

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF COMPETITIONS

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ADMINISTRATIVE PART

A - ADMINISTRATIVE PART

ARTICLE 1

According to its Statutes, the African Handball Confederation organizes the Men's and Women's Africa Nations Championships in the seniors, juniors and youth categories.

It also organizes the Africa Clubs Championships and the Africa Clubs championship for Winners Cup, the Super Cup BABACAR FALL and the Beach Handball Nations Championships.

ARTICLE 2

The Congress or the Council allocates the organization of such events to a member federation if it officially applies before the meeting of the Congress or the Council.

Applications will be accepted only if they are composed by the following documents:

- a)-The approval or the letter of acceptance of the Ministry of Sports saying that the dates, time limit, Regulations relating to the concerned competition will be respected, in conformity with the terms and conditions of CAHB.
- b)-The description of the sport facilities and their respective seating capacity.
- c)- Information and communication facilities
- d)-The report of the measures envisaged for the welcome, the accommodation and feeding of officials, heads of delegations, referees and other VIPs.

A Memorandum Of Understanding on the organization methods of the competitions must be signed between CAHB and the organizer.

ARTICLE 3

If a federation refuses to organize a competition after it has been allocated for reasons other than war, natural disaster, the following sanctions will be imposed upon it:

- Non allocation of competitions for two (02) years.
- A fine of 80,000 Euros (Eighty thousand Euros).

A competition that is not allocated for lack of organizer will take place at the Head Office of CAHB. It will be the same if the organizer withdraws..

That competition will fully be organized and covered by CAHB.

ARTICLE 4

Each member federation can participate in an Africa Championship if it has fulfilled its obligations towards the International Handball Federation (IHF) and CAHB.

The Council can authorize a provisionally admitted federation to participate.

ARTICLE 5

Africa Championships are organized according to a regular cycle as follows:

At Level of zones

The preliminaries of the Seniors, Juniors and Youth Africa Nations Championship (Men and Women) must be organized during uneven years.

Each zone fixes the periods of competitions according to its organization.

At the Continental Level

The different Seniors, Juniors and Youth Africa Nations Championships (Men and Women) will be organized during even years except the Qualifying Tournaments for the All African Games that is scheduled a year before the event.

Concerning all the competitions, CAHB, in accordance with the organizer, shall fix dates of matches with respect to the periods presented below:

- Seniors Africa Nations Championship: every two (02) years (even year)
 - * Men : in January.
 - * Women: in December

- Youth and Juniors Africa Nations Championship (Men): every two (02) years (even year) in August.
 - Youth and Juniors Africa Nations Championship (Women): every two (02) years (uneven years) in August
 - Africa Beach Handball Championship (Men & Women): in August of the year of the competition.
 - Africa Clubs Championship for Winners' Cup: every year from the last two weeks of April to early May.
 - Africa Clubs Championship: every year in September – October period.
 - Super Cup Babacar FALL: at the start of Africa Clubs Championship for Winners' Cup.
- The qualification is done as follows:

The Cup holder of the trophy of the Clubs Championship of the preceding season plays against the Cup holder of the Winners' Cup of the preceding season.

If one of the teams automatically qualified simultaneously holds the titles of Clubs Championship and Winners' Cup, it will defend the title of the Africa Clubs Championship.

In this case, the team that is ranked second in the Winners' Cup Championship will be its opponent.

The Council shall decide the schedule of the other competitions.

Article 6: ANNOUNCEMENT

The Secretary General of CAHB announces forth coming competitions with reference to the Statutes and Regulations.

ARTICLE 7: REGISTRATION

The zones shall communicate the list of teams qualified four (4) months before the start of a competition organized by CAHB, at the latest.

Furthermore, zones must organize the preliminaries six (06) months before the start of the African competition, at the latest.

The qualified teams must irrevocably confirm their registration to the General Secretariat at least three months before the start of the competition.

The registration fees of 500 Euros must be paid at the same time.

If these time limits are not kept, the qualification acquired will not be valid anymore.

In that last case, the substitute nation nominated by CAHB shall be eligible to play.

ARTICLE 8

The sporting season of CAHB starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st of the current year.

To register, national member federations shall transfer a deposit of Five Hundred (500) Euros per team on the account of CAHB.

Registration forms in 3 copies shall be submitted to CAHB Secretariat by modern means of communication, with the payments before January 31st, final deadline.

Furthermore, any team registered for a competition must pay a deposit of 5,000 Euros deductible from the participation fees one month before the draw.

In case of withdrawal, the deposit is not refundable.

ARTICLE 9

According to the emergency, registrations can be done by email or fax and confirmed later with necessary documents within time limit.

ARTICLE 10

If these registration fees are not paid in the due time limit, the registration will be cancelled.

ARTICLE 11

Registration received after deadline shall not be processed unless the Executive Committee allows a special dispensation.

ARTICLE 12: TEAMS REGISTRATION

A delegation may consist of up to 25 persons. A maximum of 18 players and the remaining officials (stating their function) must be registered near the organizer (with copy of the list sent to the General Secretariat of CAHB) as follows:

- Provisional registration: send the list to the Secretariat of CAHB one (1) month at the latest before the Africa Championship.
- Definitive registration: send the list of 16 players and 4 officials to the official representative of CAHB the day before the championship before the technical meeting.
- The registration on the CAHB forms for that purpose must include the following information:

- a) Officials: surname, first name, date of birth, nationality, function within the delegation
- b) players : player N°, surname, first name, date of birth, club, height, weight, number of goals scored, number of international matches.
- c) Player clothing: color of shorts and shirts of 1st and 2nd sets of clothing; color of goalkeeper's 1st and 2nd set of clothing.

Track suits (well-padded trousers) must be of the same color as the shorts.

Face masks or similar are not allowed.

One hour before the start of the game, the teams must compulsorily give the list of 16 players and 4 officials for registration on the match report.

If before the start of game, one of these players is injured, he may be replaced before the start of the match.

FINANCIAL PART

B – FINANCIAL PART

ARTICLE 13

The competitions of CAHB are budgeted in advance thanks to the financial contributions of the federations according to the standards defined by the Council according to the cases.

ARTICLE 14

Participating federations shall bear the following costs:

- a) Return travel's expenses to the capital of the organizer
- b) Costs to obtain visas;
- c) Costs of the insurance coverage for all the members of their delegation against accidents and sicknesses.

CAHB and the organizer shall not be liable for any accident or sickness

- d) Participating teams arriving earlier must bear the additional cost by paying 50 Euros per day and per person to the organizer.

The same thing will be applied for the teams and delegations which leave later independently of their will.

These measures are applied to all the CAHB competitions, including the qualification matches.

ARTICLE 15

Participating federations shall pay to the Treasurer of CAHB a fixed sum relating to the participation fees per day and per person before the start of the competitions.

ARTICLE 16

The participation fees per day and per person for the different competitions are fixed and presented as follows:

SENIORS AND JUNIORS AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Accommodation:	Double	Single
Participation fee:	60 Euros	80 Euros
Organizer's fixed sum:	40 Euros	60 Euros
CAHB fixed sum :	20 Euros	20 Euros

AFRICA CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP AND AFRICA CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WINNERS CUP

Accommodation	Double	Single
Participation fee:	60 Euros	80 Euros
Organizer's fixed sum:	40 Euros	60 Euros
CAHB fixed sum :	20 Euros	20 Euros

YOUTH AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

Accommodation	Double	Single
Participation fee:	50 Euros	80 Euros
Organizer's fixed sum	35 Euros	65 Euros
CAHB fixed sum	15 Euros	15 Euros

NB: the duration of each competition is 13 days (arrival date, ten days for competition, one day for departure and one day for solidarity Funds).

IHF TROPHY (competitions of Countries per zone)

The IHF Trophy benefits from a considerable support from IHF.

For all the competitions of CAHB, the participation fees of the heads of delegations are 80 Euros per day and per person. They have right to be accommodated in single room and fed in the same hotel as the athletes or in another hotel booked for this purpose. They are not entitled to individual cars.

License fee:	15 Euros per license
Registration fee:	500 Euros per team

All the participation fees must be paid at the arrival of the delegations before any access to accommodation.

ARTICLE 17

Payment must be made in convertible currency. No other form of payment will be accepted.

ARTICLE 18

All teams arrived in at the competition site must compulsorily pay the total participation fees even if they have to leave for some reason or other.

ARTICLE 19

During the competitions organized by CAHB, no delegation will be accommodated unless it pays the total participation fees.

ARTICLE 20

The organizer (the organizing federation) shall bear the following costs:

- a) Travel expenses **of the delegations** in the host country relating to the matches and programmes of events.
- b) Stay fees of the delegations: one (1) day before the championship and one (1) day after the championship.
- c) Return ticket of the nominated officials of CAHB from their home to the place of the competition ; they are:

- the members of the jury of appeal
- the members of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination
- the Officials and Technical Delegates
- the Members of CAHB Secretariat.

d) Travel expenses within the host country, the accommodation and meals expenses of the officials (members of the Jury of Appeal , members of the Council, members of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination , referees, staff of the Secretariat), during the period of the competitions.

e) the stay fees of the members of the Council and the Technical Commissions present in the field.

f) The organizing federation shall pay 30 % of the gross receipts from the sale of tickets to CAHB.

g) In case technical officials and referees pay in advance their air tickets, they will fully be reimbursed in convertible currency.

The transport of the delegations from the airport to the competition venue is done by road.

But when the distance to drive is beyond 200 km, the organizer makes the arrangements to make it by air.

However, the latitude is given to the Executive Committee to judge of the conditions of application of that provision.

ARTICLE 21

The African Handball Confederation pays the allowances of the technical officials, referees and members of the Secretariat during the Africa Nations Championships, Africa Clubs Championships and the IHF Trophy.

The Council may give a fix sum to CAHB members on mission; the amount will be defined.

C - PARTICULAR CONDITIONS

ARTICLE 22

CAHB shall be in charge of sending air ticket to the technical officials and referees.

CAHB shall be reimbursed by deducting from the participation fees of teams paid to the organizing country.

Beneficiaries shall be informed by CAHB about the issuing date of the ticket.

ARTICLE 23

Referees and technical officials designated for a competition shall acknowledge receipt of their ticket and shall communicate the flight, the day and time of arrival to the organizing federation.

ARTICLE 24

CAHB executives and delegates shall be welcomed on arrival.

For this purpose:

a/ A reception team shall be put in place at the airport (or station) to guide, orientate and facilitate entry into the country. Therefore, participants shall respect the laws relating to visas and vaccination certificates of the host country.

b/ Cars shall be provided at the airport as follows:

-President of CAHB	1 car
- President of Jury	1 car
- President of Zone	1 car
- Secretary General	1 car
- Treasurer	1 car
- Competition Management	1 car
- Members of the Technical commission	1 or 2 cars
- Staff of CAHB	1 car

c/ Referees have right to one or two mini-buses

d/ Shuttle services shall be organized for delegations by the organizer.

No delegation shall be particularly entitled to a bus.

Shuttle services shall be functional upon arrival of delegations at the airport (or station).

e/ Drivers of the delegations of athletes shall be fed at the Olympic village.

ARTICLE 25

Players shall be accommodated in good conditions.

The African Handball Confederation shall reserve the right to approve the accommodation centers for athletes if their hygienic conditions are acceptable.

ARTICLE 26

Members of the Jury of appeal, officials of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination, members of CAHB Secretariat shall be accommodated in a hotel of international standing in single rooms.

- The feeding rate at the hotel shall be discussed by the organization committee in order to determine well the responsibilities.
- Referees officially designated shall be accommodated in the same hotel with the members of the Jury and the commission of homologation and Nomination, in double rooms and by couples.
- The Executive Committee of CAHB reserves the right to approve the hotel.

NB:

Any official, referee or delegation who does not communicate his arrival to the host federation before, copy of the message to testify, shall bear all the expenses relating to his travel or accommodation until his taking care by the organizing Committee of the Competition .

As the case may be, the hosting federation shall reimburse in full the total expenses if justified bills are presented.

ARTICLE 27

All the delegations of athletes, additional participants and heads of delegations shall be accommodated in the places arranged for that purpose whatever the reasons put forward.

ARTICLE 28

The delegation which takes its own initiative to accommodate its athletes at its convenience shall be disqualified.

ARTICLE 29

The delegation of the host country shall be accommodated in the same conditions like all the competitors' and shall comply with the same meal and transport conditions. The head of delegation and the President of federation shall also stick to their accommodation dispositions.

SANCTIONS:

Disqualification from the games, report and disciplinary sanction.

ARTICLE 30

A meeting of sport doctors or doctors of delegations of the same mission will be held one day before the start of the competitions to inform them about the menu decided.

This meeting shall be convened by the President of the Medical Commission of CAHB. The Secretariat General of CAHB, the members of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination and the President of the Organizing Committee of the game will attend that meeting. The general steward of the games should participate in principle.

However, doctors of participating federations shall submit their suggestions concerning the menu to the Medical Commission of CAHB with a copy to the General Secretariat one month before the arrival of delegations on the competitions sites.

D – PRESS AND TELEVISION RIGHTS

ARTICLE 31

For the broadcast on TV and for the films, CAHB is the only one entitled to order the exercise.

ARTICLE 32

The host country shall provide decent accommodation and good working conditions in a centre (different from that of athletes) for journalists registered among the delegations.

E – OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

ARTICLE 33

Unless CAHB decides otherwise, all participating delegates shall actively participate in the opening and closing ceremonies.

ARTICLE 34

Delegations taking part in the parade shall wear perfect uniforms, town suit, track suit or decent sport clothes.

ARTICLE 35

The parade shall correctly and perfectly go off.

ARTICLE 36

Athletes and additional participants shall pay particular attention to the different national anthems.

SANCTION: Any delegation found guilty of incorrect behavior before, during or after this ceremony, shall have disciplinary sanctions and shall pay a fine of 2,000 Euros.

ARTICLE 37

The teams of the host country compete first (men and/or women) and shall have a free choice of their opponents for the opening matches.

SANCTION: All offender shall be suspended

F – UNFORSEEN EVENTS, DISPUTES DURING EVENTS AND URGENT CASES

ARTICLE 38

The disputes which occur during the events of CAHB (qualifying tournaments for the Olympic Games, All African Games, Championships and Africa Cups), are respectively within the competence of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination and the Jury of Appeal.

ARTICLE 39

During the competitions of CAHB, the composition of the commission of Homologation and Nomination is left to the appraisal of the Executive Committee of CAHB, on the basis of the synthesis of the Secretariat General.

ARTICLE 40

In case of dispute during the championship, the Commission of Homologation and Nomination shall first decide against payment of 100 Euros refundable if the case is won.

ARTICLE 41

A written appeal against the decision of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination is possible; it shall be addressed to the Jury of appeal of the Council of CAHB composed of one of the Vice-Presidents of CAHB, the Secretary General of CAHB and the President of the organizing zone, against payment of 500 Euros refundable if the case is won.

ARTICLE 42

There is no appeal against the decisions of the Jury.

ARTICLE 43

During unforeseen situations like (electrical failure, incidents with spectators or in case of absolute necessity, etc...), the game shall continue to the end with or without spectators.

If, despite all the measures taken, the continuation of the game is impossible, it shall continue the following day with the time left; to restart, the ball shall be handed over to the team which was having the possession of the ball when the game was stopped or the start shall be done by the referee depending on the case.

However, for these particular cases, the official representative of CAHB shall decide or possibly the referees.

SECURITY OF THE HALLS AND PLAYING COURTS

ARTICLE 44

The organizing federation is responsible before the Council of CAHB, for officials, players and spectators.

It shall take the necessary measures to ensure order and respect of the officials, referees and players before, during and after the matches.

G - FORFEIT AND NON-APPEARANCE

ARTICLE 45

If a zone is not able to occupy a place allocated during an Africa Championship according to the ranking or immediately and if the place is taken by a country of another zone or the place remains unfilled, this zone shall lose its place. The place then becomes a free performance place at a next championship of the same category.

If a participant does not appear, the COC shall decide the substitute country and the consequences which will come out.

In case of withdrawal or non appearance, the code of sanctions of CAHB will be applicable.

ARTICLE 46

The African Handball Confederation classifies the forfeits into 3 groups:

- Administrative forfeit
- Technical forfeit
- Anti-statutory forfeit

ADMINISTRATIVE FORFEIT

ARTICLE 47

The qualified teams for the Seniors Africa Nations Cup which declare forfeit of non participation for particular reasons shall notify this to the Secretariat of CAHB three (3) months before the draw.

The reasons of their forfeit shall be detailed in a report to CAHB.

ARTICLE 48

SENIORS AFRICA NATIONS CUP

If a national team withdraws or does not appear during a Seniors Africa Nations Cup, the concerned federation will pay a fine of 20,000 Euros.

ARTICLE 49

JUNIORS AND YOUTH AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP

If a national team withdraws or does not appear during a Youth or Junior Africa Nations Championship after registration, the concerned federation will pay a fine as follows:

- Up to 1 month before the first day of competition: 15,000 Euros
- Less than 1 month before the first day of competition: 20,000 Euros.

ARTICLE 50

AFRICA CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In case of withdrawal, forfeit or non appearance of a club during a championship or an Africa Clubs championship or Cup after engagement, the club concerned will be suspended for the following championship.

In addition, its federation will pay 500 Euros to CAHB, representing its registration fees and shall pay a fine of 15,000 Euros.

ARTICLE 51

Any team that declares forfeit on the competition site shall be fined 20,000 Euros without prejudice to possible sanctions that it can risk.

All trophy holders must defend their title; otherwise they will be imposed to pay a fine of 10,000 Euros, without prejudice to possible sanctions they can risk.

ARTICLE 52

Any team registered for Africa Clubs Championship, Africa Nations Championship which declares forfeit shall lose its registration fees and shall be fined (see forfeit and non-appearance).

ARTICLE 53

Any team which declares forfeit without notification to CAHB shall pay a fine of 20,000 Euros without prejudice of sanctions that it can risk.

CASE OF TECHNICAL FORFEIT

ARTICLE 54

A team which does not show up at the indicated time and after 15 minutes in accordance with the playing rules risks a fine without prejudice of subsequent sanctions.

ARTICLE 55

A team that withdraws from a match following a protest against a decision of the referee loses the match by penalty. It shall be sanctioned; possible disqualification of the team from the competition depending on the cases without prejudice of possible disciplinary sanctions.

ARTICLE 56

A team that lines up non qualified players or non registered officials for the competition shall incur a technical and financial penalty.

ARTICLE 57

A team that lines up one or many players of another nationality shall incur a penalty and disciplinary sanctions.

ANTI-STATUTORY FORFEIT

ARTICLE 58

A team that deliberately refuses to play against another team for extra-sport reasons (for instance: political, religious, etc...), sanction: PENALTY + DISQUALIFICATION, possibly exclusion from the championship.

ARTICLE 59

The penalty for anti-statutory withdrawal is 20,000 Euros payable to CAHB before getting rehabilitated. Notification and Minutes shall be sent to IHF and CAHB Congress.

ARTICLE 60

Failure to pay the imposed fines will result in the suspension of the federation until payment of the said fines (see scale of sanctions).

ARTICLE 61

All debts or financial sanctions imposed on a club, an official, and a player shall be paid by its federation within a period of six (06) months after notification. Failure to pay within the delay, the federation shall automatically be suspended from all the continental and international activities until payment.

TECHNICAL PART

H - RANKING

ARTICLE 62

All the matches of the Africa Championship shall be played according to the regulations of IHF and CAHB.

Points shall be given as follows:

Preliminary round

Preliminaries are played in groups. Points are given as follows.

- Match won	2 points
- Match drawn	1 point
- Match lost	0 point
- Match lost due to penalties or forfeit	0 point, minus 10 goals and plus 10 goals for the opponent team.

Ranking is done by addition of points.

If after the matches of the different groups, two or many teams have the same number of points, ranking is determined according to the following criteria:

- The results of the teams directly involved according to the points.
- The goal difference between goals scored and goals conceded of the teams directly involved.
- The highest number of goals scored during the matches between the teams.

If there is still a tie, the settlement shall be as follows:

- The goal difference between all the matches by subtraction
- The highest number of goals scored of all the matches.

If it is still impossible to determine a ranking, a draw shall decide.

The official representative of CAHB present on the competition venue will make the draw, if possible in the presence of the responsables of the teams.

-If the responsables of teams cannot physically be present, other collaborators nominated by CAHB shall take part in the draw.

RANKING IN THE FINALS

ARTICLE 63

After the preliminary round, the finals must use the knock- out system.

In the case of draw in the semi-finals, placement and final, after the regular playing time, after a break of five (5) minutes, there is a first overtime of 2x5 minutes, with changing of sides without break.

If at the end of that overtime there is still a tie, after a break of five (5) minutes there will be a overtime of 2 x5 minutes, with changing of sides without break.

-If at the end of that second overtime there is still a tie, they will proceed to the 7 meters throws. 7 meters throws are performed according to the regulations of IHF.

-Before the 7 meters throws, each team gives to the referee, by the use of a list of player's numbers, five (5) players entitled to play, at the end of the match. They will make one throw each, alternating with the opposing team.

Teams have free choice of the order in which players throw.

-The goalkeepers can freely be chosen and replaced.

-Goalkeepers can make throws and be goalkeepers.

-The referees decide which goal is used.

-The referees draw lots to decide which team goes first.

The team winning the draw can choose whether it begins or finishes the series of throws.

-If scores are equal after 5 throws of each team at the first round, the process of 7 meters is repeated with 5 selected players entitled to play (taken either from the initial list or a new list) established with the numbers on the back of one or many new players until a decision is reached. The other team begins.

-In this second round, a decision is reached in the case of difference of goal after one throw of both teams.

The process is repeated until the decision.

-However, Teams are allowed to proceed to the replacement of one or many players after each round of five (5) throws.

-The players and goalkeepers entitled to throw are those registered on the match report and who are not disqualified, excluded, or temporarily excluded at the last whistle blow of the second overtime.

-Serious violations during the 7 meters throws will be punished by disqualification, in all cases.

-If a player or a goalkeeper is disqualified or injured, a player or goalkeeper who is entitled to play must be designated.

-During the respective throws, only the player, the goalkeeper designated and the referee are authorized to be on the half of the playing court where the throws are performed.

QUALIFICATION OF THE TEAMS

AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARTICLE 64

Normally, the number of participants in the Africa Nations Championship is the following:

- SENIORS (Men and Women): 12 MEN'S TEAMS- 8 WOMEN'S TEAMS
- JUNIORS (Men and women): 10 TEAMS (per category)
- YOUTH (Male and female): 10 TEAMS (per category)

1) If there are less than five (5) teams registered, the formula of home and away matches will be applied.

2) If there are five (5) to seven (7) teams registered, the formula of simple home match is applied

3) From eight (8) teams, we proceed to two groups of four (4) teams for the 1st round.

At the end of that 1st round the first three teams of each group will be put in two (2) groups of three (3).

3rd ROUND: Final for rankings.

PLACES AUTOMATICALLY ATTRIBUTED AND ACCORDING TO RANKING

ARTICLE 65

SENIORS AFRICA NATIONS CUP (Men and Women).

- Number of places: MEN: 12

WOMEN: 8

- Organizer: 1 place

- Place automatically allocated: 4 teams based on the results obtained during the preceding championship.

-Place allocated at the end of the All African Games: 2 places in Men and 2 places in Women

- Place according to ranking: the remaining places are allocated according to the general ranking of the federations per version.

In case of withdrawal, teams will be taken according to the ranking obtained in each category.

YOUTH AND JUNIORS AFRICA NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIP (Male and female)

- Organizer: 1 place

- Place according to ranking: two (2) places according to the results of the preceding championship

- Place automatically attributed: seven (7) places: one per zone.

If a zone withdraws, the COC will fill the place by teams from another zone.

DRAW

ARTICLE 66

The draw is carried out by CAHB (COC) according to the principle of performance.

The organizer has the free choice of preliminary round group within its performance category, which is the last to be drawn.

NON PARTICIPATION

ARTICLE 67

During an Africa Championship, if a zone is not able to fill a place attributed according to the ranking or automatically and if the place is filled by a country from another zone, or the place remains unfilled, that zone will lose the place. It will be an attributed place according to a free ranking at a next championship of the same category.

If a participant refuses to participate, the COC will determine which country will take the place and the consequences which come out.

In the case of withdrawal or non presentation, the code of sanctions of CAHB is applicable.

If there are less than five (5) teams registered, the formula of home and away matches will be applied.

If there are five (5) to seven (7) teams registered, the formula of simple home match is applied.

From eight (8) teams, we proceed to two groups of four (4) teams for the 1st round.

At the end of that first round the first three teams of each group will be put in two (2) groups of three (3).

The last round will be played for the ranking:

<u>1st ROUND:</u>	A1	A2	A3	A4
	B1	B2	B3	B4
<u>2ND ROUND:</u>	A1	A2	A3	
	B1	B2	B3	

3RD ROUND: Final for rankings.

ARTICLE 68

Before every Africa championship, the Congress or the Council decides the number of participating teams and possible qualifications whenever it deems it useful.

ARTICLE 69

The Commission of Homologation and Nomination can modify the competition's plans according to the number of participants, that is to say more than 16 – 14 – 12 – 9 – 8 – 6 and less than 6.

I - NATIONALITY AND REGISTRATIONS

ARTICLE 70

The matches of the Seniors, Juniors or Youth Africa Nations Championship are played as international matches.

- a) Men Players or Women players must have the nationality of the team in which they are playing, according to the statutes of CAHB.
- b) Every national team can make 18 players play during the Africa Championship.

Nationality check will be done according to the valid passports.

ARTICLE 71

For the Juniors Africa Championships:

- Male players must be 20 years at the most;
- Female players must be 19 years at the most

These ages are fixed (minus 1 year) according to the competitions of the International Handball Federation (IHF).

J - EQUIPMENT

ARTICLE 72

PLAYERS AND PLAYERS' CLOTHING

-The team must possess two differently colored sets of players clothing (for the field players)

If case of multi-colored jerseys, only one of the colors of the first set of clothing except the main color may be repeated in the second set of clothing.

Players clothing must have clearly legible numbers of 20 cm high minimum on their back and 10 cm minimum on their chest.

SANCTION: A fine of 100 Euros

In case of a repetition of the offence: 200 Euros

In the case of persistency: banning from playing and possibly disqualification.

ARTICLE 73

Number written with a piece of chalk is not acceptable under sanction of rejection.

ARTICLE 74

Goalkeepers must wear clothing that distinguishes them from the two sets of clothing of the two other possible clothing of the other players.

If all the conditions are met, the goalkeeper can wear his team's field player clothing that is not used in the match.

ARTICLE 75

The team's captain must wear an armband of at least 4 cm wide in a contrasting color on one upper arm.

ARTICLE 76

During the competition of CAHB, players must wear the same number, regardless his position (goalkeeper or field-player).

ARTICLE 77

A team whose players change their number of jersey during a competition loses its match under the false number.

ARTICLE 78

At the technical meeting preceding the CAHB competition, each delegation is obliged to show the two (2) different colored sets of clothing of the field players and the goalkeepers.

CHANGING OF PLAYER'S CLOTHING

ARTICLE 79

If the referees consider that the clothing of the two teams can lead to confusion, the team named first in the match schedule must change its clothing for a good color contrast. This means that the team named first is always obliged to bring its two sets of clothing.

In all the other cases the competition management or the official who is present shall decide on changing of player clothing.

ARTICLE 80

Any team that plays with advertisement on jersey shall pay 200 Euros.

ARTICLE 81

Television may, for technical reasons, ask referees to get a team or teams changing clothing.

K - PLAYING FIELD, BALLS, BEHAVIOR OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS,

TRAINING PROGRAMME

ARTICLE 82

All the matches of the Africa Nations Championships (seniors, juniors and youth), of the Africa Clubs Championship and the Africa Clubs Championship for Winners' cup shall exclusively be played in covered halls according to the regulations of the International Handball Federation. But, the IHF Trophy can be played in covered halls or on open playing field.

Any official, player or club that is suspended by its National Federation is automatically suspended at continental and international level.

Any official, player or club that is suspended by CAHB is automatically suspended at international and national level for the same duration of the sanction.

The concerned federation shall be in charge of the application of the sanction. If the sanction is not respected, the President of the concerned Federation will incur a suspension which duration is determined according to the case by the Council, the Executive Committee.

AUTORIZATION TO PLAY A MATCH

ARTICLE 83

The rules of players' admission are applicable.

Players who are not officially registered in proper form before the fixed deadline, do not receive any authorization for the competition.

In addition, their federation shall be sanctioned to pay a fine of 500 €.

During the matches, only five (5) substitute players and temporarily excluded players and four (4) officials of each team officially registered can sit on the substitution bench.

ARTICLE 84

The access to the touchline to communicate with players is forbidden to the Managers and officials.

SANCTION: Warning and possible disqualification.

ARTICLE 85

Any official who protests against the decision of the referee by some incorrect and unsportsmanlike behaviors which can give rise to problems, or if the official pronounces some impolite and discourteous words towards the referees or the officials of the table, he will automatically be liable to disciplinary disqualification with or without prior warning.

ARTICLE 86

A disqualified player or team official is automatically suspended for a match without prejudice of possible sanctions he may incur.

INTERFERENCE OF SUSPENDED AND /OR UNAUTHORIZED PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS

ARTICLE 87

A disqualified player or team official has no right to neither coach nor manage his team from the stands or from any other position, before or during the match, also during the half-time and also during the period of his sanction.

In the case of an interference of a suspended player, the match is considered as lost with the score registered but with 0 point minus 10 goals.

The importance of the penalty is determined by the Disciplinary Commission. The amount of sum ranges from 300 € to 1,000 €.

In the case of non-authorized player interference, the concerned team is banned from the current competition. Other decisions are taken by the Direction of the competition.

ARTICLE 88

At each half time, teams must compulsorily leave the playing field.

BALLS AND NETS

ARTICLE 89

During African Championships, the organizer shall provide new balls and nets.

TIME KEEPING

ARTICLE 90

The organizer provides four (4) manual table clocks.

An electronic clock, operated from the table, shall keep the official time.

The clock must run from 0 to 30 minutes, with an automatic end signal.

A reserve table clock shall be used should the official clock not be operational. Any temporary exclusion shall either be shown by electronic display, or by visible cards.

ARTICLE 91

After the competition, all borrowed material as well as the ball of the final must be returned to the organizer.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

ARTICLE 92

A month before the start of the Africa Championship, the organizer must submit a training schedule. Attention must be paid to the following:

a) Each team has the right to a daily training of at least 45 minutes.

b) Teams in the same preliminary round group that have not played yet against each other should not be allocated consecutive training periods.

The break between the training slots of two teams should be 10 to 15 minutes.

c) Training period may be used for training matches against other teams.

d) For each Africa championship, participating teams should be able to train in their official competition playing halls at least once before their first match.

e) The COC has the final decision of the training schedule.

SUBSTITUTION AREA

ARTICLE 93

The Substitution Area Regulations of IHF shall be applied.

TECHNICAL DELEGATES

The Jury of the table is composed of two (2) Technical Delegates of CAHB and the timekeeper and scorekeeper provided by the organizer.

The announcer shall also sit at the table. One further place is reserved for the representative of CAHB Medical Commission.

MATCH SUPERVISION

The supervision of the match is done by the official designated by CAHB and a separate table shall be set up for him.

L - REFEREES

ARTICLE 94

Referees of the Africa Handball Championships must absolutely be on the official list of IHF and CAHB.

ARTICLE 95

Officiating Referees must come from a country different from that of the teams.

ARTICLE 96

Referees designated for Africa Championships must wear perfect clothes. They must have all equipments and tools relating to the game (whistle, cards, scratch pads, towel, bag, etc....)

ARTICLE 97

CAHB referee's badge must obligatorily be worn during all the competitions organized by CAHB on the African continent.

In principle, this obligation concerns international referees registered at CAHB.

ARTICLE 98

A referee designated for Africa Championship and who cannot come, must inform the Secretary General of CAHB at least two weeks before the start of the games. He must return the air ticket to the organizing Federation.

ARTICLE 99

A referee designated for an Africa Championship must arrive on the competition site one (1) day before the opening of the games.

M - PROTESTS AND JURY

ARTICLE 100

During an Africa Championship, protests cannot be done against the following and any claim regarding them is nul:

- Place, date and time of the matches
- Designation of referees
- Decisions of the Referees in conformity with the playing rules.

ARTICLE 101

A protest must be sent to CAHB representative within one hour after completion of the match.

The protest must be done against payment of 100 Euros refundable if the protest is accepted. On rejection, the fee which is paid goes to CAHB.

ARTICLE 102

The Commission of Homologation and Nomination of CAHB must pronounce decision and sanction about a protest or the disqualification of a player of a team, by 9 o'clock at the latest the following day of the match.

ARTICLE 103

A written appeal against the decision of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination may be sent to the Jury of Appeal of CAHB which is the most important juridical organ of an Africa Championship.

ARTICLE 104

The Jury of Appeal of an Africa Championship is composed of:

- 1- One of the Vice-Presidents
- 2- The Secretary General of CAHB
- 3- The President of Zone

ARTICLE 105

The written appeal against the decision of the Commission of Homologation and Nomination must be submitted at 10 o'clock the same day against payment of 500 Euros that go to CAHB on rejection of the appeal.

The Jury of Appeal shall decide by 12 o'clock the same day at the latest.

There is no appeal against the decisions of the Jury of Appeal.

N - AWARDS

ARTICLE 106

The African Handball Confederation can give awards to honor officials, coaches and referees for services rendered to handball during the Africa Championship.

ARTICLE 107

Proposals of awards are formulated by the Council of CAHB.

O - PARTICIPATION IN THE DIFFERENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARTICLE 108

Every national federation affiliated to CAHB and IHF has the obligation to participate at least in one continental championship per year.

Failure to participate, a fine of 1,500 Euros will be imposed on the federation.

ARTICLE 109

Seniors, Juniors and Youth Africa Nations Championships are qualifying competitions for World Championships and Olympic Games.

ARTICLE 110

The team ranked first in the Seniors Africa Nations Championship represents the Continent at the World Championship or the Olympic Games.

ARTICLE 111

Any team qualified to represent Africa in various Handball World Championships which withdraws, shall be penalized as following:

- Loss of continental title
- Payment of a fine of 16,000 Euros.