



# РУКОМЕТНИ САВЕЗ РЕПУБЛИКЕ СРПСКЕ

REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA - HANDBALL FEDERATION



## EUROPEAN HANDBALL FEDERATION

### The Handball Federation of Republic Srpska members of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Handball Federation of Republic Srpska is one of the two equal founding members of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We address you as the umbrella organization of handball, requesting your intervention in resolving the disputed situation within the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and assisting us in protecting the legality and legitimacy of the Federation's operations.

We must note that since 2018, the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has been conducting its business exclusively through the accounts of the Handball Federation of Republic Srpska, and all employed workers have employment relationships established within the Handball Federation of Republic Srpska. The reason is that the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina does not have a tax identification number and a bank account and is not legally capable of conducting business.

On August 3, 2022, the Executive Board of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina made a controversial decision to reduce the Premier League of Bosnia and Herzegovina by deciding that at the end of the 2022/23 season, five teams would leave the Premier League compared to the previous seasons, where the competition was abandoned by the bottom three teams. They also decided to play a playoff match between the winners of the First League of Republic Srpska for women and the winners of the First League of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to enter the Premier League for women.

Through this letter, we want to inform you about the regulations that have been violated by making such a decision.

According to the Law on Associations and Foundations of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Official Gazette of BiH No. 32/01, 42/03, 63/08, 76/11, and 94/16), Article 32, Paragraph 2 states:

*"In case there has been a change in the facts entered in the register, a registered association or foundation cannot undertake any legal transactions before the decision is made"*

The Executive Board of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was registered with the Ministry of Justice of Bosnia and Herzegovina on August 27, 2022, which clearly shows that they did not have the authority to make such a decision at the time it was made.





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It should also be mentioned that the regulations of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Regulation on the organization of competitions organized by the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina) have been violated, which clearly states how the competition system can be changed and within what timeframe. A decision must be made one year before its implementation. The founders of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Handball Federation of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina or the Handball Federation of Republic Srpska, are the only ones authorized to propose such a change, and none of the founders proposed it.

The decision was made after June 30, 2022, which, according to EHF (European Handball Federation) rules, is considered the end of the competition season and cannot be applied to the 2022/23 season.

The Handball Federation of Republic Srpska has repeatedly addressed the Executive Board of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to point out the mistakes they have made, but they ignored our letters.

Commissioner of the Men's Premier League, Mr. Alija Hasić, also ignored our correspondence and issued the final Bulletin (Bulletin No. 30), which directly excluded the last five ranked teams from the competition, to the detriment of HC Hercegovina from Nevesinje and MHC Iskra from Bugojno.

Commissioner of the Women's Premier League, Mr. Aleksandar Vrhovac, did not include the playoff matches in the final Bulletin, thus failing to implement the decision of the Executive Board of the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. This clearly shows a complete inconsistency in the application of decisions and rules within the Handball Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We kindly request you to thoroughly investigate the situation and assist us in resolving it.

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**President of the Executive Board of the  
Handball Federation of Republic Srpska**

**Marinko Umičević**

