

ROKOMETNA ZVEZA SLOVENIJE

Attn.: President/Secretary General

Vienna, 27 October 2020

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**2020 (2021) Men's 18 EHF EURO**

Dear President,  
Dear Secretary General,

We are taking reference to the 2020 (2021) Men's 18 EHF EURO scheduled to take place in Slovenia in January 2021. This substitute date was announced with the common understanding that the situation resulting from the Covid-19 crisis did not allow an event in summer 2020. The reality shows that this was the correct decision based on the development since last spring; and as we all know, a proper organisation including the presence of the sixteen teams, referees and delegates, was not even thinkable in summer due to a 'force majeure' situation.

The EHF carefully evaluated the current situation and the perspectives based on the experiences from the individual matches on a club and national team level, especially the upcoming EURO qualification matches show that national teams are even more vulnerable due to the additional travels of individuals, the approach of their clubs, and other factors. In addition to that, the specific situation of a Younger Age Category event must be taken into account where extensive test regimes and 'bubble' solutions are simply not affordable. We currently experience that regarding the women's EHF EURO and the restrictions and precautions in relation to the organiser, and even more the teams and players travelling back and forth.

As the Men's 18 category will result in a qualification for the Men' U19 IHF World Championship (18.-29.08.2021), no further postponement will be possible and therefore, the cancellation was already communicated to you was approved by the Executive Committee. Regarding the sporting aspects, there will be no negative consequences as the teams, instead of playing the Men's 18 will have a World Championships U19 only 6 months later.

We have taken the first opportunity having a complete picture to inform you in October, and therefore in due time, on the different factors with the full understanding that a possible cancellation short term – end of December/beginning of January – could have potentially incurred costs. However, this unforeseeable situation, which is caused by factors out of our reach, is regrettable, and we look forward to returning to Slovenia in 2021 with Women's 19 EHF EURO.

Looking forward to our continuing cooperation, we remain.

Sincerely,

**EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION**



Michael Wiederer  
President



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