event Management Business, e.g. also in event-related courses.

The EHF "CAN" contains a documentation centre including production of modern teaching aids and media as well as cooperation agreements with research&developing partners, suppliers, universities and testifying institutions.





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## Sport Event

### Friday, November 20, 2015

Venue: Gabrovo	Time	Teams
	12:00	W MKD v/s BUL
	14:00	M MKD v/s BUL
	16:00	W KOS v/s ROU
	18:00	M KOS v/s ROU

### Saturday, November 21, 2015

Venue: Gabrovo	Time	Teams
	12:00	W ROU v/s MKD
	14:00	M ROU v/s MKD
	16:00	W BUL v/s KOS
	18:00	M BUL v/s KOS

### Sunday, November 22, 2015

Venue: Gabrovo	Time	Teams
	09:00	W MKD v/s KOS
	10:50	M MKD v/s KOS
	13:40	W BUL v/s ROU
	14:30	M BUL v/s ROU



## Course Basics

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It is the 18th EHF Referee Candidates course held by the EHF. The course which will be held from 19 to 23 November 2015 in Gabrovo/BUL is open to 5 pairs and is carried out in cooperation with the Bulgarian Handball Federation.

EHF Candidates will be appointed to referee games at the Bulgarian Trophy Tournament (National Teams Men's and Women's 17).

### Finances

The responsibility for organisational matters is with the organising federation. They are responsible for bearing the local costs such as food, accommodation and the local transport. Daily allowances and flight costs for the EHF lecturers and the EHF office staff member/s will be borne by the EHF.

Travel costs for the participants are either borne by themselves or their National federation. If referees clearly do not meet the EHF requirements for passing the course, a share of the course costs will be refunded via their national federation.



# Presenters



**Dragan Nachevski / MKD**  
EHF TRC Chairmen  
Former Top IHF and EHF Referee  
EHF Lecturer



**Peter Olsson / SWE**  
Former Top IHF and EHF Referee  
EHF Lecturer



**Alexandru Acsinte / ROU**  
Professor of Health, Sports and Human Movement Sciences Faculty –  
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EHF Lecturer (coaching)



**Vladimir Rancik / EHF**  
EHF Competitions – Refereeing  
EHF staff since 2009  
Former Top IHF and EHF Referee  
EHF Lecturer





# Curriculum of EHF Referee Candidate Educational Courses

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- 1. Organisation:** EHF in cooperation with National Federations as local organisers (High level handball tournament/games obligatory)
- 2. Type:** course for EHF referee candidates nominated by National Federations (based on the EHF Structure of Refereeing)
- 3. Course lecturers/administrators:**  
3-lecturers from CC (refereeing and coaching) and EHF Lecturer Staff  
1-2 administrators from EHF Office/EHF CAN
- 4. Duration:** 5-7 days
- 5. Language:** English
- 6. Entry Criteria** (To be forwarded to the EHF office staff member during the event):
  - a) A copy of the passport.
  - b) A handball CV of the candidate(s).
  - c) Medical attest of max. 1 month old.
  - d) A summary of the physical tests and the results signed as a true statement by the chief-referee
- 7. Basic requirements:**
  - a) Physical conditions (Shuttle run test)\*
  - b) Theoretical knowledge (IHF Rules, EHF Regulations etc.)\*
  - c) Language: ability to communicate in English\*
  - d) Ability to manage a match on the highest national level in a sufficient way\*
  - e) Ability to learn "on the job" and to improve
  - f) Realistic view on his/her actual level of competence and the domains of competency which have to be improved.(realistic objectives)

*\* If referees clearly do not meet with the above requirements, a share of the course costs will be refunded via their national federation.*
- 8. Testing:**
  - a) Theoretical: rule test
  - b) Practical: physical test (Shuttle run test)
- 9. Feedback session (obligatory) based on the EHF evaluation sheet:**
  - a) Self assessment with referee group
  - b) Self assessment with lecturer group
- 10. Certificate/Status/Follow-up**
  - a) EHF certificate on successful attendance.
  - b) Recommendation to CC regarding the awarding of status of EHF referee
  - c) Course documentation for download on <http://activities.eurohandball.com/>



# List of Participants

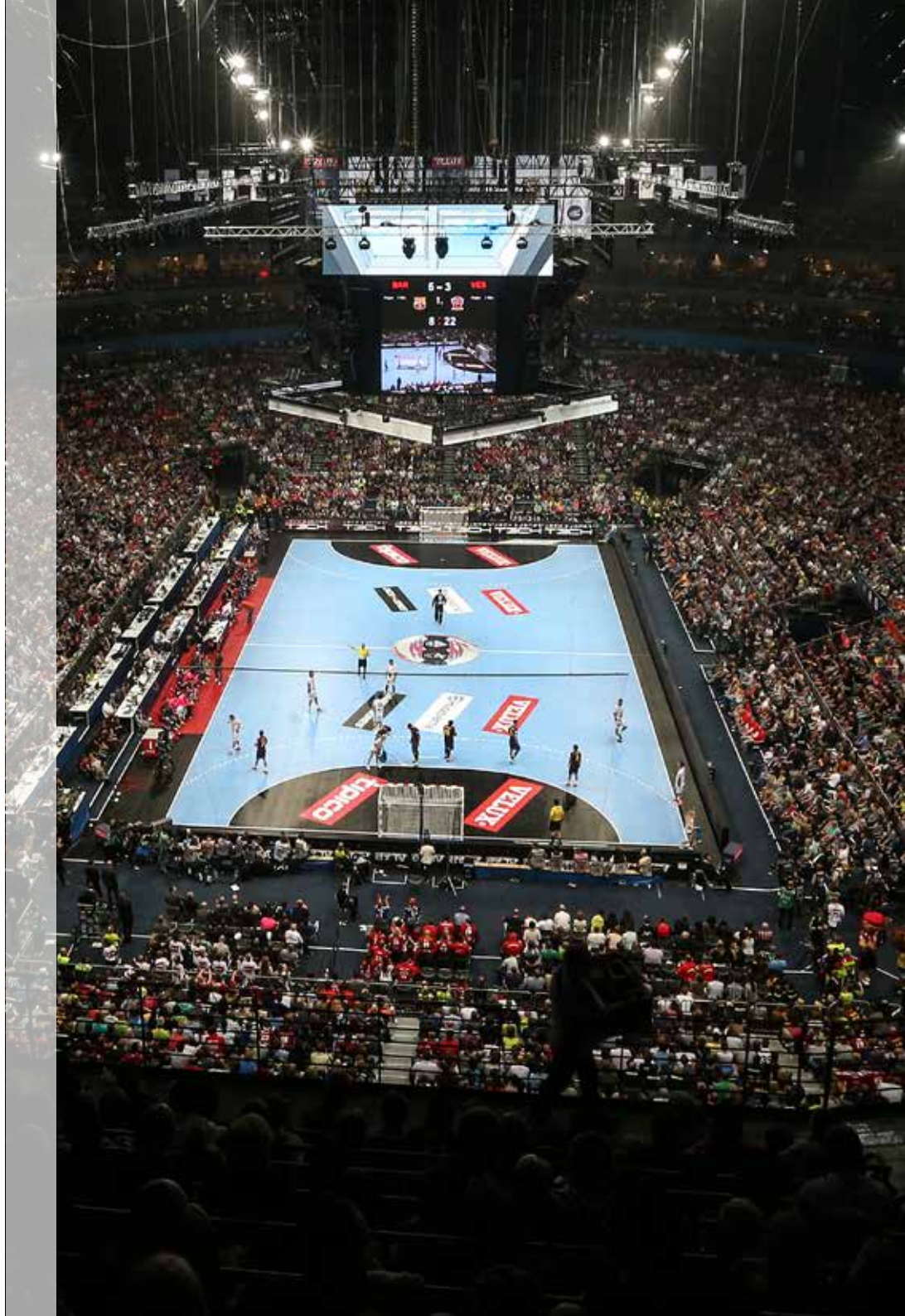
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## ***EHF Lecturers and Technical Official(s)***

Dragan NACHEVSKI	MKD
Peter OLSSON	SWE
Alexandru ACSINTE	ROU
Vladimir RANCIK	EHF

## ***EHF Referee Candidates (5 couples)***

Valery BUTSKEVICH / Yury BUTSKEVICH	BLR
Svetoslav JOVCHEV / Zvezdelim JONCHEV	BUL
Hanspeter BRODBECK / Simon REICH	GER
Besfort JAHJA / Sherif XHEMA	KOS
Andrej BUDZAK / Michal ZAHRADNIK	SVK





# Course Schedule

<b>Thursday</b> 19.11.15	<b>Arrival day</b> 18:00-18:15 18:15-18:30 18:30-19:30 19:30-20:30 20:30-21:30	Get together, Welcome Introduction and who is who Dinner What do we expect from the continental referees What do the coaches desire from the referees
<b>Friday</b> 20.11.15	<b>Day 1</b> 07:15-08:00 08:00-09:00 09:00-10:00 10:00-11:00 12:00-18:00 20:00-21:00 21:00-22:00	<b>Test: IHF Rules (30 questions)</b> Breakfast Cooperation between the Refs and the Dels Position on the field, moving paths, teamwork <b>Tournament games</b> Dinner Wing play
<b>Saturday</b> 21.11.15	<b>Day 2</b> 07:15-08:00 08:00-08:45 09:15-10:00 10:00-11:00 12:00-18:00 20:00-20:45 20:45-21:30 21:30-22:00	Match officiating analysis – day 1 <b>Shuttle run test</b> , SH Gabrovo Breakfast Struggling pivot-defender <b>Tournament games</b> Dinner Procedures before, during and after the game Match officiating analysis – day 2
<b>Sunday</b> 22.11.15	<b>Day 3</b> 07:15-08:00 09:00-14:30 16:00 18:00-19:00  19:00-19:45 19:45-21:00 21:00	Breakfast <b>Tournament games</b> Awards ceremony Relation between coach and players related to referee performance EHF office Dinner Match officiating analysis – day 3 <b>Course closing, Documentation and equipment</b>
<b>23.11.15</b>	<b>Departure day</b>	Individual departure (from morning onwards)