

**International Youth
Handball Tournament
United World Games 2025
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Sports Venue

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Regulations Handball

The United World Games Handball Tournament will be played according to the official rules of the International Handball Federation IHF except for the rules specifically mentioned in the following points:

Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY

It should be needless to say, but we expect fair play from all teams! Please respect your opponents as well as the decisions of the referees and try to play as fair as possible.

1. Age Groups & Playtime

Male:

Categories	Deadline	Playing time Prelims.
U 16	01.01.2009 and younger	2 x 15 mins
U 14	01.01.2011 and younger	2 x 15 mins

Female:

Categories	Deadline	Playing time Prelims.
U 16	01.01.2009 and younger	2 x 15 mins

**Playing time is "stop time"!
1 Min. half time break!**

Exception permits:

Due to different deadlines of the various national Handball Federations, exceptions may be issued in accordance with our statutory exception rule. As per this rule, a **maximum of 2 players** per team is allowed to **exceed the respective age limit by up to but no more than 6 months**. These players must be announced to the Organizing Committee and marked on the corresponding Squad List accordingly.

2. Squad list & ID checks

For **each participating team a squad list has to be submitted** to the Organizing Committee (via email to office@unitedworldgames.com), which will be checked, signed and handed out to the respective team representatives upon checking in in Klagenfurt. The coaches are requested to carry the signed squad list, as well as **player's licences or IDs of all athletes with them to all games**. Upon request, every player must be able to verify his or her **identity** by showing a valid photo ID card. In case of a suspected violation of deadlines or the use of an ineligible player, squad list and ID have to be checked in coordination with the referee/venue supervisor. A **violation results in an automatic defeat** for the concerned team (0:12).

Generally it is allowed for athletes to play in 2 separate teams, as long as they are not entering the same competition, yet they also have to appear on the respective squad lists of both teams (a player of the U14 tournament may for example also be a member of a team participating in the U16 competition and compete for both teams, provided the tournament schedule allows it).

Should participants enter one and the same competition with more than one team, they are forbidden to move players between these teams, athletes may only appear on the squad list of ONE team per competition.

3. Squad size and substitutions

The players mentioned in the squad list can be substituted unlimitedly throughout a game. There is no limit concerning squad sizes.

4. Match Regulations

- **Yellow card:** Referees will use yellow cards. After a team has received a total of 3 yellow cards, a 1 minute suspension will be issued.
- **Red card:** After a player has received the red card he or she is suspended from the game with immediate effect. The players will be eligible to play again the next game.
- **Time or passive play:** If the attacking team does not show any real effort to attack the opponent's goal, the referees will issue a warning. In case there is no visible sign of improvement, the defending team will receive ball control.
- **Time-out:** Per each half one time out may be called.
- **Resin:** Resin may be used in all categories apart from the U12 age group.

5. Games, Points & Play-Off

During the preliminaries the teams will be divided into groups.

The ranking will be decided by points:

Win	2 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points
Disqualification	0 Points

After the preliminary round a table reflects the order of the teams. This ranking derives from:

- a) the number of points in the table/group
- b) direct duel
- c) in case of equal points, only the games between the affected teams will be taken into account
- d) goal difference
- e) in case of equal goal difference the higher number of scored goals will be taken into account.

In case best ranked 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th (etc.) have to be determined, the ranking of said teams will be made by the following criteria:

- Total number of points/Number of games
- Goal difference
- Higher number of scored goals
- Decision by drawing lots (computerised random generator)

In case of a tie:

In case of a tie there will be an overtime of 1 x 3 Min. If the tie persists after overtime, there will be a 7 meter shoot out! Per team 5 players will be selected for the 7-meter throws. In case no decision has been reached after the first 5 players, another 5 players will be selected. Players that have already thrown can be nominated again. Goalkeepers can be nominated as well and it is permitted to switch goalkeepers during the 7-meter throws.

6. Walk over (w.o.)

A team that fails to present itself on the court without any reported valid reason (decision if valid is made only by the tournament director) automatically loses the match 0:12 (w.o.). Delayed teams will be waited for 5 minutes.

Please note: A w.o. decision is only possible after consulting the tournament officials.

7. Sports halls

Entering the sports halls is only allowed with indoor sport shoes.
It is not allowed to bring any food or drinks into the sports halls.

Exception: PET bottles

Smoking is prohibited in all sport halls!

8. Ball size & Teamoutfits

Male/Female U14, U16	Size 2
Male U12	Size 1

Attention: All uniforms must include a number on the backside. All teams are advised to bring spare uniforms in a different colour in case the colours of the uniforms are too similar to the discretion of the referee. The team that is listed first in the game schedule will have to change to colours distinctive from their opponent.

9. Tournament Jury

The tournament jury consists of 3 people who handle any possible complaints and send offs.

Protests must be reported to the jury by the responsible coach within one hour after the objected match. The fee for the protest is € 100, - and will be refunded in case the protest was accepted.

10. Match report

10 Minutes before each game all coaches have to hand in the completed squad list to the organizing committee.

11. Insurance, Disclaimer & Theft

The participants are not insured! It is up to the responsible authorities and coaches of each team that their players and all the participants are insured for the days of the tournament during the United World Games. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or theft. With his participation the athlete accepts the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the community of Vienna, real owners or their representatives regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure, that he is fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

For all players: Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

12. Disciplinary remark

Severe offenses and brutal fouls will result in an automatic ban for the next game. In addition, the tournament direction will speak out a further suspension according to the severity of the offense. In case of a sending-off because of a brawl or insulting the referee, the concerned player will be disqualified for the whole remainder of the tournament.

Furthermore the tournament direction reserves the right to suspend entire teams from the tournament, if they act disrespectful towards referees, officials or opponents, or misbehave themselves.

13. Final remark

The organizers of the United World Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader knows all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

IMPORTANT: In emergencies and during the night-time the emergency number 144 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach of the affected team must always go with him.