

To - EHF Member Federations
- 2005/06 IHF- and EHF-Referees of the EHF Member Federations
- 2005/06 EHF-Delegates
- 2005/06 Champions League and European Cup Clubs
- EHF-internal bodies

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Subject: New Playing Rules

Dear handball friends,

In view of the preparation of the new season and following an intensive dialogue with the IHF as well as a respective EHF-internal co-ordination on a technical level, we would like to use the occasion for an update on the issue of the New Rules of the Game and in particular on the issue of the time-out after the awarding of a 7m-throw.

- The new Rules of the Game became valid on August 1, 2005, as a preparatory measure they were already in use in Europe in some events since the start of the season on July 1, 2005.
- Regarding the matter of the time-out after a 7m decision, generally speaking the handling of each individual situation lies in the hands of the referees. The respective instruction to the referees regarding domestic competitions is in the responsibility of the National Federation resp. the responsible body for the competition concerned.
- According to the new rules, a time-out is no longer obligatory when awarding a 7-m throw. In order to have a common line for all matches of EHF-competitions, however, the referees are instructed to interrupt the playing time with a time-out in those cases where the execution of the 7-m throw disturbs the flow of the game and consequently leads to a delay of the game.

Should there be any questions from your side in this matter, the members of the EHF Competitions Commission as well as the BU Refereeing at the EHF-Office is at your disposal.

By kindly asking you to take note of this information we remain with best regards.

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