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1 – Ranking List

Starting from 1st January 2013 all FIHB competitions, as stated in FIHB GR's art.17.1.1, will be taken in account to establish the ranking list of International players, horses, coaches, clubs, from 1st January 2014 also for referees and Nations, from 1st January 2017 also for National Championships and starting from 1st January 2020 the WHR system is opened also to U8, U10, U12 and U14 players.

The ranking list is established by points gained by Horse-Ball players, horses, coaches, clubs, referees and Nations in participating to recognized FIHB event or in National Championships.

Please refer to FIHB WHR Rules for any other information and/or rule related to the World Horseball Ranking.

2 – Junior European Nations Ranking

This ranking establishes which are the Nations able to participate to the next FIHB U16 Champions League. It is based on the WHR point gained by the Clubs and by the Nations during the last 3 years. The Nations of this classification have the right to present their best team who won their National Championship or any National Cup that the National Federation/ONHB retains adequate for the selection of the team in the current or previous season, according to the development of the national season.

The classification of the National Championship and/or Cup with the participating team has to be communicated by the National Federation together the priority order to choose the club teams participating to the Champions League.

The Nation with the major number of WHR points will be ranked by the FIHB as the best Nation, the Nation with the 2nd major number of WHR points will be the 2nd best Nation etc.. If two or more Nations have the same number of points, the number of Clubs has to be taken into consideration.

The U16 FIHB Ranking for 2024 is:

U16 FIHB Ranking 2024		
Rank	Nation	Points
1 st	France	1.890
2 nd	Spain	1.720
3 rd	Italy	885
4 th	Portugal	480
5 th	Great Britain	410
6 th	Belgium	110

3 – Senior European Nations Ranking

This ranking establishes which are the Nations able to participate to the next FIHB Pro Elite Champions League. It is based on the WHR point gained by the Clubs and by the Nations during the last 3 years. The Nations of this classification have the right to present their best team who won their National Championship or any National Cup that the National Federation/ONHB retains adequate for the selection of the team in the current or previous season, according to the development of the national season.

The classification of the National Championship and/or Cup with the participating team has to be communicated by the National Federation together the priority order to choose the club teams participating to the Champions League.

The Nation with the major number of WHR points will be ranked by the FIHB as the best Nation, the Nation with the 2nd major number of WHR points will be the 2nd best Nation etc.. If two or more Nations have the same number of points, the number of Clubs has to be taken into consideration.

The Pro Elite FIHB Ranking for 2024 is:

Pro Elite FIHB Ranking 2024		
Rank	Nation	Points
1 st	Spain	2.745
2 nd	France	2.030
3 rd	Belgium	1.700
4 th	Italy	1.280
5 th	Portugal	910
6 th	Great Britain	600

4 – Ladies European Nations Ranking

This ranking establishes which are the Nations able to participate to the next FIHB Ladies Champions League. It is based on the WHR point gained by the Clubs and Nations during the last 3 years. The Nations of this classification have the right to present their best team who won their National Championship or any National Cup that the National Federation/ONHB retains adequate for the selection of the team in the current or previous season, according to the development of the national season.

The classification of the National Championship and/or Cup with the participating team has to be communicated by the National Federation together the priority order to choose the club teams participating to the Champions League.

The Nation with the major number of WHR points will be ranked by the FIHB as the best Nation, the Nation with the 2nd major number of WHR points will be the 2nd best Nation etc.. If two or more Nations have the same number of points, the number of Clubs has to be taken into consideration.

The Ladies FIHB Ranking for 2024 is:

Ladies FIHB Ranking 2024		
Rank	Nation	Points
1 st	Spain	2.960
2 nd	France	1.740
3 rd	Italy	1.060
4 th	Great Britain	940
5 th	Portugal	370
6 th	Belgium	120

5 – Reservation of a place in the Champions League for the winner of International multistage competitions

In the case of International multistage competitions with the participation of teams of at least 3 nations and with at least 3 stages, a place is reserved for the winner of that competitions in each category for the next Champions League. If the winner of the International multistage competitions is also the winner of its National Championship, then the place for the Champions League will be entitled to the team that is classified at the 2nd place of the international multistage competition.

For the year 2023-2024 only one International multistage competition is entitled for a place in the 2024 Champions League. No International multistage competition will be entitled to have a place for the Champions League in the year 2025 onward.

The end of the International multistage competitions must be by the end of May of the year concerned.

6 – Registration procedure of the teams participating to Champions League

According to the number of club teams allowed in a Champions League and defined by the Organizer and approved by the FIHB (normally from 4 to 8 teams depending of the category), the following procedure will be used to accept the registration of the teams:

1. If there are places reserved for the winner of the International multistage events, then the relevant teams will be invited and if they can't participate, they will lose the possibility to participate the Champions League;
2. Starting from the first Nation of the ranking, the first classified club team of that Nation will be invited and if the first team can't participate, the second classified is then able to participate;
3. The step 2 is then repeated for all the subsequent Nations of the ranking until the maximum number of teams is reached;
4. If the number of registered teams is less than the maximum number of teams then on starts again from the first Nation of the ranking, the second classified club team of that Nation will be invited and if the second team can't participate (or it's just registered), the third classified is then able to participate;
5. The step 4 is then repeated for all the subsequent Nations of the ranking until the maximum number of teams is reached;
6. If the number of registered teams is less than the maximum number of teams then on starts again from the first Nation of the ranking, the third classified club team of that Nation will be invited and if the third team can't participate (or it's just registered), the fourth classified is then able to participate;
7. The step 6 is then repeated for all the subsequent Nations of the ranking until the maximum number of teams is reached;
8. If the number of registered teams is less than the maximum number of teams then on starts again from the first Nation of the ranking, the fourth classified club team of that Nation will be invited and if the fourth team can't participate (or it's just registered), the fifth classified is then able to participate;
9. The step 8 is then repeated for all the subsequent Nations of the ranking until the maximum number of teams is reached;
10. If the number of registered teams is less than the maximum number of teams then club team of Nations not listed in the ranking are able to participate.

Notes:

- in the case where the hosting country of the Champions League doesn't have a place into the competition then a place into the competition can be reserved.
- in case of no payment of the 30% of the inscription fee within the deadline for a club team registered in the FIHB Champions League, FIHB has the right to invite the next club team in the priority list.

Example:

U16 FIHB Ranking 2017		
Rank	Nation	Points
1 st	France	1045
2 nd	Spain	870
3 rd	Portugal	420
4 th	Italy	341
5 th	Belgium	50

Nation ranking

France	Spain	Portugal	Italy	Belgium
1 st club team – YES	1 st club team – NO	1 st club team – NO	1 st club team – NO	1 st club team – YES
2 nd club team – YES	2 nd club team – YES	2 nd club team – NO	2 nd club team – YES	2 nd club team – YES
3 rd club team – YES	3 rd club team – NO	3 rd club team – YES	3 rd club team – YES	
4 th club team – NO	4 th club team – YES			
5 th club team – YES				

Club team classification in each nation and their intention to participate

N	Club team
1	France 1 st club team
2	Spain 2 nd club team
3	Italy 2 nd club team
4	Belgium 1 st club team
5	France 2 nd club team
6	Portugal 3 rd club team
7	Belgium 2 nd club team
8	France 3 rd club team

Final list of registered club team

7 – Club team composition

The composition of a club team participating to the FIHB Champions League in the Under16, Ladies or Pro Elite category has to be compliant to the following rules:

- In case of a club team of up to 6 players, minimum 4 players must be players registered to that club team for the calendar year;
- In case of a club team of up to 7 players, minimum 5 players must be players registered to that club team for the calendar year;
- In case of a club team that has the right to participate but for some reason change the name and/or the address of the club team, then the new club team has the right to participate under the authorization on its National Federation or ONHB;
- Derogations to the above rules according to particular cases could be given with the approval of the ONBH or National Federation of the country involved;
- All the information related to the registration of the players to a particular club team for the calendar year will be delivered by the own National Federation or ONHB;
- The inscription of the club team will be carried out by the club team and validated by its National Federation or ONHB.

8 – Multistage International events

Multistage International events are competitions organized mainly among neighboring nations in order to develop international Horseball.

Those events can comprise different categories (i.e. Under16, Ladies, Pro Elite) with the same classification of competition that means same number of stars or also with different classification of competition (for example Under16, Ladies and Pro Elite with 3 stars and Club Ladies with 2 stars).

A competition method shall be proposed according to the number of registered teams and presented in the preliminary program specifying also the number of stages and for each stage, the number of days.

After the deadline for the team registration, a draw will be made and all the teams will be immediately informed about the final match schedule. All the matches will be played according to the final match schedule and no changes or postponing/anticipating of matches in other stages will be allowed.

In the case a team is not ready for the veterinary inspection or to start playing at the schedules time, it will be considered as forfeit (0 points, -8 goal average for the forfeiting team, +8 goal average for the opposing team). In addition, the forfeiting team shall reimburse the sum of 400€ each player of the opposing team independently if they informed or not the opposing team or the OC. Special cases will be evaluated by the Disciplinary Commission: sanctions up to 2 years ban from the competitions could be applied for the participants (players, coaches, clubs).

9 – Competition method for European Championships with 6 teams

In the European Championships where 6 teams are divided in 2 groups and they play all against all for the first 3 days then the next 2 days there is the cross between 1st and 2nd of the 2 groups, the teams will be grouped by means of a full draw without head of series.

10 – Competition methods for FIHB events

The competition methods are below described for the following FIHB events:

- Continental Championships with 3 to 8 teams over 3 to 6 days;
- World Championships with 3 to 12 teams over 3 to 6 days;
- Champions League with 4 to 8 teams over 2 to 3 days;
- International Events with 3 to 12 teams over 2 to 3 days.

In case of multiple options, the choice of the competition method will be carried out by the FIHB for Continental or World Championships and Champions League and by the Organizing Committee for the International Events.

For the welfare of the horses and ponies the following constraints are applied to all competition methods:

- Maximum 3 days in a row;
- Maximum 4 matches in an event;
- Maximum 8 horses/ponies.

10.1 – Competition method for event with 3 teams

3 TEAMS	OPTION 1	
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental Championships • World Championships 	
Description	All against all with return matches	
Teams	A, B, C	
Day 1	A vs B	1 st leg Matches
Day 2	B vs C	
Day 3	C vs A	
Day 4	A vs B	return matches
Day 5	B vs C	
Day 6	C vs A	
Ranking	Sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches	
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basket A: name of the teams 	
Drawing phases	Phase	Team
	1	1x Basket A=A
	2	1x Basket A=B
	3	1x Basket A=C

3 TEAMS	OPTION 2	
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships International Event 	
Description	All against all	
Teams	A, B, C	
Day 1	A vs B	1 st leg matches
Day 2	B vs C	
Day 3	C vs A	
Ranking	Sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches	
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 	
Drawing phases	Phase	Team
	1	1x Basket A=A
	2	1x Basket A=B
	3	1x Basket A=C

10.2 – Competition method for event with 4 teams

4 TEAMS	OPTION 1	
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships 	
Description	Qualifications with all against all then finals	
Teams	A, B, C, D	
Day 1	A vs B	C vs D B vs D B vs C
Day 2	A vs C	
Day 3	A vs D	
Day 4	REST	
Day 5	3 rd vs 4 th	3 rd to 4 th
	1 st vs 2 nd	1 st to 2 nd
Ranking	Sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of Day 1...Day 3 Finals with winner/loser (golden goal)	
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 	
Drawing phases	Phase	Team
	1	1x Basket A=A
	2	1x Basket A=B
	3	1x Basket A=C
	4	1x Basket A=D

4 TEAMS	OPTION 2		
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships Champions League International Event 		
Description	All against all		
Teams	A, B, C, D		
Day 1	A vs B	C vs D	1 st leg matches
Day 2	A vs C	B vs D	
Day 3	A vs D	B vs C	
Ranking	Sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches		
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 		
Drawing phases	Phase		Team
	1		1x Basket A=A
	2		1x Basket A=B
	3		1x Basket A=C
	4		1x Basket A=D

4 TEAMS	OPTION 3		
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champions League International Event 		
Description	Qualifications then finals		
Teams	A, B, C, D		
Day 1	A vs B	C vs D	qualifications
Day 2	loser AB vs loser CD		final 3 rd -4 th
	winner AB vs winner CD		final 1 st -2 nd
Ranking	Qualifications on 1 st day then finals		
Drawing for Champions League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: all the other teams 		
Drawing phases for Champions League	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)
	1	1x Basket B=A	
	2		1x Basket B=C
	3	1x Basket A=B	
	4		1x Basket A=D
Drawing for International Event	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 		
Drawing phases for International Event	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)
	1	1x Basket A=A	
	2		1x Basket A=C
	3	1x Basket A=B	
	4		1x Basket A=D

10.3 – Competition method for event with 5 teams

5 TEAMS	OPTION 1			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships 			
Description	All against all			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E			
Day 1	A vs B	C vs D	E rest	1 st leg matches
Day 2	A vs E	B vs C	D rest	
Day 3	A vs D	B vs E	C rest	
Day 4	REST			
Day 5	A vs C	D vs E	B rest	
Day 6	B vs D	C vs E	A rest	
Ranking	Sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches			
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 			
Drawing phases	Phase		Team	
	1		1x Basket A=A	
	2		1x Basket A=B	
	3		1x Basket A=C	
	4		1x Basket A=D	
5		1x Basket A=E		

5 TEAMS	OPTION 2		
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champions League International Event 		
Description	Qualifications with 1 direct match and 1 triangular on Day 1 and Day 2 then finals		
Teams	A, B, C, D, E		
Day 1	A vs B	triangular C, D, E	qualifications
Day 2	1 st CDE vs loser AB	triangular winner AB, 2 nd CDE, 3 rd CDE	
Day 3	triangular 2 nd and 3 rd triangular Day 2, loser direct match Day 2		final 3 rd -5 th
	1 st triangular Day 2 vs winner direct match Day 2		final 1 st -2 nd
Ranking	For each day, winner/loser for the direct match or sum of points/goal average scored in each match of the triangular		
Drawing for Champions League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: all the other teams 		
Drawing phases for Champions League	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D, E)
	1		1x Basket B=C
	2	1x Basket B=A	
	3		1x Basket B=D
	4	1x Basket A=B	
	5		1x Basket A=E
Drawing for International Event	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 		
Drawing phases for International Event	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D, E)
	1		1x Basket A=C
	2	1x Basket A=A	
	3		1x Basket A=D
	4	1x Basket A=B	
	45		1x Basket A=E

10.4 – Competition method for event with 6 teams

6 TEAMS	OPTION 1			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships 			
Description	Qualifications with 2 groups (G1, G2) of 3 teams all against all then semifinals and finals for the 1 st and 2 nd teams of each group and a forward & return match for the 3 rd teams			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F			
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G2: D vs E	C, F rest	qualifications: 2 gr. of 3 teams G1 (A, B, C) G2 (D, E, F)
Day 2	G1: B vs C	G2: E vs F	A, D rest	
Day 3	G1: C vs A	G2: F vs D	B, E rest	
Day 4	REST			
Day 5	3 rd G1 vs 3 rd G2		5 th to 6 th	forward match
	1 st G1 vs 2 nd G2		1 st to 4 th	semifinal 1
	1 st G2 vs 2 nd G1			semifinal 2
Day 6	3 rd G1 vs 3 rd G2		5 th to 6 th	return match
	loser SF1 vs loser SF2		3 rd to 4 th	finals
	winner SF1 vs winner SF2		1 st to 2 nd	
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 5 th -6 th place: sum of the points/goal average of the forward & return matches 1 st -4 th place: winner/loser of the semifinals and finals (golden goal)			
Drawing for Continental Ch.	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 			
Drawing phases for Continental Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	
	1	1x Basket A=A		
	2		1x Basket A=D	
	3	1x Basket A=B		
	4		1x Basket A=E	
	5	1x Basket A=C		
	6		1x Basket A=F	
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: all the other teams 			
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	
	1	1x Basket B=A		
	2		1x Basket B=D	
	3	1x Basket B=B		
	4		1x Basket B=E	
	5	1x Basket A=C		
	6		1x Basket A=F	

6 TEAMS	OPTION 2			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships 			
Description	Qualifications with 2 groups (G1, G2) of 3 teams all against all then finals			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F			
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G2: D vs E	C, F rest	qualifications: 2 gr. of 3 teams G1 (A, B, C) G2 (D, E, F)
Day 2	G1: B vs C	G2: E vs F	A, D rest	
Day 3	G1: C vs A	G2: F vs D	B, E rest	
Day 4	3 rd G1 vs 3 rd G2		5 th to 6 th	finals
	2 nd G1 vs 2 nd G2		3 rd to 4 th	
	1 st G1 vs 1 st G2		1 st to 2 nd	
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 1 st -6 th place: winner/loser of the finals (golden goal)			
Drawing for Continental Ch.	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 			
Drawing phases for Continental Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	
	1	1x Basket A=A		
	2		1x Basket A=D	
	3	1x Basket A=B		
	4		1x Basket A=E	
	5	1x Basket A=C		
6			1x Basket A=F	
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: all the other teams 			
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	
	1	1x Basket B=A		
	2		1x Basket B=D	
	3	1x Basket B=B		
	4		1x Basket B=E	
	5	1x Basket A=C		
6			1x Basket A=F	

6 TEAMS	OPTION 3			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships 			
Description	Qualifications with 2 groups (g1, G2) of 3 teams all against all then semifinals Finals based on the overall ranking after Day 1...3 and Day 5			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F			
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G2: D vs E	C, F rest	qualifications: 2 gr.of 3 teams G1 (A, B, C) G2 (D, E, F)
Day 2	G1: B vs C	G2: E vs F	A, D rest	
Day 3	G1: C vs A	G2: F vs D	B, E rest	
Day 4	REST			
Day 5	1 st G1 vs 3 rd G2		the teams keep points & ga scored in the qualifications	semifinals
	1 st G2 vs 3 rd G1			
	2 nd G1 vs 2 nd G2			
Day 6	5 th vs 6 th		5 th to 6 th	finals
	3 rd vs 4 th		3 rd to 4 th	
	1 st vs 2 nd		1 st to 2 nd	
Ranking	Qualifications and semifinals: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 and Day 5 1 st -6 th place: winner/loser of the finals (golden goal)			
Drawing for Continental Ch.	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 			
Drawing phases for Continental Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	
	1	1x Basket A=A		
	2		1x Basket A=D	
	3	1x Basket A=B		
	4		1x Basket A=E	
	5	1x Basket A=C		
	6		1x Basket A=F	
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: all the other teams 			
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	
	1	1x Basket B=A		
	2		1x Basket B=D	
	3	1x Basket B=B		
	4		1x Basket B=E	
	5	1x Basket A=C		
	6		1x Basket A=F	

6 TEAMS	OPTION 4			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champions League International Event 			
Description	Qualifications with 3 direct matches. Forward & return match for the worst losers of the direct matches for the 5 th and 6 th place while semifinals and finals for the remaining teams for the 1 st to 4 th place			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F			
Day 1	A vs B	C vs D	E vs F	qualifications
Day 2	2 nd best loser vs 3 rd best loser		5 th to 6 th	forward match
	best winner vs best loser		1 st to 4 th	semifinal 1
	2 nd best winner vs 3 rd best winner			semifinal 2
Day 3	2 nd best loser vs 3 rd best loser		5 th to 6 th	return match
	loser SF1 vs loser SF2		3 rd to 4 th	finals
	winner SF1 vs winner SF2		1 st to 2 nd	
Ranking	Qualifications: winner/loser of the direct matches (golden goal) 1 st to 4 th : winner/loser of the semifinals and finals (golden goal) 5 th to 6 th : sum of the points/goal average of the forward & return matches			
Drawing for Champions League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: all the other teams 			
Drawing phases for Champions League	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)	Group 3 (E, F)
	1	1x Basket B=A		
	2		1x Basket B=C	
	3			1x Basket B=E
	4	1x Basket A=B		
	5		1x Basket A=D	
	6			1x Basket A=F
Drawing for International Event	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 			
Drawing phases for International Event	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)	Group 3 (E, F)
	1	1x Basket A=A		
	2		1x Basket A=C	
	3			1x Basket A=E
	4	1x Basket A=B		
	5		1x Basket A=D	
	6			1x Basket A=F

10.5 – Competition method for event with 7 teams

7 TEAMS	OPTION 1				
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continental Championships • World Championships 				
Description	Qualifications with 1 group (G1) of 4 teams and 1 group (G2) of 3 teams all against all in each group then finals				
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G				
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G1: C vs D	G2: E vs F	G rest	qualifications: 1 gr.of 4 teams G1 (A,B,C,D) 1 gr.of 3 teams G2 (E, F, G) In order to play the same number of matches for all the teams, it's necessary an additional triangular for G2
Day 2	G1: A vs C	G2: F vs G		B, D, E rest	
Day 3	G1: B vs D	G2: G vs E		A, C, F rest	
Day 4	REST				
Day 5	G1: A vs D	G1: B vs C	triangular E,F,G	all teams play	
Day 6	triangular 3 rd G1, 4 th G1, 3 rd G2		5 th to 7 th	all teams play	finals
	2 nd G1 vs 2 nd G2		3 rd to 4 th		
	1 st G1 vs 1 st G2		1 st to 2 nd		
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 and Day 5 5 th -7 th place: sum of the points/goal average of each match of the triangular 1 st -4 th place: winner/loser of the finals (golden goal)				
Drawing for Continental Ch.	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basket A: name of the teams 				
Drawing phases for Continental Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C, D)		Group 2 (E, F, G)	
	1	1x Basket A=A		1x Basket A=E	
	2	1x Basket A=B		1x Basket A=F	
	3	1x Basket A=C		1x Basket A=G	
	4	1x Basket A=D			
	5	1x Basket A=E			
	6	1x Basket A=F			
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved • Basket B: other EU Nations • Basket C: non EU Nations (2 non EU Nations in the example below) 				
	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C, D)		Group 2 (E, F, G)	
	1	1x Basket C=A		1x Basket C=E	
	2	1x Basket B=B		1x Basket B=F	
	3	1x Basket B=C		1x Basket A=G	
	4	1x Basket A=D			
	5	1x Basket A=E			
6	1x Basket A=F				
7	1x Basket A=G				

7 TEAMS	OPTION 2			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships 			
Description	Qualifications with 1 group (G1) of 4 teams and 1 group (G2) of 3 teams: on Day 1...Day 3 in group G1, the teams play 2 direct matches and then winners vs losers while in group G2 the teams play all against all Finals: based on the results of Day 1...Day 3, there is 1 groups of 4 teams (G3: top 2 from G1, top 2 from G2) that play semifinals and finals for the 1 st -4 th place and 1 group of 3 teams (G4: bottom 2 from G1, bottom 1 from G2 = L, M, N) that play a triangular for the 5 th -7 th place			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G			
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G1: C vs D	G rest	qualifications: 1 gr.of 4 teams G1 (A,B,C,D) 1 gr.of 3 teams G2 (E, F, G)
Day 2	G2: E vs F		A, B, C, D, E rest	
Day 3	G1 rest	G2: F vs G		
Day 4	G1: winner AB vs loser CD	G1: winner CD vs loser AB	F rest	
Day 5	G2: G vs E			
Day 6	L vs M	5 th to 7 th	N rest	
Day 7	SF1: 1 st G1 vs 2 nd G2	SF2: 1 st G2 vs 2 nd G1		semifinals
Day 8	M vs N	5 th to 7 th	L rest G3 rest	finals: 1 gr.of 4 teams G3 (1 st /2 nd G1, 1 st /2 nd G2) 1 gr.of 3 teams G4 (3 rd /4 th G1, 3 rd G2 = L, M, N)
Day 9	G3 rest			
Day 10	N vs L	5 th to 7 th	M rest	
Day 11	loser SF1 vs loser SF2	3 rd to 4 th		
Day 12	winner SF1 vs winner SF2	1 st to 2 nd		
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 5 th -7 th place: sum of the points/goal average of each match of the triangular 1 st -4 th place: winner/loser of the semifinals and finals (golden goal)			
Drawing for Continental Ch.	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 			
Drawing phases for Continental Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C, D)	Group 2 (E, F, G)	
	1	1x Basket A=A		
	2		1x Basket A=E	
	3	1x Basket A=B		
	4		1x Basket A=F	
	5	1x Basket A=C		
	6		1x Basket A=G	
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: other EU Nations Basket C: non EU Nations (2 non EU Nations in the example below) 			
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C, D)	Group 2 (E, F, G)	
	1	1x Basket C=A		
	2		1x Basket C=E	
	3	1x Basket B=B		
	4		1x Basket B=F	
	5	1x Basket B=C		
	6		1x Basket A=G	
7	1x Basket A=D			

7 TEAMS	OPTION 3			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champions League International Event 			
Description	Qualifications with 2 groups (G1, G2) of 2 teams with 2 direct matches and 1 group (G3) of 3 teams with a triangular. Forward & return triangular for the losers of the direct matches and the 3 rd of the triangular on Day 1 for the 5 th to 7 th place while semifinals and finals for the remaining teams for the 1 st to 4 th place			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G			
Day 1	A vs B	C vs D	triangular E, F, G	qualifications
Day 2	triangular loser AB, loser CD, 3 rd EFG		5 th to 7 th	forward triangular
	winner AB vs 1 st EFG		1 st to 4 th	semifinal 1
	winner CD vs 2 nd EFG			semifinal 2
Day 3	triangular loser AB, loser CD, 3 rd EFG		5 th to 7 th	return triangular
	loser SF1 vs loser SF2		3 rd to 4 th	finals
	winner SF1 vs winner SF2		1 st to 2 nd	
Ranking	Qualifications: winner/loser of the direct matches (golden goal) or sum of points/goal average scored in each match of the triangular 1 st to 4 th : winner/loser of the semifinals and finals (golden goal) 5 th to 7 th : sum of the points/goal average of the forward & return triangular			
Drawing for Champions League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: all the other teams 			
Drawing phases for Champions League	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)	Group 3 (E, F, G)
	1			1x Basket B=E
	2		1x Basket B=C	
	3	1x Basket B=A		
	4			1x Basket B=F
	5		1x Basket A=D	
	6	1x Basket A=B		
	7			1x Basket A=G
Drawing for International Event	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 			
Drawing phases for International Event	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)	Group 3 (E, F, G)
	1			1x Basket A=E
	2		1x Basket A=C	
	3	1x Basket A=A		
	4			1x Basket A=F
	5		1x Basket A=D	
	6	1x Basket A=B		
	7			1x Basket A=G

10.6 – Competition method for event with 8 teams

8 TEAMS	OPTION 1		
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships 		
Description	Qualifications with 2 groups G1, G2) of 4 teams all against all then finals		
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H		
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G1: C vs D	qualifications: 2 gr.of 4 teams G1 (A, B, C, D) G2 (E, F, G, H)
	G2: E vs F	G2: G vs H	
Day 2	G1: A vs C	G1: B vs D	
	G2: E vs G	G2: F vs H	
Day 3	G1: A vs D	G1: B vs C	
	G2: E vs H	G2: F vs G	
Day 4	REST		
Day 5	4 th G1 vs 4 th G2	7 th to 8 th	finals
	3 rd G1 vs 3 rd G2	5 th to 6 th	
	2 nd G1 vs 2 nd G2	3 rd to 4 th	
	1 st G1 vs 1 st G2	1 st to 2 nd	
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 1 st -8 th place: winner/loser of the finals (golden goal)		
Drawing for Continental Ch.	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 		
Drawing phases for Continental Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C, D)	Group 2 (E, F, G, H)
	1	1x Basket A=A	
	2		1x Basket A=E
	3	1x Basket A=B	
	4		1x Basket A=F
	5	1x Basket A=C	
	6		1x Basket A=G
	7	1x Basket A=D	
8		1x Basket A=H	
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: other EU Nations Basket C: non EU Nations (2 non EU Nations in the example below) 		
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C, D)	Group 2 (E, F, G, H)
	1	1x Basket C=A	
	2		1x Basket C=E
	3	1x Basket B=B	
	4		1x Basket B=F
	5	1x Basket B=C	
	6		1x Basket B=G
	7	1x Basket A=D	
8		1x Basket A=H	

8 TEAMS	OPTION 2				
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continental Championships World Championships 				
Description	Qualifications with 4 groups (G1, G2, G3, G4) with 4 direct matches on Day 1 and winners vs losers on Day 2, then semifinals and finals				
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H				
Day 1	A vs B	C vs D	E vs F	G vs H	
Day 2	winner AB vs loser CD		or cross by drawing winners & losers		qualifications
	winner CD vs loser EF				
	winner EF vs loser GH				
	winner GH vs loser AB				
Day 3	REST				
Day 4	loser W.AB-L.CD vs loser W.CD-L.EF		5 th to 8 th	semifinal 1	
	loser W.EF-L.GH vs loser W.GH-L.AB			semifinal 2	
	winner W.AB-L.CD vs winner W.CD-L.EF		1 st to 4 th	semifinal 3	
	winner W.EF-L.GH vs winner W.GH-L.AB			semifinal 4	
Day 5	loser SF3 vs loser SF4		7 th to 8 th	finals	
	winner SF3 vs winner SF4		5 th to 6 th		
	loser SF1 vs loser SF2		3 rd to 4 th		
	winner SF1 vs winner SF2		1 st to 2 nd		
Ranking	Qualifications: winner/loser of the matches of the Day 1 and Day 2 (golden goal) 1 st -8 th place: winner/loser of the semifinals and finals (golden goal)				
Drawing for Continental Ch.	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 				
Drawing phases for Continental Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)	Group 3 (E, F)	Group 4 (G, H)
	1	1x Basket A=A			
	2		1x Basket A=C		
	3			1x Basket A=E	
	4				1x Basket A=G
	5	1x Basket A=B			
	6		1x Basket A=D		
	7			1x Basket A=F	
8				1x Basket A=H	
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st and 2nd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: other EU Nations Basket C: non EU Nations (2 non EU Nations in the example below) 				
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)	Group 3 (E, F)	Group 4 (G, H)
	1	1x Basket C=A			
	2		1x Basket C=C		
	3			1x Basket B=E	
	4				1x Basket B=G
	5	1x Basket B=B			
	6		1x Basket B=D		
	7			1x Basket A=F	
8				1x Basket A=H	

8 TEAMS	OPTION 3	
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champions League International Event 	
Description	4 direct matches each days, after Day 1 the winners play against winners and losers against losers	
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H	
Day 1..3	<p>The diagram illustrates a tournament bracket for 8 teams (A-H) over three days. On Day 1 (pink background), four matches are played: A vs B, C vs D, E vs F, and G vs H. Each match produces a winner and a loser. On Day 2 (green background), winners from Day 1 play each other, and losers from Day 1 play each other. On Day 3 (yellow background), winners from Day 2 play each other, and losers from Day 2 play each other. The final classification (FINAL CLASSIFICATION) shows the 1st to 8th places based on the results of the Day 3 matches.</p>	
Ranking	winner/loser of the matches of the Day 1...Day 3 (golden goal)	

Drawing for Champions League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st day: no matches between teams of the same country • Head of Series: A=1st of the FIHB Nations Ranking for the category involved; E=2nd ; C=3rd; G=4th • Basket A: other teams to be drawn 				
Drawing phases for Champions League	Phase	Team			
	1	1x Basket A=B			
	2	1x Basket A=D			
	3	1x Basket A=F			
	4	1x Basket A=H			
Drawing for Internationals Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st day: no matches between teams of the same country • Full drawing among all participating teams • Basket A: name of the teams 				
Drawing phases for International Event	Phase	Group 1 (A, B)	Group 2 (C, D)	Group 3 (E, F)	Group 4 (G,H)
	1	1x Basket A=A			
	2		1x Basket A=C		
	3			1x Basket A=E	
	4				1x Basket A=G
	5	1x Basket A=B			
	6		1x Basket A=D		
	7			1x Basket A=F	
	8				1x Basket A=H

10.7 – Competition method for event with 9 teams

9 TEAMS	OPTION 1			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Championships 			
Description	Qualifications with 3 groups (G1, G2, G3) of 3 teams all against all in each group then finals with 3 groups (G4, G5, G6) of 3 teams (G4=group with all the 1 st teams for the 1 st -3 rd place, G5=group with all the 2 nd teams for the 4 th -6 th place and G6=group with all the 3 rd teams for the 7 th -9 th place) all against all in each group			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I			
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G2: D vs E	G3: G vs H	qualifications: 3 gr.of 3 teams G1 (A, B, C) G2 (D, E, F) G3 (G, H, I)
Day 2	G1: B vs C	G2: E vs F	G3: H vs I	
Day 3	G1: C vs A	G2: F vs D	G3: I vs G	
Day 4	G6: 3 rd G1 vs 3 rd G2		7 th to 9 th	finals: 3 gr.of 3 teams G4 (1 st G1, 1 st G2, 1 st G3) G5 (2 nd G1, 2 nd G2, 2 nd G3) G6 (3 rd G1, 3 rd G2, 3 rd G3)
	G5: 2 nd G1 vs 2 nd G2		4 th to 6 th	
	G4: 1 st G1 vs 1 st G2		1 st to 3 rd	
Day 5	G6: 3 rd G2 vs 3 rd G3		7 th to 9 th	
	G5: 2 nd G2 vs 2 nd G3		4 th to 6 th	
	G4: 1 st G2 vs 1 st G3		1 st to 3 rd	
Day 6	G6: 3 rd G3 vs 3 rd G1		7 th to 9 th	
	G5: 2 nd G3 vs 2 nd G1		4 th to 6 th	
	G4: 1 st G3 vs 1 st G1		1 st to 3 rd	
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 for each group Finals: sum of the points/goal average scored over al matches of the Day 4...Day 6 for each group			
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: Head of Series, 1st, 2nd and 3rd of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: other EU Nations Basket C: non EU Nations (3 non EU Nations in the example below) 			
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	Group 3 (G, H, I)
	1	1x Basket C=A		
	2		1x Basket C=D	
	3			1x Basket C=G
	4	1x Basket B=B		
	5		1x Basket B=E	
	6			1x Basket B=H
	7	1x Basket A=C		
	8		1x Basket A=F	
9			1x Basket A=I	

9 TEAMS	OPTION 2			
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Event 			
Description	Qualifications with 3 groups (G1, G2, G3) of 3 teams that play a triangular: at the end of the Day 1 an overall ranking is calculated taking into account the sum of points/goal average scored by each team. On Day 2, based on the overall ranking of Day 1, 3 direct matches (2 semifinals) and a triangular in order to establish the finals on Day 3			
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I			
Day 1	triangular A, B, C	triangular D, E, F	triangular G, H, I	qualifications
Day 2	triangular 7 th , 8 th , 9 th			
	5 th vs 6 th			
	1 st vs 4 th			semifinal 1
	2 nd vs 3 rd			semifinal 2
Day 3	2 nd 7 th -8 th -9 th vs 3 rd 7 th -8 th -9 th		8 th to 9 th	finals
	1 st 7 th -8 th -9 th vs loser 5 th -6 th		6 th to 7 th	
	triangular loser SF1, loser SF2, winner 5 th -6 th		3 rd to 5 th	
	winner SF1 vs winner SF2		1 st to 2 nd	
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1 Semifinals and Finals: for the triangular, sum of the points/goal average scored in each match while for the direct matches, winner/loser (golden goal)			
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 			
Drawing phases	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	Group 3 (G, H, I)
	1	1x Basket A=A		
	2		1x Basket A=D	
	3			1x Basket A=G
	4	1x Basket A=B		
	5		1x Basket A=E	
	6			1x Basket A=H
	7	1x Basket A=C		
	8		1x Basket A=F	
9			1x Basket A=I	

10.8 – Competition method for event with 10 teams

10 TEAMS	OPTION 1					
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Championships 					
Description	Qualifications with 5 direct matches The 4 worst losers of Day 1 play an all against all for the 7 th to 10 th place in Day 2, Day 4 and Day 5 The 5 winners and the best loser of Day 1 play 3 direct matches on Day 2, then: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the 2 worst losers play a forward and a return match for the 5th to 6th place in Day 4 and Day 5 the 3 winners and the best loser play semifinals and finals for the 1st to 4th place in Day 4 and Day 5 					
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J					
Day 1	A (HoS 1) vs F	result = w1 and l1				Qualifications
	B vs G	result = w2 and l2				
	C (HosS 3) vs H	result = w3 and l3				
	D vs I	result = w4 and l4				
	E (HoS 2) vs J	result = w5 and l5				
Day 2	lw vs lx	4 worst losers Day 1	7 th to 10 th			all against all
	ly vs lz					
	w1 vs w2	result = W1 and L1	1 st to 6 th			
	w3 vs w4	result = W2 and L2				
	w5 vs best ln	result = W3 and L3				
Day 3	REST					
Day 4	lw vs ly	4 worst losers Day 1	7 th to 10 th			all against all
	lx vs lz					
	Ly vs Lz	2 worst losers Day 2	5 th to 6 th			forward math
	W1 vs W2		1 st to 4 th			semifinal 1
	W3 vs best Ln					semifinal 2
Day 5	lw vs lz	4 worst losers Day 1	7 th to 10 th			all against all
	lx vs ly					
	Ly vs Lz	2 worst losers Day 2	5 th to 6 th			return match
	loser SF1 vs loser SF2		3 rd to 4 th			Finals
	winner SF1 vs winner SF2		1 st to 2 nd			
Ranking	Qualifications: winner/loser of the direct matches (golden goal) 7 th to 10 th : sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 2...Day 5 5 th to 6 th : sum of the points/goal average scored over the forward and return matches of the Day 4 and Day 5 Other direct matches, semifinals and finals: winner/loser (golden goal)					
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Series, 1st (= letter A), 2nd (= letter E) and 3rd (= letter C) of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket A: other EU Nations and non EU Nations 					
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	match A-F	match B-G	match C-H	match D-I	match E-J
	1	HoS 1 st =A		HoS 3 rd =C		HoS 2 nd = E
	2		1x Bask.A=B			
	3				1x Bask.A=D	
	4	1x Bask.A=F				
	5		1x Bask.A=G			
	6			1x Bask.A=H		
	7				1x Bask.A=I	
8					1x Bask.A=J	

10 TEAMS	OPTION 2					
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Event 					
Description	<p>Qualifications with 5 direct matches The 4 worst losers of Day 1 play semifinals and finals for the 7th to 10th place on Day 2 and Day 3 The 5 winners and the best loser of Day 1 play 2 triangular matches on Day 2 and then finals on Day 3 with direct matches between the 3rd teams for the 5th to 6th place, between the 2nd teams for the 3rd to 4th place and between the 1st teams for the 1st to 2nd place</p>					
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J					
Day 1	A vs F	B vs G	C vs H	D vs I	E vs J	qualifications
Day 2	match 1	2 nd best loser vs 5 th best loser				7 th to 10 th
	match 2	3 rd best loser vs 4 th best loser				
	match 3	triangular winner DI, winner EJ, best loser				1 st to 6 th
	match 4	triangular winner AF, winner BG, winner CH				
Day 3	loser match 1 vs loser match 2			9 th to 10 th		finals
	winner match 1 vs winner match 2			7 th to 8 th		
	3 rd match 3 vs 3 rd match 4			5 th to 6 th		
	2 nd match 3 vs 2 nd match 4			3 rd to 4 th		
	2 nd match 3 vs 2 nd match 4			1 st to 2 nd		
Ranking	<p>Qualifications: winner/loser of the direct matches (golden goal) 7th to 10th: semifinals and finals with winner/loser (golden goal) 1st to 6th: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches for each triangular of the Day 2 then winner/loser (golden goal) for the finals on Day 3</p>					
Drawing	<p>Full drawing among all teams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 					
Drawing phases	Phase	match A-F	match B-G	match C-H	match D-I	match E-J
	1	1x Bask.A=A				
	2		1x Bask.A=B			
	3			1x Bask.A=C		
	4				1x Bask.A=D	
	5					1x Bask.A=E
	6	1x Bask.A=F				
	7		1x Bask.A=G			
	8			1x Bask.A=H		
	9				1x Bask.A=I	
10					1x Bask.A=J	

10.9 – Competition method for event with 11 teams

11 TEAMS	OPTION 1				
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Championships 				
Description	Qualifications with 3 groups (G1, G2, G3) of 3 teams all against all in each group and 1 group (G4) of 2 teams with a forward and return match 9 th to 11 th : the 3 3 rd teams of group G1, G2, G3, play a forward and return triangular 1 st to 8 th : the 4 1 st teams and 4 2 nd teams of group G1, G2, G3, G4, play semifinals and finals				
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K				
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G2: D vs E	HoS 1 st = C HoS 2 nd = K HoS 3 rd = F HoS 4 th = I	qualifications: 3 gr. of 3 teams G1 (A, B, C) G2 (D, E, F) G3 (G, H, I) 1gr. of 2 teams G4 (J, K)	
	G3: G vs H	G4: J vs K			
Day 2	G1: B vs C	G2: E vs F			
	G3: H vs I	G4: K vs J			
Day 3	G1: C vs A	G2: F vs D			
	G3: I vs G	G4: rest			
Day 4	REST				
Day 5	triangular 3 rd G1, 3 rd G2, 3 rd G3		9 th to 11 th	forward triangular	
	2 nd G1 vs 2 nd G2		5 th to 8 th	semifinal 3	
	2 nd G3 vs 2 nd G4			semifinal 4	
	1 st G1 vs 1 st G2		1 st to 4 th	semifinal 1	
1 st G3 vs 1 st G4		semifinal 2			
Day 6	triangular 3 rd G1, 3 rd G2, 3 rd G3		9 th to 11 th	return triangular	
	loser SF3 vs loser SF4		7 th to 8 th	finals	
	winner SF3 vs winner SF4		5 th to 6 th		
	loser SF1 vs loser SF2		3 rd to 4 th		
winner SF1 vs winner SF2		1 st to 2 nd			
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 for each group 9 th to 11 th : sum of the points/goal average scored over al matches of the Day 5 and Day 6 1 st to 8 th : semifinals and finals with winner/loser (golden goal)				
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Series, 1st (= letter C), 2nd (= letter K), 3rd (= letter F) and 4th (= letter I) of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket A: other EU Nations Basket B: non EU Nations (4 non EU Nations in the example below) 				
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	Group 3 (G, H, I)	Group 4 (J, K)
	1	1x Basket B=A			
	2		1x Basket B=D		
	3			1x Basket B=G	
	4				1x Basket B=J
	5	1x Basket A=B			
	6		1x Basket A=E		
	7			1x Basket A=H	
8	HoS 1 st = C	HoS 3 rd = F	HoS 4 th = I	HoS 2 nd = K	

11 TEAMS	OPTION 2		
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Event 		
Description	Qualifications with 1 group (G1) of 5 teams with 1 direct match and 1 triangular and 1 group (G2) of 6 teams with 3 direct matches on Day 1 On Day 2, winners vs winners and losers vs losers An overall ranking over Day 1 and Day 2 is used for the final matches on Day 3		
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K		
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G1: triangular C, D, E	
	G2: F vs G	G2: H vs I	G2: J vs K
Day 2	winner AB vs winner FG		
	loser AB vs loser FG		
	winner CDE vs winner HI		
	2 nd CDE vs winner JK		
	triangular 3 rd CDE, loser JK, loser HI		
Day 3	triangular 9 th , 10 th , 11 th		9 th to 11 th
	7 th vs 8 th		7 th to 8 th
	5 th vs 6 th		5 th to 6 th
	3 rd vs 4 th		3 rd to 4 th
	1 st vs 2 nd		1 st to 2 nd
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1 and Day 2. Points for direct matches = 3 (winner), 2 (draw), 1 (loser). Points for triangular matches = 1,5 (winner), 1 (draw), 0,5 (loser) 9 th to 11 th : sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 3 1 st to 8 th : finals with winner/loser (golden goal)		
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 		
Drawing phases	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C, D, E)	Group 2 (F, G, H, I, J, K)
	1		1x Basket A=F
	2	1x Basket A=A	
	3		1x Basket A=G
	4	1x Basket A=B	
	5		1x Basket A=H
	6	1x Basket A=C	
	7		1x Basket A=I
	8	1x Basket A=D	
	9		1x Basket A=J
	10	1x Basket A=E	
11		1x Basket A=K	

11 TEAMS	OPTION 3				
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Event 				
Description	Qualifications with 3 groups (G1, G2, G3) of 3 teams with 1 triangular and 1 group (G4) of 2 teams with 1 direct match on Day 1 An overall ranking over Day 1 is used for the semifinas and finals matches on Day 2 and Day 3				
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K				
Day 1	G1: triangular A, B, C	G2: triangular D, E, F		qualifications	
	G3: triangular G, H, I	G4: J vs K			
Day 2	match 1	10 th vs 11 th			
	match 2	8 th vs 9 th			
	match 3	triangular 5 th , 6 th , 7 th			
	match 4	1 st vs 4 th		semifinal 1	
	match 5	2 nd vs 3 rd		semifinal 2	
Day 3	triangular loser m.2, winner & loser m.1	9 th to 11 th		finals	
	triangular 2 nd and 3 rd m.3, winner m.2	6 th to 8 th			
	triangular loser m.4, loser m.5, winner m.3	3 rd to 5 th			
	winner match 4 vs winner match 5	1 st to 2 nd			
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1. Points for direct match = 3 (winner), 2 (draw), 1 (loser). Points for triangular matches = 1,5 (winner), 1 (draw), 0,5 (loser) Day 2 and Day 3: sum of the points/goal average scored over al matches of each triangular while winner/loser (golden goal) for the direct matches				
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 				
Drawing phases	Phase	Group 1 (A,B,C)	Group 2 (D,E,F)	Group 3 (G,H,I)	Group 4 (J, K)
	1	1x Basket A=A			
	2		1x Basket A=D		
	3			1x Basket A=G	
	4				1x Basket A=J
	5	1x Basket A=B			
	6		1x Basket A=E		
	7			1x Basket A=H	
	8				1x Basket A=K
	9	1x Basket A=C			
	10		1x Basket A=F		
11			1x Basket A=I		

10.10 – Competition method for event with 12 teams

12 TEAMS	OPTION 1				
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Championships 				
Description	Qualifications with 4 groups (G1, G2, G3, G4) of 3 teams all against all in each group then semifinals and finals				
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L				
Day 1	G1: A vs B	G2: D vs E	HoS 1 st = C HoS 2 nd = L HoS 3 rd = F HoS 4 th = I	qualifications: 4 gr. of 3 teams G1 (A, B, C) G2 (D, E, F) G3 (G, H, I) G4 (J, K, L)	
	G3: G vs H	G4: J vs K			
Day 2	G1: B vs C	G2: E vs F			
	G3: H vs I	G4: K vs L			
Day 3	G1: C vs A	G2: F vs D			
	G3: I vs G	G4: L vs J			
Day 4	REST				
Day 5	3 rd G1 vs 3 rd G2		9 th to 12 th	semifinal 5	
	3 rd G3 vs 3 rd G4			semifinal 6	
	2 nd G1 vs 2 nd G2		5 th to 8 th	semifinal 3	
	2 nd G3 vs 2 nd G4			semifinal 4	
	1 st G1 vs 1 st G2		1 st to 4 th	semifinal 1	
	1 st G3 vs 1 st G4			semifinal 2	
Day 6	loser SF5 vs loser SF6		11 th to 12 th	finals	
	winner SF5 vs winner SF6		9 th to 10 th		
	loser SF3 vs loser SF4		7 th to 8 th		
	winner SF3 vs winner SF4		5 th to 6 th		
	loser SF1 vs loser SF2		3 rd to 4 th		
	winner SF1 vs winner SF2		1 st to 2 nd		
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1...Day 3 for each group Semifinals and finals with winner/loser (golden goal)				
Drawing for World Ch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of Series, 1st (= letter C), 2nd (= letter L), 3rd (= letter F) and 4th (= letter I) of the FIHB Nations Ranking or the higher in the ranking for the category involved Basket B: other EU Nations Basket C: non EU Nations (4 non EU Nations in the example below) 				
Drawing phases for World Ch.	Phase	Group 1 (A, B, C)	Group 2 (D, E, F)	Group 3 (G, H, I)	Group 4 (J, K, L)
	1	1x Basket B=A			
	2		1x Basket B=D		
	3			1x Basket B=G	
	4				1x Basket B=J
	5	1x Basket A=B			
	6		1x Basket A=E		
	7			1x Basket A=H	
	8				1x Basket A=K
9	HoS 1 st = C	HoS 3 rd = F	HoS 4 th = I	HoS 2 nd = L	

12 TEAMS	OPTION 2								
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Event 								
Description	Qualifications with 6 direct matches on Day 1 On Day 2, winners vs winners and losers vs losers An overall ranking over Day 1 and Day 2 is used for the final matches on Day 3								
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L								
Day 1	A vs B	C vs D	E vs F		qualifications				
	G vs H	I vs J	K vs L						
Day 2	winner AB vs winner CD		loser AB vs loser CD				finals		
	winner EF vs winner GH		loser EF vs loser GH						
	winner IJ vs winner KL		loser IJ vs loser KL						
Day 3	11 th vs 12 th			11 th to 12 th			finals		
	9 th vs 10 th			9 th to 10 th					
	7 th vs 8 th			7 th to 8 th					
	5 th vs 6 th			5 th to 6 th					
	3 rd vs 4 th			3 rd to 4 th					
	1 st vs 2 nd			1 st to 2 nd					
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1 and Day 2. 1 st to 12 th : finals with winner/loser (golden goal)								
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 								
Drawing phases	Phase	Match AB	Match CD	Match EF	Match GH	Match IJ	Match KL		
	1	1x B.A=A							
	2		1x B.A=C						
	3			1x B.A=E					
	4				1x B.A=G				
	5					1x B.A=I			
	6						1x B.A=K		
	7	1x B.A=B							
	8		1x B.A=D						
	9			1x B.A=F					
	10				1x B.A=H				
	11					1x B.A=J			
12						1x B.A=L			

12 TEAMS	OPTION 3						
Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Event 						
Description	Qualifications with 4 groups (G1, G2, G3, G4) of 3 teams with 4 triangulars on Day 1 An overall ranking over Day 1 is used for the semifinals and finals matches on Day 2 and Day 3						
Teams	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L						
Day 1	G1: triangular A, B, C		G2: triangular D, E, F		Qualifications		
	G3: triangular G, H, I		G4: triangular J, K, L				
Day 2	9 th vs 12 th		semifinal 5		9 th to 12 th		
	10 th vs 11 th		semifinal 6				
	5 th to 8 th		semifinal 3		5 th to 8 th		
	6 th to 7 th		semifinal 4				
	1 st to 4 th		semifinal 1		1 st to 4 th		
	2 nd to 3 rd		semifinal 2				
Day 3	loser SF5 vs loser SF6			11 th to 12 th			
	winner SF5 vs winner SF6			9 th to 10 th			
	loser SF3 vs loser SF4			7 th to 8 th			
	winner SF3 vs winner SF4			5 th to 6 th			
	loser SF1 vs loser SF2			3 rd to 4 th			
	winner SF1 vs winner SF2			1 st to 2 nd			
Ranking	Qualifications: sum of the points/goal average scored over all matches of the Day 1 1 st to 12 th : semifinals and finals with winner/loser (golden goal)						
Drawing	Full drawing among all teams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basket A: name of the teams 						
Drawing phases	Phase	Match AB	Match CD	Match EF	Match GH	Match IJ	Match KL
	1	1x B.A=A					
	2		1x B.A=C				
	3			1x B.A=E			
	4				1x B.A=G		
	5					1x B.A=I	
	6						1x B.A=K
	7	1x B.A=B					
	8		1x B.A=D				
	9			1x B.A=F			
	10				1x B.A=H		
	11					1x B.A=J	
12						1x B.A=L	

11 – Handicap System for players

The Handicap System for players has been created to balance matches, to give status and a quick measurement to player's level.

The Handicap System for players is based on the WHR Active 4Y Players ranking calculated in the last 4 years preceding the year of competition.

The players available in the WHR Active 4Y Players ranking are divided in 11 groups and a handicap score from 0 to 10 is then assigned in each group according to the following criteria:

- Handicap 10 = players with a ranking greater or equal to 1000 points;
- Handicap 9 = players with a ranking from 900 to 999 points;
- Handicap 8 = players with a ranking from 800 to 899 points;
- Handicap 7 = players with a ranking from 700 to 799 points;
- Handicap 6 = players with a ranking from 600 to 699 points;
- Handicap 5 = players with a ranking from 500 to 599 points;
- Handicap 4 = players with a ranking from 400 to 499 points;
- Handicap 3 = players with a ranking from 300 to 399 points;
- Handicap 2 = players with a ranking from 200 to 299 points;
- Handicap 1 = players with a ranking from 100 to 199 points;
- Handicap 0 = players with a ranking less than 100 points.

At the beginning of the match, for both of the teams, the sum of the handicap scores of all the registered players in the match sheet is carried out.

Then the integer part of the difference between the largest team handicap and the lowest team handicap divided by 10, gives the number of goals the weaker team will have in advance on the scoreboard at the start of the match.

The Handicap System for players will be tested in certain FIHB competitions in 2023 and 2024 to make all the necessary corrections and then finally adopted in 2024.

Example of match sheet with information of the Handicap System for players:

MATCH SHEET - PRO ELITE															
Date: 12th December 2022															
2024 FIHB World Cup															
Saint Lô (FRA), 9th... 13th December 2022															
SPAIN (ESP)							GREAT BRITAIN (GBR)								
N	PLAYER			handicap	1st half	2nd half	warning	N	PLAYER			handicap	1st half	2nd half	warning
1	Gil CARBONÉS BALDICH			10				1	Ben BERRY			6			
2	Nil SEALL HOSTAU			10				2	Sam HEMSTEAD			5			
3	Carles VILÀ FERNÁNDEZ			10				3	Mike BARTON			5			
4	Guillem PUIGVERT BECH			10				4	Jamie LAMBLEY			5			
5	Sauc VILÀ GIL			9				5	Reece MCNAMARA			4			
6	Miquel JULIÀ MUÑOZ			9				6	Ben LAMBLEY			4			
				total hc								total hc			
				58								29			
time out		r.t.:	r.t.:	hc goals	1st half	2nd half	FINAL	time out		r.t.:	r.t.:	hc goals	1st half	2nd half	FINAL
		1	2	0						1	2	2			
penalty n.1:		coach: Marià CLAVELL PLANA					penalty n.1:		coach: Christophe DESORMEAUX						
zone referee:		Maurizio PERCIA			supervisor:			Francis DUMONS			Note:				
chair referee:		Robin GUYON			time keeper:			Laurine SERT							
zone referee:		Mathias BERKMANS			match sheet:			Anne-Lise DESCAMPS							
handicap goals=(total handicap team A - total handicap team B) /10															

Legenda for warnings: W=white card, Y=yellow card, R=red card

12 – Europa League

Commencing in 2023, the FIHB will promote Regional multistage events that will end with a final event called FIHB Europa League. Europe will be divided into regions and we will be beginning with 3 regions where 3 International multistage events are organized. In the future the number of regions can increase, according to the status of the International Horseball development. The current International multistage events are the following:

- Mediterranean League;
- Iberian League;
- North European League.

The categories participating will be:

- Under16;
- Ladies;
- Pro Elite.

The final event, FIHB Europa League, is planned in the month of July and 8 teams per category are invited to a competition over 3 days with the competition method for 8 teams option 3 (see par.10.6) where the number of leading teams of the series assigned to each Regional event is specified as a function of the number of participating teams and the number of stages of each event.

The number of teams in each category invited at the end of each Regional event will be based on the number of participating teams and the number of stages.

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