

General Information



Date

The 40th Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation (IHF) will be held during the period from 19 to 22 December 2025.



Accommodation / Congress Hotel

The Congress participants will be accommodated at:

The St. Regis New Capital, Cairo

New Administrative Capital, Cairo Suez Road
Cairo, Egypt

The Congress as well as the different meetings on the fringes of the Congress will be held at the St. Regis New Capital's Convention Center (adjacent to the hotel).



Arrival / Departure

The Congress participants are kindly requested to arrive at and depart from Cairo International Airport (CAI). Transportation from the airport to the hotel (and vice versa) will be provided.



Timetable

The IHF as well as the Continental Confederations will hold preparatory meetings in the run-up to the Congress. Thus the following timetable for the entire event was fixed.

Thursday, 18 December

Thursday, 10 December	Arrival of Council members
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Friday, 19 December

Friday, 16 December	
All day	Arrival of Congress delegates

Saturday, 20 December

Times tbd Meetings of Continental Confederations

Note: The IHF President will partially attend all the meetings of the Continental Confederations to listen to all of you.



Sunday, 21 December

Time tbd

40th Ordinary Congress of the International Handball Federation

Monday, 22 December

All day

Departure



Participation fee for Congress delegates

According to the IHF Statutes, each Member Federation may take part in the Congress with up to three delegates.

The participation fee for Congress delegates will be:

- **USD 350.-** (for accommodation in a **single room** per person and per night during the official Congress period, i.e. from 19 to 22 December 2025)

- **USD 300.-** (for accommodation in a **double room** per person and per night during the official Congress period, i.e. from 19 to 22 December 2025)

Including the following:

- accommodation
- breakfast
- lunch
- dinner
- 2 coffee breaks per Congress day
- 1 soft drink per meal per person
- simultaneous translation
- file including Congress papers
- social programme

In this context, we would like to inform you **that the International Handball Federation will bear the costs for one representative of every Member Federation at the forthcoming Congress**. It means that the IHF will cover the participation fee for one delegate per federation during the period from 19 December (arrival) to 22 December (departure). Extras and travelling costs have to be paid by the representatives or the federation concerned themselves.

Terms of payment:

The participation fee for Congress delegates in USD shall be paid into the following IHF bank account **by 21 September 2025**:

Bank: Bank CIC (Schweiz) AG, 4001 Basel
IBAN (USD): CH58 0871 0043 4600 5200 3
SIC / Clearing number: 08710
SWIFT-BIC: CIALCHBB
Account holder: International Handball Federation
Reference: 2025 IHF Congress

Delegates who have registered must pay the costs incurred even though they will not participate.



Participation fee for accompanying persons

Accompanying persons are also welcome to the Congress. Please note that additional representatives of a federation who attend the Congress apart from the three delegates are also considered accompanying persons.

The participation fee for accompanying persons will be:

- **USD 350.-** (for accommodation in a **single room** per person and per night during the official Congress period, i.e. from 19 to 22 December 2025)

- **USD 300.-** (for accommodation in a **double room** per person and per night during the official Congress period, i.e. from 19 to 22 December 2025)

The fee includes accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner with one soft drink per meal as well as participation in the social programme.

Terms of payment:

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Participation fee for additional nights

Please consider the following:

Check-in time of the hotel: **15:00**

Check-out time of the hotel: **12:00 (noon)**

In case of earlier arrival (**before 15:00** on 19 December 2025) and/or later departure (**after 12:00 noon** on 22 December 2025), (an) additional night(s) has/have to be booked at your federation's own expense. The following costs will apply, even for those Congress delegates whose participation fee from 19 December to 22 December 2025 is covered by the IHF:

- **USD 350.-** (for accommodation in a **single room** per person and per night during the official Congress period, i.e. from 19 to 22 December 2025)

- **USD 300.-** (for accommodation in a **double room** per person and per night during the official Congress period, i.e. from 19 to 22 December 2025)

The fee includes accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner with one soft drink per meal.



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Registration

Closing date for registrations is **21 September 2025**. Please meet the registration deadline to guarantee your room reservation.

You are kindly requested to complete and submit the following online registration form:

- **For Congress delegates** (*Form 1* available [here](#))
- **For Council members** (*Form 2* available [here](#))

In the registration form, those federations entitled to vote also have the possibility to define which representative of your delegation should be the voting delegate. In case we don't receive any information from your federation in terms of the voting delegate by the above-mentioned deadline, we will assign the highest ranking delegate of your federation, who has been registered for the upcoming Congress, as voting delegate.



Election of candidates standing for IHF positions

Candidates standing for one of the positions mentioned in the list of IHF positions (available [here](#)) are kindly requested to complete and submit the corresponding application form, together with the required supporting documents, to the IHF Head Office (**by e-mail: elections@ihf-online.info**) **before 21 September 2025**. We would like to stress that candidates must fulfil all criteria according to Article 13.7 of the IHF Statutes as outlined in the application forms which should be completed by computer (avoiding handwriting).

In case of **first-time** candidatures (*Form 3* available [here](#)):

The application form must be duly signed and stamped by the National Federation concerned and signed by the candidate. In addition to the form, the following documents shall be submitted:

- Letter of nomination of the National Federation concerned
- Passport copy and passport photo of the candidate

In case of **re-elections** (Form 4 available [here](#)):

1. If nominated by the respective National Federation, the application form must be duly signed and stamped by the National Federation concerned and signed by the candidate. In addition to the form, the following documents shall be submitted:
 - Letter of nomination of the National Federation concerned
 - Passport copy and passport photo of the candidate
2. If nominated by the IHF Council, the application form must be duly signed by the candidate. Please tick the box 'Yes' below 'Nominated and approved by IHF Council'. In addition to the form, the following documents shall be submitted:
 - Letter of nomination of the IHF Council
 - Passport copy and passport photo of the candidate



Voting right

In compliance with Article 13.3.5 of the IHF Statutes, only those Member Federations (full members) that have met their financial obligations towards the IHF are entitled to vote at the Congress.

Non-active Member Federations are not entitled to vote at the Congress. At the start of the Congress, decisions in that respect shall be announced as a part of the roll call and determination of the number of votes. A Member Federation shall be considered non-active if all of the following three criteria apply:

- No handball activities in the country
- No handball stakeholders (organisations, coaches, referees, players) in the country
- No communication with the Continental Confederation concerned and the IHF

Associated IHF members and regional IHF members have the right to attend the IHF Congress without voting rights.



Voting system

In order to ensure that all technical and legal requirements are fulfilled, the entire Congress meeting will be attended by Lumi AGM UK Ltd (based in United Kingdom), who is providing a well-functioning and secure voting system, and by Cheeswrights Scrivener Notaries LLP (based in United Kingdom), who is supervising the voting process during the Congress. Both companies have been involved in the organisation of the 2021 and 2023 Ordinary IHF Congresses held virtually.

All representatives of the Member Federations (voting and non-voting delegates) will be asked to log into the Lumi voting platform during the Congress. Important instructions in this regard will be communicated to you in due course.



In order to give all of you the possibility to become familiar with the Lumi voting platform, two training sessions will be held well in advance (dates yet to be determined).



Congress languages

While English is the main language of the Congress, simultaneous translation into the following languages will be provided during the Congress: French, German, Spanish, Arabic, and Russian.



Visa

Each Congress participant who requires a visa to enter Egypt is kindly asked to upload a passport copy to the registration form which shall be submitted **by 21 September 2025** at the latest. In case of failure to comply with the deadline, the issuance of the delegates' visas prior to the Congress cannot be guaranteed.



Accreditation cards

All Congress participants will receive an accreditation card for the Congress.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to upload a passport photo of each of your Congress participants to the registration form which shall be submitted **by 21 September 2025** at the latest. Please upload a digital photo in jpg format (150x150 pixels maximum). The photo should be 35mm wide x 45mm high with a light background.



Dates and deadlines

Please refer to the overview of dates and deadlines available [here](#). We kindly ask for your compliance with all deadlines mentioned in the document.



IHF Statistics

The IHF Head Office is currently in the process of determining the statistical data of our individual Member Federations which, in accordance with the current IHF Regulations, shall be compiled in a general statistic survey.

In order to facilitate our task, we kindly ask you to complete and submit the online statistics form (*Form 5* available [here](#)) to the Head Office at your earliest convenience, however, **no later than 21 September 2025**.



In this context we should not fail to point out that apart from the IHF Statutes, the International Olympic Committee, too, expect us to provide accurate figures about every Member Federation.

In case of failure to submit the statistics form by the aforementioned deadline, Article 11.4 of the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines shall apply.



Contact details of your federation

In order to update our directory accordingly, we kindly ask you to complete and submit the online contact details form (*Form 6* available [here](#)) to the IHF Head Office **by 21 September 2025**.

In case of failure to submit the contact details form by the aforementioned deadline, Article 11.4 of the IHF Regulations concerning Penalties and Fines shall apply.



IHF President's Development Award

According to Article 2 of the IHF Regulations for Awards, the IHF President's Development Award is granted to two IHF 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 IHF President's Development Award is granted to two applicants on two levels:

1. Handball developed countries
2. Emerging federations

If your federation would like to apply for the IHF President's Development Award, we kindly ask you to complete and submit the corresponding questionnaire, together with any supporting materials, to the IHF Head Office (**by e-mail: congress@ihf-online.info**) **by 21 September 2025**. The questionnaire (*Form 7* available [here](#)) should be completed by computer (avoiding handwriting).

Please attach the supporting materials to the questionnaire.



Hosting the 41st Ordinary IHF Congress 2027

The International Handball Federation would herewith like to put out to tender the 2027 Ordinary IHF Congress, which will be awarded during the 2025 Ordinary IHF Congress in Cairo.

If you are interested in organising the 2027 Ordinary IHF Congress, we kindly ask you to study thoroughly the bidding conditions for hosting the 2027 Ordinary IHF Congress (available [here](#)) and submit the completed event concept form (*Form 8* available [here](#)) to the IHF Head Office (**by e-mail: congress@ihf-online.info**) **no later than 21 September 2025**, including detailed



information about Congress venue, accommodation, transportation, meeting rooms' layout, proposal for the Congress date, etc. The form should be completed by computer (avoiding handwriting).

Simultaneously the bidding federation shall pay a deposit amounting to **1,500 Swiss franc** into the following IHF bank account **by 21 September 2025**.

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SWIFT-BIC: CIALCHBB
Account holder: International Handball Federation
Reference: Bid for 2027 IHF Congress

In case of failure to pay the deposit into the IHF bank account within the stipulated deadline, your federation's bid will not be accepted.

The deposit will be fully refunded to those federations that have duly submitted a bid but are not awarded the 2027 Ordinary IHF Congress. As for the hosting federation of the 2027 Ordinary IHF Congress, the deposit will be included in the final settlement of the Congress.



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