



# Special ATTENTION advices

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**for the Delegates' cooperation with Referees**

## ● 1. Progressive Punishment

- Handball is a team sport game with a high competition factor. Especially in 1:1 situations the players are involved in a direct contest of fighting for the ball or for a chance either to score or prevent the opponent from scoring. The main task of the referees (and delegates) is the safeguarding of the rules in the spirit of fair play in order to facilitate correct and highly attractive play. Immediate interference is necessary if the players' actions are not according to the rules and severely endanger the health of the opponents



# ***Correct and attractive play or unattractive, unfair matches?***

- **Rule 8:3**

- – All actions mainly or exclusively directed at the opponent and not at the ball have to be punished progressively

- ***Was there any chance of playing the ball?***

- Intentional actions against the body of the opponent are *strictly forbidden*.
- Rule 16:3 Commentary:

- The referees have the right to determine that a particular violation leads to an immediate suspension even if the player did not have any previous warning and the team did not have a total of three warnings yet. It means that “the violation against the opposing player and not the time factor should influence the decision on punishment”. If a 2' suspension or disqualification is suitable for the situation the referees have to punish progressively, which means that they will award a 2' suspension or disqualification.



# Frontal defence actions are not always “clean” or “innocent”!

- More and more matches are showing more and more fouls from defenders facing the attacker (frontal position). These fouls were actions directed at the opponent's body, face or neck carried-out with fists, fingers or elbows.
- Rule 8:3: “the action is mainly or exclusively directed at the opponent...”
- Rule 8:5 b: “A player who endangers the opponent's health
- **shall be disqualified**
- if he/she takes any action resulting in the opponent's being blown on the head or neck!” “Hitting into/against the face/neck” – **must be consequently punished !**



# **Wrestling at the goal area line – pivot player**

**Handball IS NOT American Football!**

**Who was the first to take the position?**

*Behaviour in the “passive zone”*

**– attacking the opponent’s body shall be punished!**

*Pushing, holding, obstacle the attackers is not correct!*

*Steps/moves inside the goal area from both defenders  
and attackers is not correct !*

*Pushing away the defender/the attacker without the ball  
is not correct !*



# **Incorrect actions against/from** **wing players**

- **Defender:** waist and body blockades with hands or hips
- Attacker landing in the goal area before throwing
- **Attacker's foul** – defender outside or inside the goal area
- **Defender:** very often hits the thrower's arm very “softly/slowly”
- Obstacle of the wing player's running path with leg or foot
- While the attacker is jumping into the goal area slight touches
- On shoulder, elbow, knee or foot can have terrible effects.



# **Dangerous fast break** **situations**

- *short” but “bad” pushing with dangerous effect from the side or behind*
- *trying to use the body or hand for deflecting the ball dribbling during fast break*