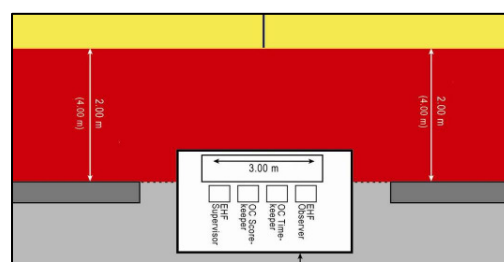
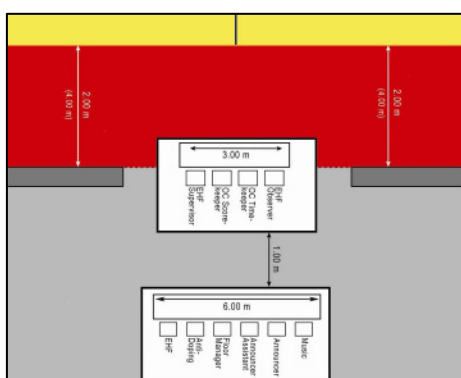


## 5.5. 2010 European Open

- ✉ A total of 20 registrations have been received for the 2010 EO;
- ✉ Brazil has been invited as a non-European entrant – feedback from BRA is expected to be received during the next few days;
- ✉ The new IHF Rules of the Game will enter into force as of 1 July 2010. The EO 2010 will thus be the first EHF event at which they will be used (they have been released on the IHF website). This has to be taken into account in instructing young referees. In addition it was noted that a number of rules (as listed below) will not be applied in EHF competitions (competitions organized by the EHF). The IHF has officially confirmed that specific continental rules may be used to meet the needs of specific competitions. The points one by one:



- 16 instead of 14 players in a number of competitions
  - Keeping the current solution for the substitution area (with a support table for European Championships and other top matches, without one for all others). With the new solution embodied in the IHF Rules of the Game, the coach would have a space of one metre to check players in the case of multiple substitutions. Also, with a substitution area set-up measuring 2 x 12 metres length, providing 16 chairs (or, with 11 m, 14 chairs) would not be possible for space reasons alone;
  - In EHF competitions, the teams must have available for all matches/competitions one uniform in dark and one in light colours. Use of chairs instead of benches in the substitution area;
  - Differentiation between “playing court” and “area surrounding the playing court”
  - The obligation to notify/report in writing in connection with Rule 8 is interpreted restrictively in European competitions. Also, it must be seen in isolation from the initiation of disciplinary proceedings (disciplinary proceedings are not dependent on such reports).
- ✉ Overall, 12 Young Referee pairs will be nominated to the EO. Female pairs to receive priority in making appointments – regardless of whether or not they have already been nominated to another tournament during the current season.