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XXI. Regulations for Awards

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Article 1

1. Basic Principles

The IHF issues awards to organisations and individuals in recognition of their particular contribution to developing the sport of handball and the International Handball Federation.



Article 2

2. IHF President's Development Award

The IHF President's Development Award is awarded to IHF Member Federations.

The IHF President's Development Award is granted to two Member Federations every two years at the Ordinary Congress of the IHF. It is awarded for particular services to the development and spread of handball in the Member Federations' own countries and/or throughout the world. The recipients are selected and the award granted by the IHF Council at the recommendation of the Executive Committee. After invitation by the IHF, Member Federations may submit a completed IHF questionnaire (attached to the internal regulations) no later than three months before the Congress. The Member Federations receiving the award are given a diploma and a small replica of the award.

The IHF President's Development Award is granted to two applicants on two levels:

1. Handball developed countries
2. Emerging federations

Internal regulations on the IHF President's Development Award will be formulated.



Article 3

3. Cup of Honour and Certificate

The Cup of Honour and a corresponding certificate shall be awarded to eminent personalities. The Cup of Honour recognises extraordinary contributions to the development of the sport of handball. The recipient is selected by the Executive Committee and the cup together with the certificate awarded by the IHF President.



Article 4

4. Plaque of Merit

The Plaque of Merit is awarded to individuals, institutions and organisations outside the IHF. The Plaque

of Merit recognises above-average services, over many years, to the development of handball and/or in association with the IHF. The recipient is selected and the plaque awarded by the Council. The Executive Committee, the Council, the Continental Confederations and Member Federations are all entitled to suggest recipients for the awards.



Article 5

5. Honorary President and Honorary Members

At the recommendation of the Council or a Member Federation, retiring presidents, chairpersons and members of IHF bodies having served for at least two terms of office and having made a remarkable contribution to the sport of handball may be appointed as honorary president or honorary members by the Congress. The award consists of the insignia of the IHF Council with full garland in gold and a personal gift. The recipient also receives a pass, entitling him/her to free entry to all handball events held by any Member Federation.



Article 6

6. Ring of Honour

The Ring of Honour may be awarded on special occasions (personal anniversary, selection as the World Handball Player of the Year, etc.) to outstanding individuals for their exceptional contribution to the sport of handball. The Ring of Honour is made of gold and is specially engraved. The recipient is selected by the Council at the request of the Executive Committee, and the Ring of Honour is awarded by the President.



Article 7

7. Referee's Badge of Honour

The Referee's Badge of Honour may be awarded to active or retired referees fulfilling the following criteria:

- they have participated in a World Championship or in Olympic Handball Tournaments
- besides having the required technical qualification, they must serve as suitable role models as regards their strict neutrality and personal behaviour

The award consists of the Referee's Badge of Honour plus a diploma. The honouring is awarded by the Council at the recommendation of the IHF Playing Rules and Referees Commission. The Badge of Honour is presented by the IHF President or his/her representative.



Article 8

8. Olympic Order

The Council of the IHF is entitled and has the duty to suggest to the IOC eminent personalities for the award of the Olympic Order in recognition of their outstanding merit and success in the development of handball in their own country, their many years of close collaborative links with the IHF and their dedicated service to the Olympic Movement.



Article 9

9. Hall of Fame

The purpose of the IHF Hall of Fame is to celebrate the careers and lives of some truly outstanding individuals who contributed to handball worldwide. It is important that the IHF recognises and appreciates their talents, remembers their names and reserves a special place for them in the history of the IHF. It honours the heritage of the sport, acknowledges great players and contributors, and encourages participation of all ages.

Each awarded person will be deemed a “Legend of Handball” and will be inducted into the IHF Hall of Fame, a digital Hall of Fame located at www.ihf.info. The awarded persons will be commemorated in the Hall of Fame with an image and a certificate.

Internal regulations on the IHF Hall of Fame will be formulated.