



“Confronting players, coaches and referees with good and interesting problems -

Educating and training them in a more effective way than just offering them excellent solutions”



2008 Misano Adriatico, Italy

E.H.F. Beach Handball Course.

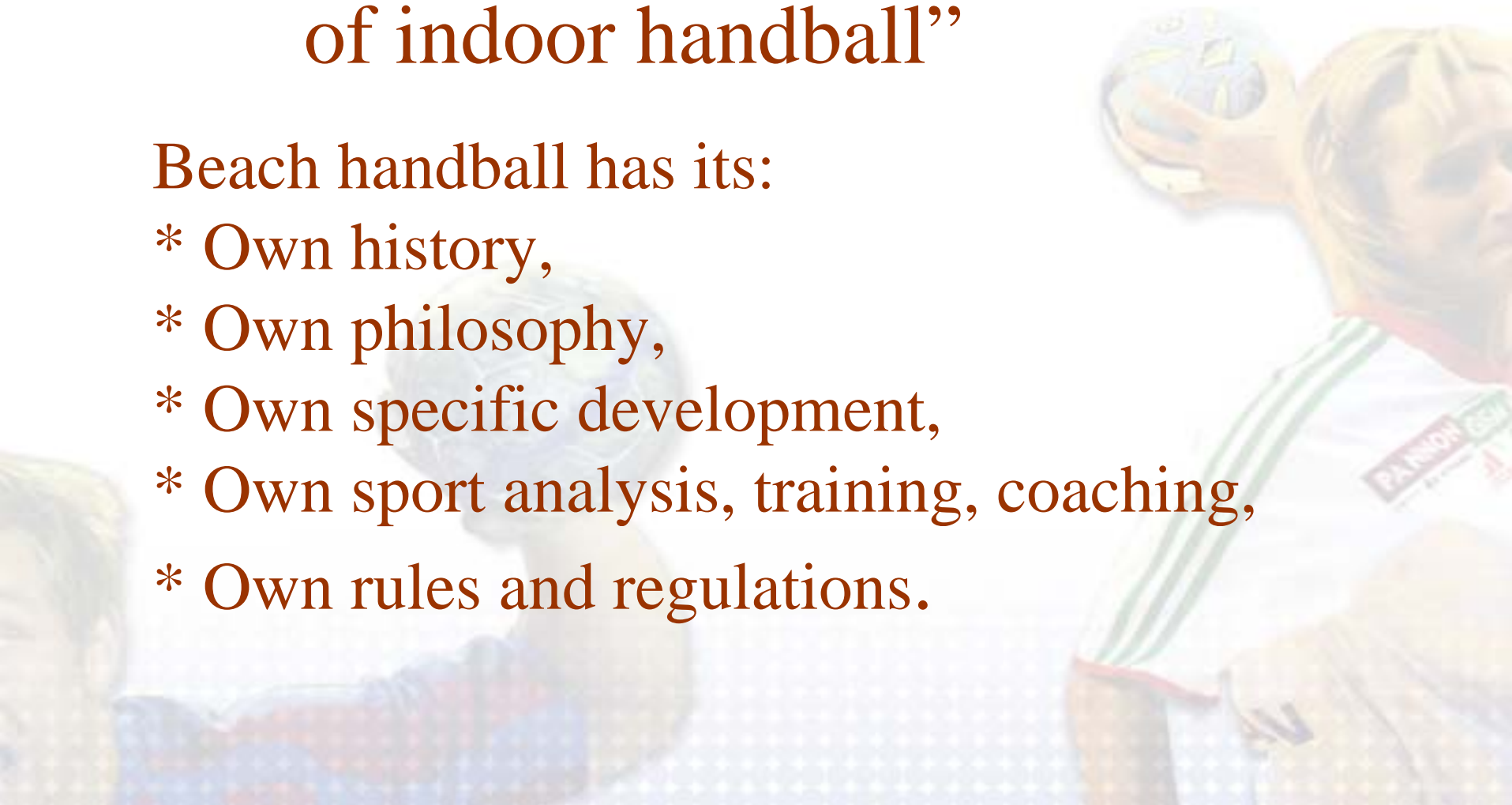
**The Philosophy of Beach
Handball - Starting point of the
Coaches', Referees' and
Delegates' work.**

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“Beach handball is not a surrogate of indoor handball”

Beach handball has its:

- * Own history,
- * Own philosophy,
- * Own specific development,
- * Own sport analysis, training, coaching,
- * Own rules and regulations.





History 1.

Until 1989 Pre-history of Beach Handball: Handball is played on beaches in some countries (Italy, Netherlands etc.)

1990 Mr. Briani (CONI) proposed a project to adapt other sports to the beach, like volleyball. Mr. Bartolini was requested to prepare a set of more specific rules.

1992 First matches (Ponza) and tournaments in Italy with “new rules” in co-operation with “first BH referees” Masi and Di Piero (ITA). In the Netherlands was a “handball-on-the-beach-strategy” developed to promote handball.

1993 Foundation of Italian Comitato Organizzatore Handball Beach. First Italian Championships on beaches (Fregene, Gaeta and Cesanatico) In Germany strategy “Raus aus dem Hallen”. Netherlands youth camps with tournaments on the beach. First international contact about beach experiments between ITA. NED and POR.

1994 Start of international preparation activities.



History 2.

1994 Start of international preparation activities.

IHF meeting in Formia ITA with Italy and Netherlands to present Beach Handball to IHF. “Italian rules” became base for further discussion.

September: IHF Congress in Noordwijk NED. Presentation of Beach Handball and 1st international match NED-ITA.

New Methods Commission EHF integrated BH in strategy “Handball for All”

1995 Official start in Europe and the world.

Tournaments in many European countries and in BRA too.

October: 1st EHF BH Working Group to establish philosophy, promotion strategy, materials, lecturers and rules recommendations.

1996 EHF Congress. Presentation of Beach Handball. BH in EHF statutes.

IHF Congress. Presentation of Beach handball. 1st Rules edition.

EHF Beach Handball experts meeting Marsala ITA.



History 3.

1997 IHF/EHF Working Group “Beach Handball Rules” meetings and Rules Try Out tournament in Malaga ESP.

1998 IHF/EHF Working Group established the revision of the (summary) of rules.

IHF Council adapted the rules, but wanted to have a “complete rules book”.

1999 1st EHF Referees Course, TUR.

**2000 1st European Beach Handball Championships in Gaeta, Italy.
(32 teams)**

2001 1st EHF Delegates and 2nd Referees Course in UKR with guest from JPN, IRI, BRA.

1st World Championships Beach Handball, JPN

2002 2nd European Championships, Cadiz ESP. (32 teams)

1st EHF Beach Handball Coaches Course.

2003 Start of European Beach Handball Tour.





History 4.

2004 3rd European Championships Alanya, TUR. (29 teams)

2006 4th European Championships Cuxhaven, GER. (30 teams)

2007 5th European Championships Misano Adriatico ITA (36 teams)

2008 1st European Youth (under 18) Beach Handball Championships

5th Beach Handball Referees Course,

4th Beach Handball Delegates Course,

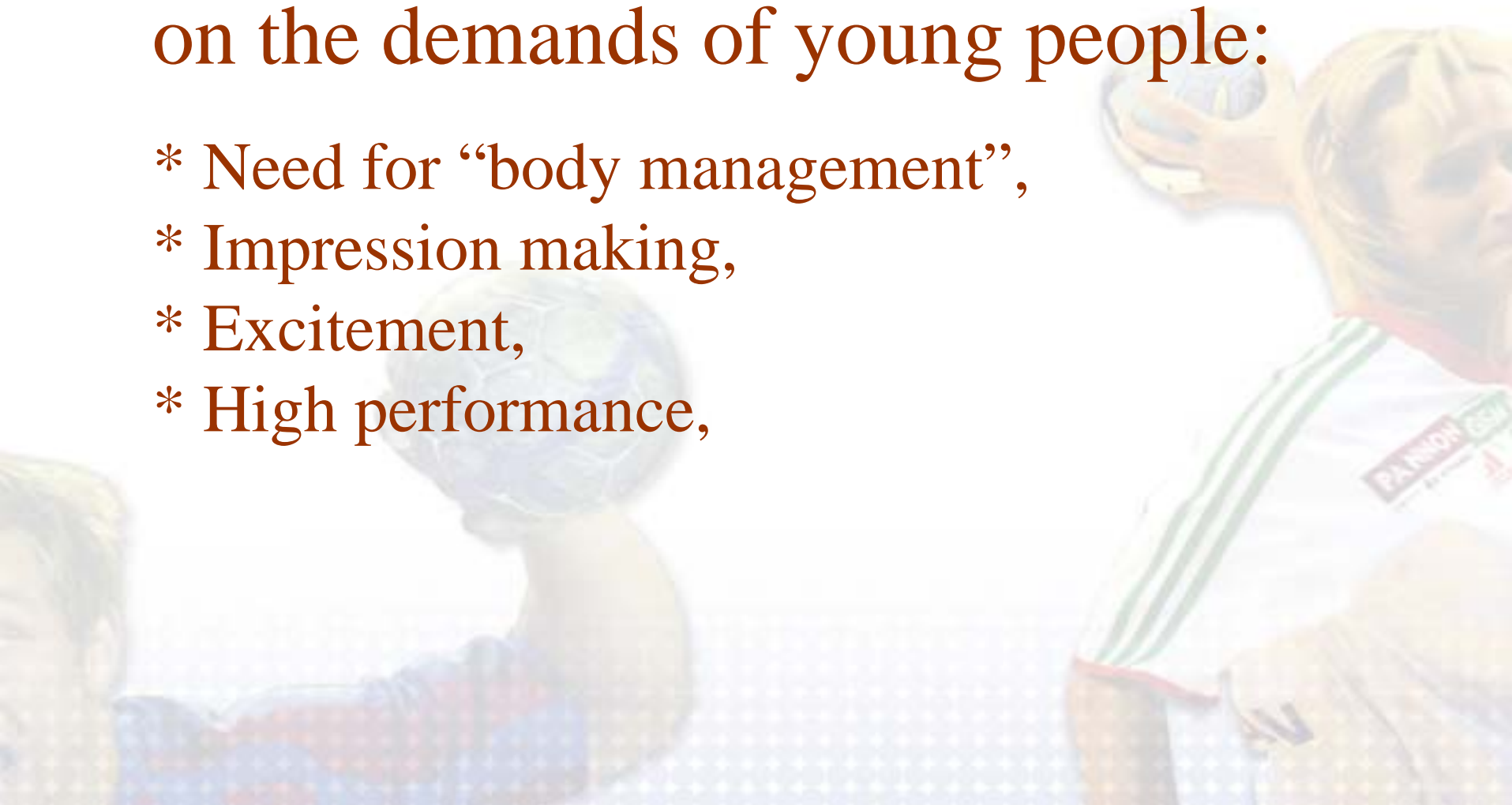
2nd Beach Handball Coaches Course.

Beach Handball started as a non-competitive sport “Fun is more important than the result”. Sea, sun, beach and a ball were/are the drivers.

2008 September, EHF Congress will elect an official Beach Handball Commission. The main “long-term-target” will be: “Beach Handball, an Olympic Sport”.

Beach Handball, a product focused on the demands of young people:

- * Need for “body management”,
- * Impression making,
- * Excitement,
- * High performance,



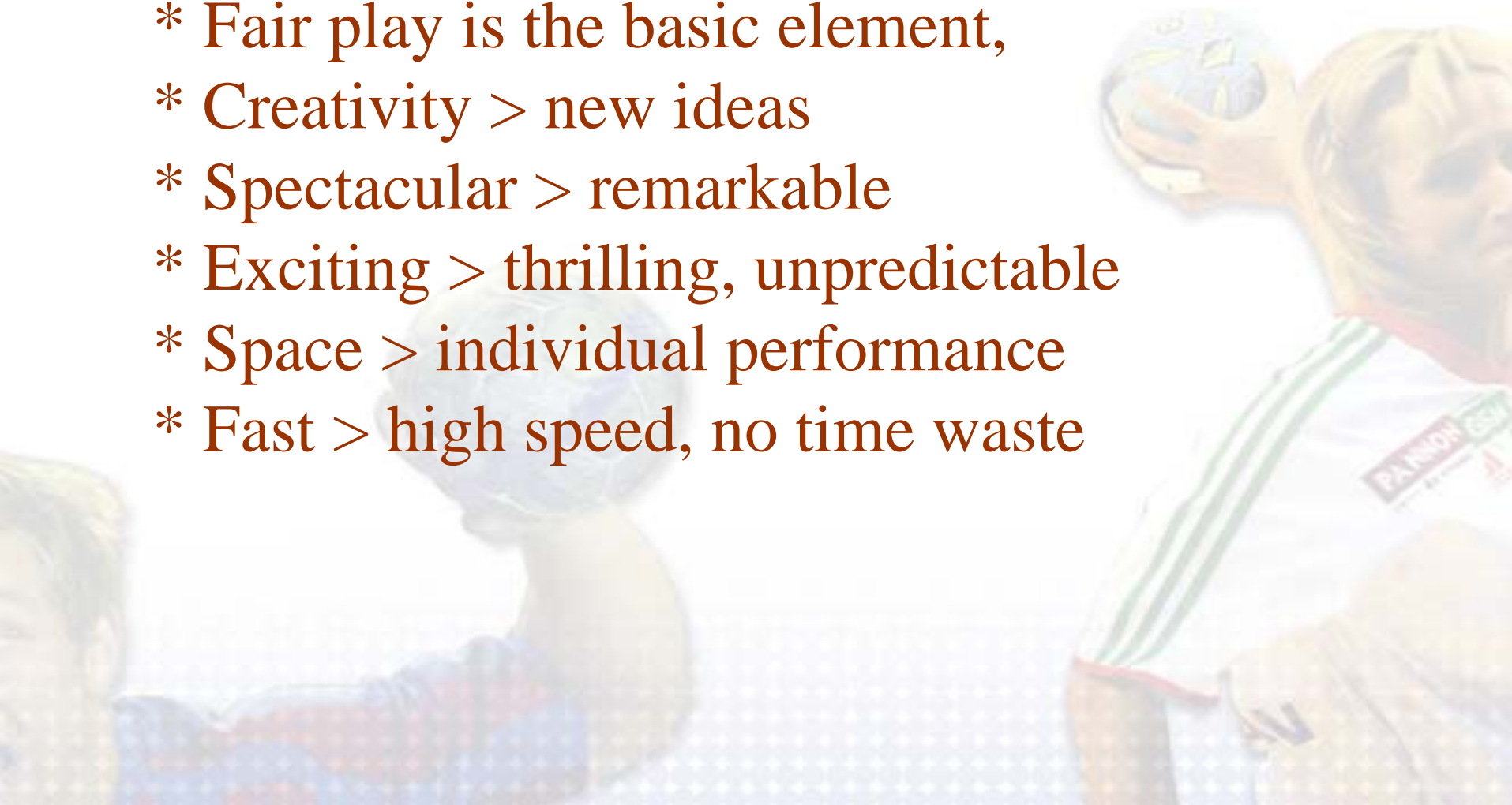
Coaches, referees and delegates have a collective task to facilitate the players' play and to offer them optimal conditions and “in a fair way”

- * to have a fantastic sport event
- * to play real beach handball
- * to perform on high level and
- * to try to be the best.



Characteristics:

- * Fair play is the basic element,
- * Creativity > new ideas
- * Spectacular > remarkable
- * Exciting > thrilling, unpredictable
- * Space > individual performance
- * Fast > high speed, no time waste

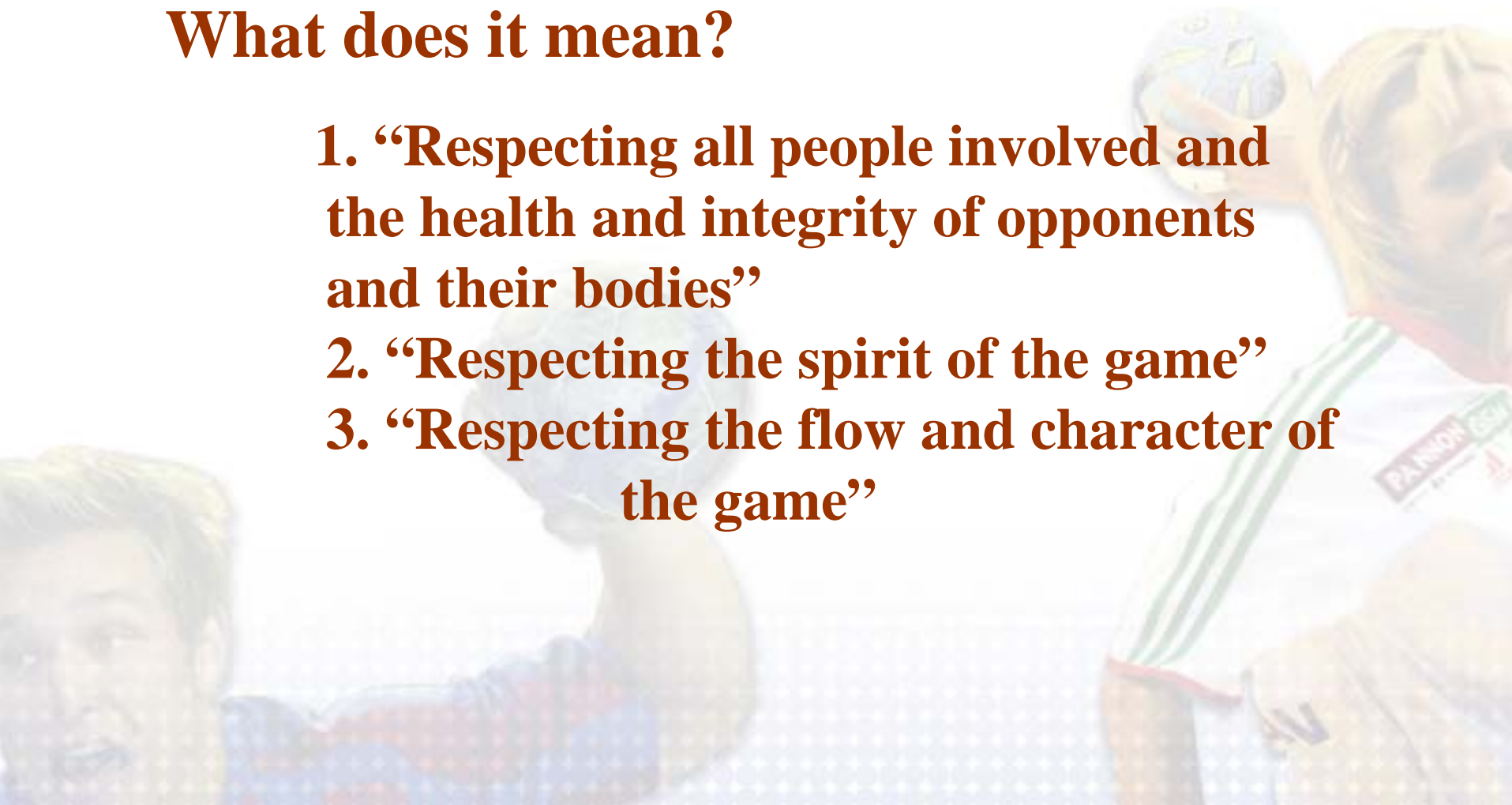




“Fair play is the most important principle of Beach Handball”.

What does it mean?

- 1. “Respecting all people involved and the health and integrity of opponents and their bodies”**
- 2. “Respecting the spirit of the game”**
- 3. “Respecting the flow and character of the game”**



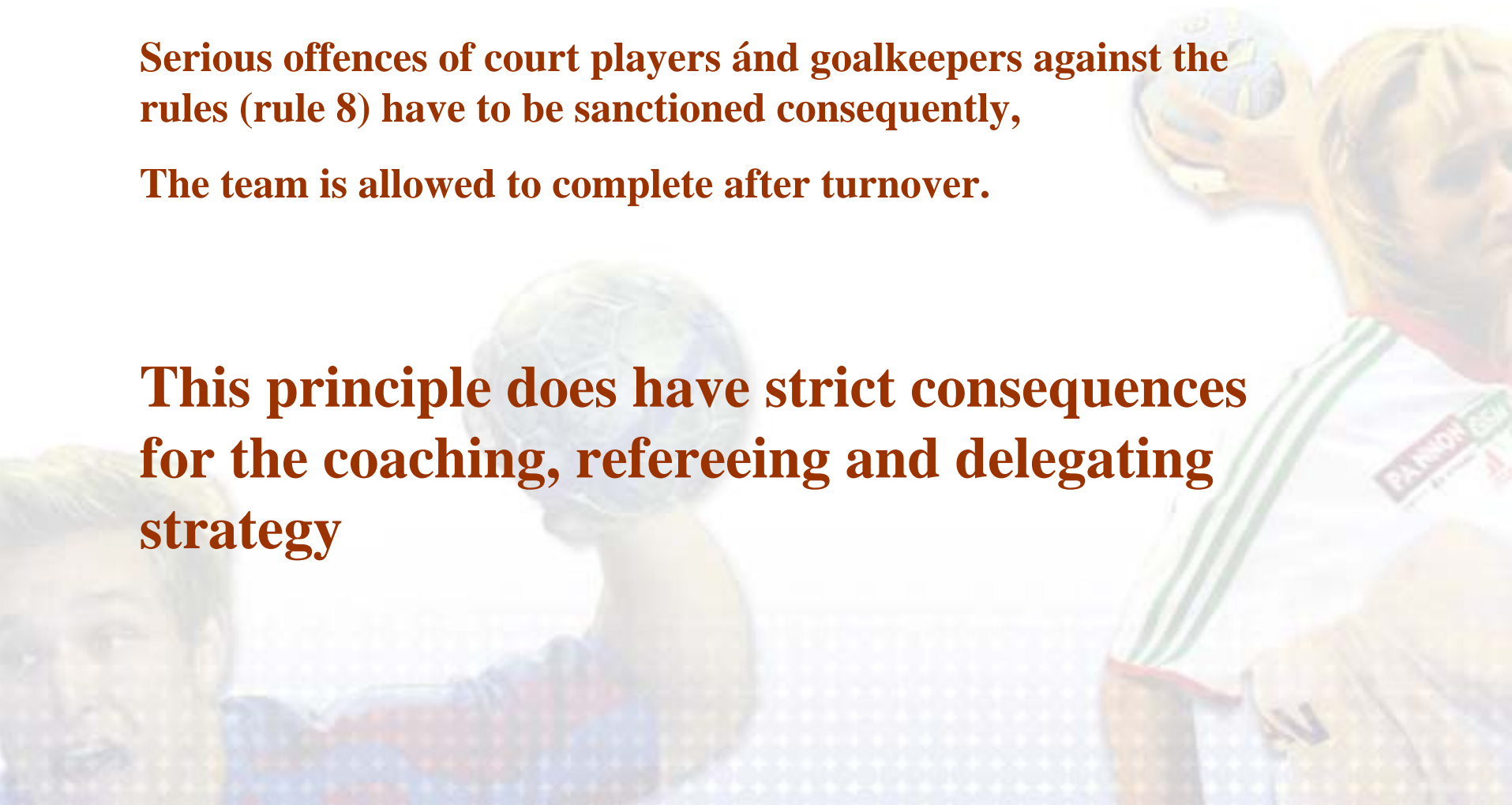


1. Respecting of all people involved and of the health and integrity of opponents and their bodies.

Serious offences of court players and goalkeepers against the rules (rule 8) have to be sanctioned consequently,

The team is allowed to complete after turnover.

This principle does have strict consequences for the coaching, refereeing and delegating strategy





2. Respecting the spirit of the game.

Players, coaches, referees and delegates have to influence “the room/space for creativity and attractiveness” in a positive way

> Creative and spectacular goals should be awarded with 2 points:

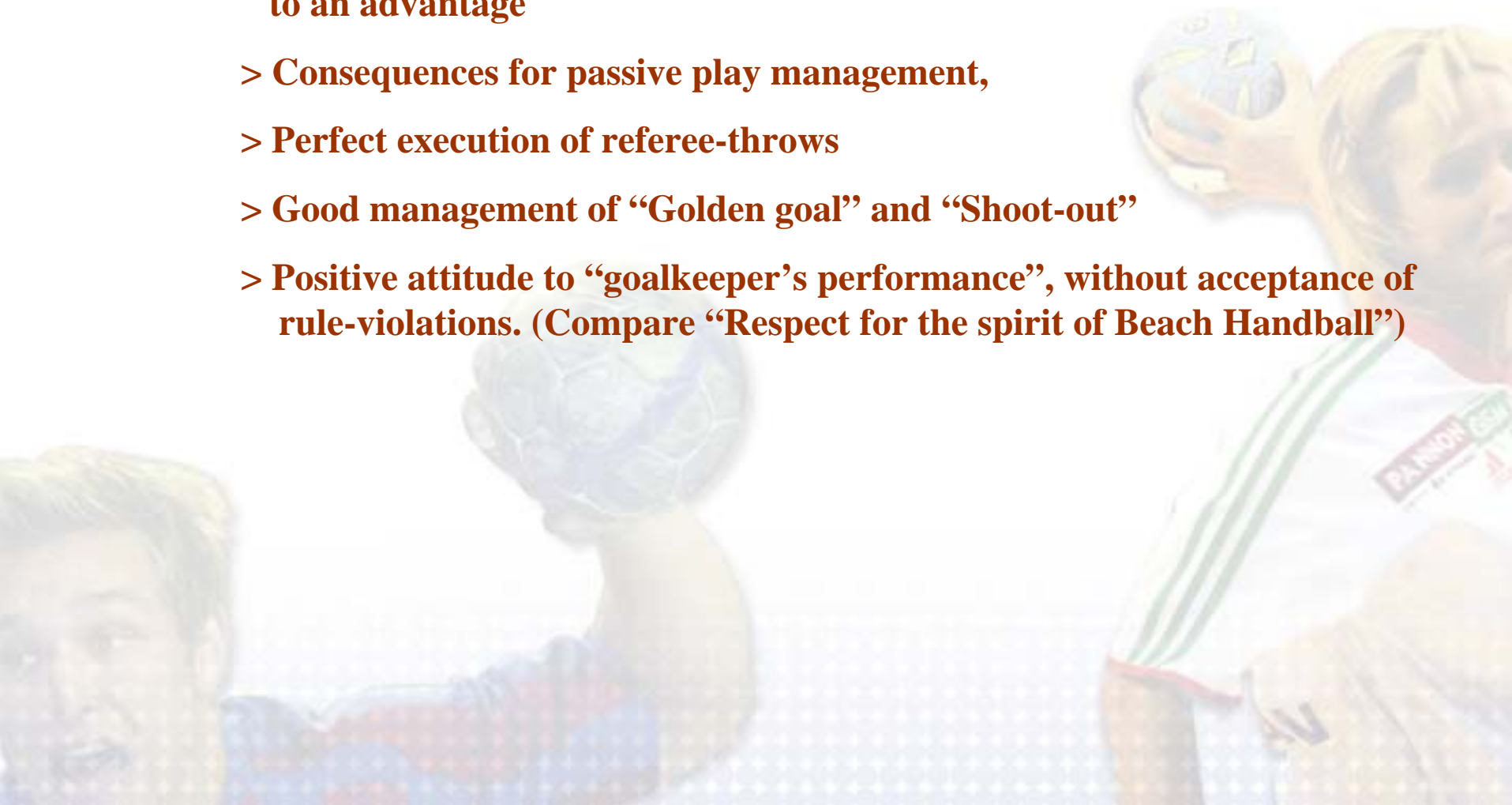
Conditions: - High technical standard < depends from level!!!

- Related to complex attractive situations,**
- Remarkable final action complex (assist and score)**

This principle requires an “ability to read the game” of all people involved.

3. Respecting the flow of the game.

- > No whistle or delegate's action in case a simple rule violation does not lead to an advantage
- > Consequences for passive play management,
- > Perfect execution of referee-throws
- > Good management of “Golden goal” and “Shoot-out”
- > Positive attitude to “goalkeeper's performance”, without acceptance of rule-violations. (Compare “Respect for the spirit of Beach Handball”)

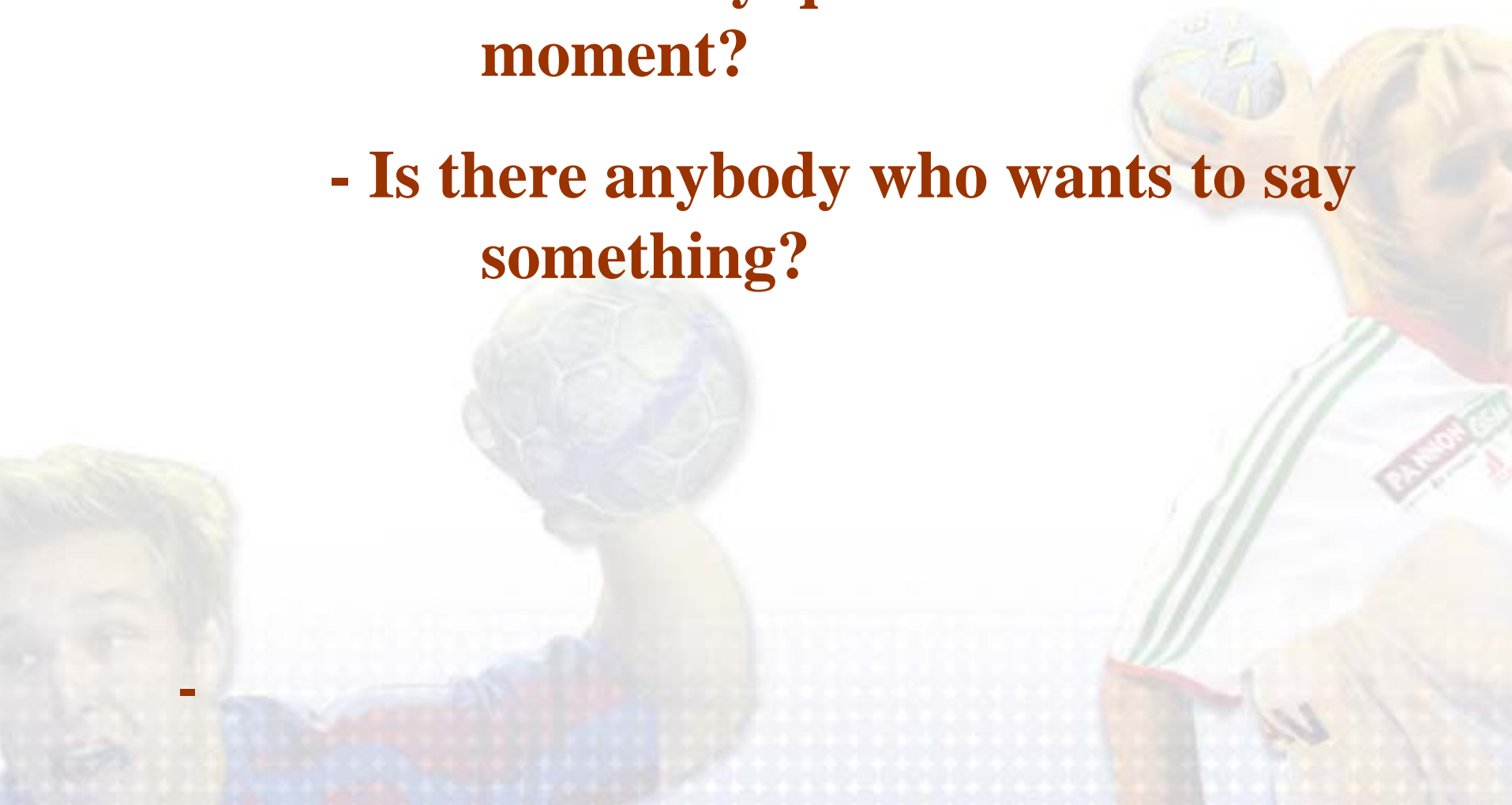




Important issues in connection with the philosophy of beach handball.

- A. Specific items for coaches, referees and delegates will be discussed in different meetings.**
- B. A perfect start of the match will influence the basic attitude of players, coaches and officials**
- C. Management of “Beach Handball rule 8” has to be strict and “cool”.**
- D. Clear attitude and consequent acting related to behaviour in substitution areas in close co-operation with all people involved.**

- Are there any questions left for the moment?
- Is there anybody who wants to say something?



Enjoy the presentations, the practical work and the discussions

Enjoy the informal meetings

Enjoy Beach Handball.

