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for Awards**

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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.

## **1. Hans Baumann Trophy**

The Hans Baumann Trophy, which was endowed by our Spanish colleagues, commemorates the late President of the IHF (1950 to 1971), Hans Baumann. It is awarded to IHF member federations.

The Hans-Baumann Trophy is awarded to a member federation 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 federation's own country and/or throughout the world.

The recipient is selected and the trophy awarded by the IHF Council at the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Member federations may submit a detailed recommendation to the Head Office, specifying the reasons, no later than six months before the Congress.

The member federation receiving the award is given a diploma drawn up by the donors and a small replica of the trophy.

## **2. Cup of Honour and certificate**

The Cup of Honour and a corresponding certificate shall be awarded to eminent personalities as well as national and international federations.

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.

### **3. Plaque of Merit**

The Plaque of Merit is awarded to institutions and organisations outside the IHF. There are two levels: gold and silver.

The Plaque of Merit in Gold recognises above-average services, over many years, to the development of handball and/or in association with the IHF.

The Plaque of Merit in Silver is awarded for particular contributions to the development of handball and/or in association with the IHF.

The recipients are selected and the plaques awarded by the Council. The Executive Committee, the Council, the continental federations and member federations are all entitled to suggest recipients for the awards.

### **4. Certificate of Merit**

The Certificate of Merit is awarded to individuals working outside the IHF in recognition of their particular contribution to promoting the sport of handball.

The Certificate of Merit is a document signed by the IHF President. The recipient is selected by the Council at the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the certificate is awarded by the IHF President or his representative.

## **5. Honorary president and honorary members**

At the recommendation of the Council or a member association, retiring chairmen and members of bodies 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.

## **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, one of the Vice-Presidents or the Secretary General.

## 7. Badge of Merit

The Badge of Merit is awarded at three levels: bronze, silver and gold.

The Badge of Merit in Bronze is awarded to individuals who made an extraordinary contribution to the development of handball within their national and/or continental federation.

The Badge of Merit consists of the Council's insignia with a half garland in bronze. It is awarded by the continental federations at the request of their committee or the member federations. Every year, the IHF Council establishes a quota for such awards. The final date for the submission by the continental federations of their list of awards to the Head Office is 30 October of each year. This list is also sent to the Council for information. The list of awards must contain the surname, given name, date of birth and nationality of the recipient and a brief reasoning.

The Badge of Merit in Silver is awarded to individuals who have worked with merit for many years within the sport of handball and/or have made a particular contribution to the organisation of IHF competitions.

The Badge of Merit consists of the Council's insignia with half garland in silver. It is awarded by the Council at the recommendation of the continental federations, of the member federations, of the IHF Commissions or of the Head Office.

The Badge of Merit in Gold is awarded to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution and/or given many years' service to the sport of handball within the IHF. It therefore recognises, in particular, many years' successful work within an IHF organ and/or a creative impetus for the development of handball.

The Badge of Merit consists of the Council's insignia with half garland in gold. It is awarded by the Council at the recommendation of the Executive Committee, of the continental federations or of the member federations.

## **8. Referee's Badge of Honour**

The Referee's Badge of Honour is awarded at three levels: bronze, silver and gold.

The Referee's Badge of Honour in Bronze is awarded to all active referees who have passed an international referee course and are included in the IHF referee list.

The Referee's Badge of Honour in Silver is awarded to all active IHF referees who are included in the IHF list of elite referees and/or have taken part on a Men's or Women's Junior World Championship, a Men's or Women's Youth World Championship or a Beach Handball World Championship.

The Referee's Badge of Honour in Gold is awarded to all referees who have taken part in Olympic Games or Men's or Women's World Championships.

For all three levels, the referees, besides having the required technical qualifications, must serve as suitable role models as regards their strict neutrality and personal behaviour.

The award consists of the Referee's Badge of Honour in Bronze, Silver or Gold plus a diploma and a cloth badge for the particular level.

The referee should wear the cloth badge on his/her clothing when refereeing international games.

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 PRC president or his representative.

## **9. Referee's Diploma of Honour**

Referees who participated in a World Championship or in Olympic Handball Tournaments shall receive the Referee's Diploma of Honour upon termination of their international career. The diploma is presented by the PRC president or his representative.

## **10. 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.