



USATH Beach Handball Major Series: “Triple Crown” Event & Bid Manual

I. Competition Manual

§0. Definitions

- (a) *Triple Crown (TC)* refers to the three-event USATH Beach Handball Tour championship series held annually.
- (b) *USATH* means USA Team Handball.
- (c) *Good Standing* refers to compliance with all USATH membership, Athlete Safety, conduct, and financial policies.
- (d) *Sportsmanship Bond* is a check-based deposit submitted by participating teams, refundable upon adherence to expected in-event conduct.
- (e) *Performance Bond* is an optional check-based deposit submitted to the host to guarantee team commitment, attendance, and on-site conduct.

§1. Structure of the Tour

- 1.1. The USATH Beach Handball Tour Triple Crown (“TC”) shall consist of three officially sanctioned tournaments held annually.
- 1.2. Participation in all three tournaments is required to be eligible for the TC title and any associated consistency bonuses.
- 1.3 Current Placement Point Standings shall dictate seeding for group formats at *all* USATH sanctioned events during the present season, including Final Placement determining seeding for the first TC event the following season.

§2. Point System

2.1. Placement Points Per Tournament:

Placement	3–4 Teams	5–6 Teams	7–8 Teams	9–10 Teams
1st	12	15	18	22
2nd	8	12	14	18
3rd	5	9	11	14
4th	3	6	8	10
5th	—	4	6	8
6th	—	2	4	6
7th	—	—	2	4
8th	—	—	1	2
9th	—	—	—	1
10th	—	—	—	1



2.2. Roster Composition Bonus:

- (a) Teams with at least 70% U.S. passport holders receive a 20% bonus on points earned.

2.3. Triple Crown Consistency Bonus:

- (a) Teams participating in all three events receive an additional 5 points.

2.4. Tie Breaking Procedure:

- (a) Number of 1st-place finishes
- (b) Head-to-head record
 - i. Results in points between the teams concerned
 - ii. Period difference in the matches between the teams concerned
 - iii. Goal point difference in the matches between the teams concerned
 - iv. Greater number of goal points in the matches between the teams concerned
- (c) Complete Tour Record
 - i. Period difference in all matches
 - ii. Greater number of plus periods in all matches
 - iii. Goal point difference is subtracted in all matches
 - iv. Greater number of plus goal points in all matches
- (d) If still not possible to determine definitive ranking, a draw shall decide.

§3. Team Registration Requirements

3.1 Tournament and Roster Entry

- (a) All teams must register via Sports80 by the host-stated deadline.
- (b) Teams must pay all host-required registration fees to secure their place in events, but hosts' required deadlines.
- (c) Rosters must be inputted on Sport80, to include, at a minimum, accurate player names, jersey numbers (on roster input only), and indicate accurate nationality on player profiles.
- (d) Final rosters are due one (1) week prior to competition start, unless otherwise permitted by joint agreement of host and USATH.
- (e) Individuals may not compete as a player with multiple teams at TC events in the same season.

3.2 Forfeits and Conduct Violations

- (a) Teams failing to appear or forfeiting matches may forfeit bond amounts and future participation rights. Deductions to TC point standings for such conduct may be imposed at USATH's discretion.
- (b) Unsportsmanlike conduct or eligibility violations shall be reviewed by the USATH disciplinary panel for sanctions.
- (c) All decisions concerning on-court or in-tournament conduct shall be determined by hearing of the Event Disciplinary Committee, and shall be subject to additional review only at the discretion of the National Referee Committee. final and binding.



II. Bid Manual and Host Requirements

§4. Eligibility to Host

4.1. Minimum Available Registration Spots

(a) Hosts must be capable of accommodating a minimum of 10 teams (in total across gender divisions competed) and provide at least one full-sized beach handball court.

4.2. Completeness at Deadline

(a) Bids must be submitted to USATH by the announced deadline and meet all requirements outlined herein for consideration.

4.3 Event Sanctioning and Award Process

(a) USATH shall evaluate bids based on facility, regional balance, date spacing, and promotional capacity.

(b) Acceptance of Awarded Bid shall be formalized by the creation and submission of the event, reflecting all approved event detail, in the USATH Sport80 event system.

§5. Tournament Requirements

5.1 Court Infrastructure

(a) Each tournament shall include at least one (1) full-sized beach handball court.

(b) Catch nets must be installed behind both goals on each court.

(c) A digital clock visible to spectators must be provided.

(d) Hosts shall provide a generator to power electronic equipment if necessary.

(e) Requirements herein shall refer to the [IHF Rulebook](#) for their suitability and standard, with exceptions only allowable at the sole discretion of USATH, as approved *prior* to the award of a bid.

5.2 Personnel

(a) Two (2) certified referees shall officiate every match.

(b) A certified timekeeper and a certified secretary shall be present for all matches.

(c) The host must designate a site lead to serve as the primary liaison to USATH.

5.3 Technology and Media

(a) Tournaments must provide a livestream setup, minimally consisting of a camera and hotspot.

(i) Hosts must host stream on USATH-directed channel, but shall be allowed to host on their own channel contemporaneously at their discretion.

(b) A photographer must be present to capture competition imagery.

(c) The event must maintain active social media coverage, including regular Instagram posts, in coordination with USATH personnel.

(d) The host must coordinate same-day results reporting in directed format for digital distribution.



5.4 Facilities and Amenities

- (a) Each tournament must span at least two (2) match days.
- (b) Music and audio must be played throughout the competition period.
- (c) Wheel-in speakers are strongly encouraged for mobile sound coverage.
- (d) Recovery spaces (e.g., shaded tents) must be available for teams.

5.5 Marketing and Sponsorship Integration

- (a) Advertising spaces must be allocated for USATH and official sponsors.
- (b) Branding and signage must comply with USATH visual identity and promotional standards.

5.6 Compliance

- (a) All participants (players, coaches, and referees) must be registered with USATH via Sports80.
- (b) Tournaments must include both a men's and women's division unless a waiver is approved by USATH; USATH may, at its discretion, make the award of a bid contingent on a financial penalty or additional obligations imposed for hosts failing to offer a divisions for both genders, as necessary to ensure the provision of competition opportunities of comparable volume and quality during the season.

5.7 Performance and Sportsmanship Bond

- (a) Hosts must require the submission of a sportsmanship bond by check in an amount determined and standardized by USATH for all Triple Crown events at the beginning of each season.
- (b) Hosts may elect, at their discretion, to require the submission of a performance bond to ensure the quality of the event and to secure themselves against damages or loss caused by participating or 'no-show' teams, alike.

5.8 Costs

- (a) Hosts may set entry fees for teams and are responsible for all duties and costs of venue, venue appointment, and provision of referees and officials. Hosts are responsible to ensure all participants are compliant with USATH good standing requirements and policies
- (b) USATH shall provide administrative support to hosts, social media and event promotion prior to, during and after event, streaming channel support, liability and accident insurance, and

Appendix A: Sample Bid Application Form

Event Name:

Proposed Dates:

Location:

Number of Full Courts:

Primary Contact (Name, Email, Phone):

Social Media & Web Presence:

Livestream Setup Plan/Detail:



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Referees and Officials (Names or Certifications):

Generator and Digital Clock Setup:

Security, Medical, and Recovery Plan:

Sponsors Involved:

Marketing Plan:

Performance Bond Commitment (Y/N):