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## **7. EHF – Technical Initiatives**

### **7.1. Project Street Handball**

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# Street Handball – A new invention

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# Where and who

**A unique game that can be played in:**

- schoolyards
- parks
- town squares

Everywhere...

**A unique game that can be played by:**

everybody without consideration of

- gender
- age
- skills

And everyone can play together



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# Why

## What makes the game so great for everybody

- The matches can be played **unorganized**
- 4:3 in the field gives the **attacking team the advantage**
- The goal area line is **easier to handle** and it plays a smaller role
- The ball is **easier to handle**
- Focus is on **the experience**,  
.....not primarily on winning



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# The Values

## A Game Based on Social Values:

Communication  
Teamwork  
Respect  
Fair play

Street Handball should encourage  
**social responsibility.**

### Focus on

Creating 'the good experience'  
more winners than losers.



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# The Ball

## Special Ball

Newly developed “Street Handball” ball  
(cooperation between SHO and Select)

### The ball is:

- soft
- easy to handle
- has the feeling of a 'real' handball



No further equipment is necessarily required  
- However goals and lines are also available



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# Organisation

## Street Handball Org. (SHO)

- **Lasse Boesen**  
(Danish National Team, SG Flensburg/Handewitt)
- **Ole B. Andersen**  
(Coach, educated by DHF)
- **Torben Sørensen**  
(Former player Kolding IF, Coach, educated by DHF)



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# Street Handball and DHF

In 2010 **Danish Handball Association** used Street Handball with success in:

## Events

- at clubs
- at festivals (municipalities, towns etc.)

## School Projects

- Street Handball in schoolyards

## Municipality Projects

- health in schools and at work



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# Street Handball in the future

## Street Handball Community

Street Handball combined with the use of new media

Internet – SMS

Basically ...

Let's play **when** we want to and **where** we want to!!



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# Contact

## **Contact:**

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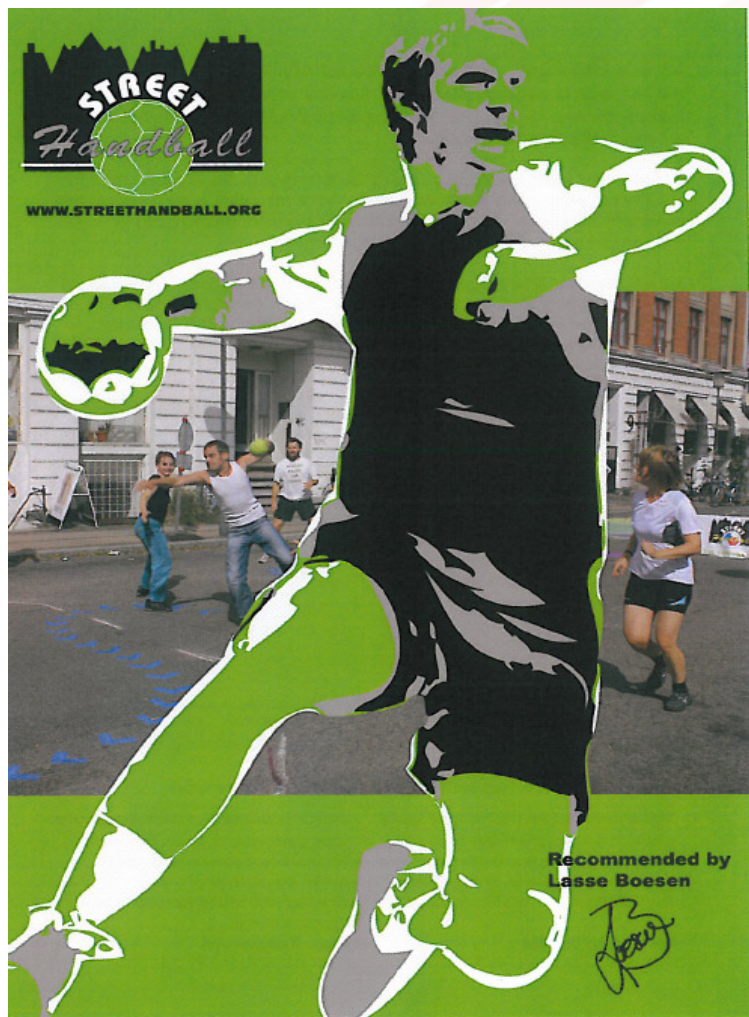


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# DHF Street Handball – Folder and Website



[www.streethandball.org](http://www.streethandball.org)



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# A new Street Game is born...

## Consequences for EHF and Follow-up

Quotation by Lasse Boesen who has played more than 100 matches for the Danish Handball National Team, winning the EHF Euro gold medal in 2008:

***“We want to have a game that could be the link between the unorganised and the organised part of team handball. Traditional handball is too physical and has too many rules to attract a wider audience. With Street Handball it is possible to beat the limitations of traditional handball.”***



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# EHF Technical Initiatives - „Milestones“



(based on a close cooperation with the EHF Member Federations)

- 1993 Minihandball
- 1994 Beach Handball
- ??? 2010 Street Handball ????

Does Street Handball have the same quality as Mini-and Beach Handball with regard to Handball promotion?

**The EHF answer is „YES“ !!!!**



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# Street Handball Objectives



- To offer alternatives to Streetball / Streetsoccer as outdoor team sport activity
- To overcome the traditional Handball Image as a „Gym Sport“
- To promote social messages by offering an attractive team sport activity for everybody to be played everywhere, emphasizing

**Fair play aspect**

**Team work**

**Fun attitude**

**No age limit**

**Gender equality**

**Integration aspect**

**Heath aspect**

- To promote Street Handball at „Handball4All Festivals“
- To promote Street Handball as a „Handball at School“ Activity



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# EHF Activities and Follow - up



- Street Handball Presentation by DHF on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of DHF and the 2010 EHF Women's Competitions Conference in Odense/DEN on 6 June 2010.
- EHF Executive Committee Decision in June 2010 to contact the DHF concerning an EHF – DHF joint venture to promote Street Handball Europe-wide.
- Contacts EHF CAN – DHF on technical level in August 2010
- EHF/DHF Congress Presentation of Street Handball in September 2010
- Considerations of EHF Methods Commission and EHF Technical Delegation/ EHF CAN in October 2010
- EHF – DHF joint venture for promoting Street Handball (production of promotional and teaching material, demo and educational activities, website promotion, ball development and supply, etc. )



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THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR ATTENTION !!!

„Have fun with Street Handball !“



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