

## LEAGUES

A league is a great unit-long event that requires regular space and staffing needs. Leagues are a proving ground for a student's work in class, and can provide a great incentive for hard work and dedication throughout the unit.

A teacher or a small group of teachers can easily coordinate and administer a unit, using space already available to them and time closely aligned with the school day.

## PROBLEM SOLVING

Common issues facing the implementation of Handball events include not enough time, not enough space, and not enough staff.

It will be important to design an event that can be easily run based on the number of staff and volunteers available, and by modifying the length of the games, the size of the courts, the number of players per team, and/or the number of teams, the impossible can be made successful, and your event can be a feature of your school-based programme.

Students should be expected to play significant roles in the administration of events. These roles include referee, scorer's table, and field preparation duties, and further reinforce Handball's principles of fair play and sportsmanship.

## CONCLUSION

Whether festivals, tournaments or leagues, it is important to offer students greater access to competition, teachers opportunities for professional development, and communities more involvement in youth sports.

By hosting handball events, you are reinforcing our core values of fun, passion and health, and by doing so in combination with a teaching unit, you are laying a proper foundation upon which our sport can be built in your school and beyond.



For more information and complete rules of Mini Handball and Handball, please go to:

[www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info)

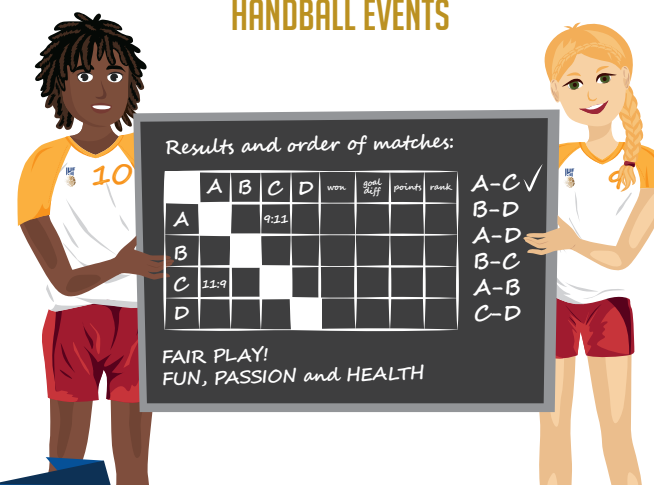
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# HANDBALL AT SCHOOL

## HANDBALL EVENTS



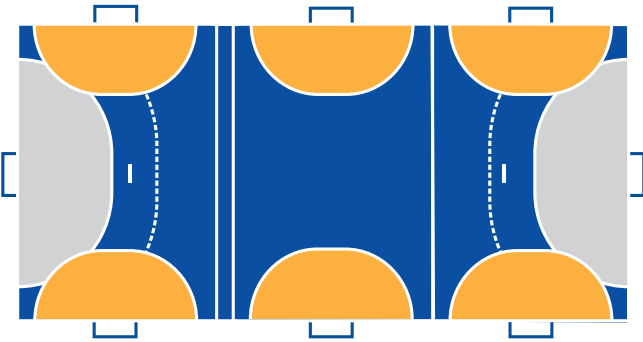
*Handball is a modern and attractive high-speed game that is played by more and more youngsters around the world.*

# PLAY AND ENJOY IT!

## ORGANIZATION OF HANDBALL EVENTS

It is important to organize social and competitive events to further the development of the students, giving them an opportunity to compete and enjoy Handball outside of the classroom, all the while promoting the sport of Handball to the community.

Whether festivals, tournaments or leagues, these events are important for child enjoyment, teacher and coach development, and community outreach, and should be considered essential parts of your handball curriculum.



A regulation Handball court can be made into three smaller courts for events.

## EXAMPLES OF HANDBALL EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Festivals

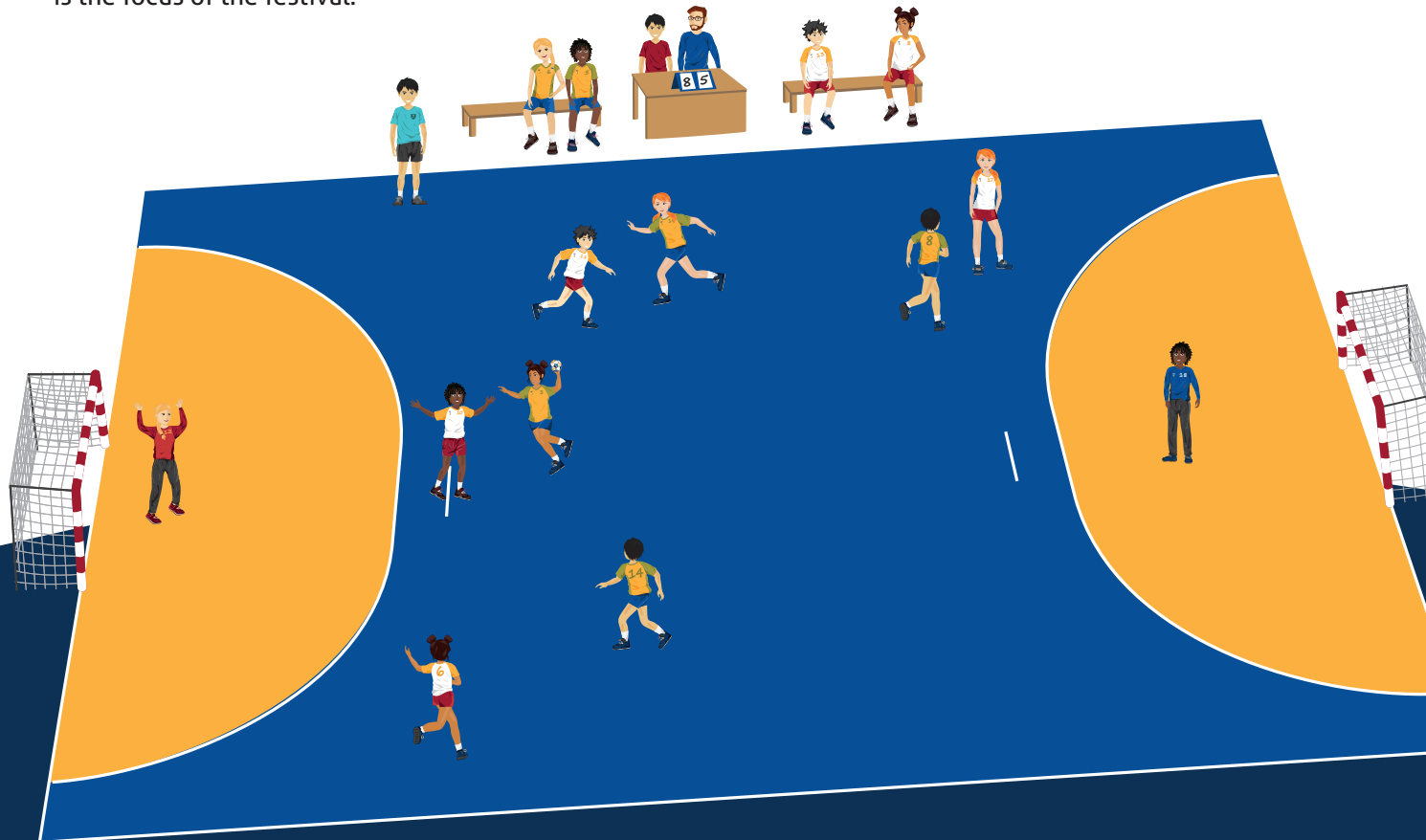
- Tournaments

- Leagues

## FESTIVALS

A festival is a celebration of the sport and is a key component in establishing a successful Handball at School programme. Although winning is the basis of the games and handball activities played within festivals, the emphasis of a festival is placed on our core philosophy of fun, passion, and health, playing for the sake of playing, which is essential to a person's mental and physical development across the lifespan.

Great care should be made to ensure that the community and not the individual, or small group, is the focus of the festival.



## TOURNAMENTS

A tournament is a great unit-end event that tests the development of individuals, small groups, classes and/or schools against the development of other similar groups.

Handball tournaments are competitive in nature, and as such, require greater controls over space, administration, officiating, and time. The emphasis for tournaments is on playing for the sake of competing, which is key to developing children's individual and group problem solving skills.