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BEACH TCHOUKBALL RULES

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1. Introduction

Beach Tchoukball was created in the early 1990s in Brazil. Since then, it has been developed and played in the world. Experiences to date make it possible to create the present regulations for the organization of beach Tchoukball matches and for the construction of beach Tchoukball fields.

Beach Tchoukball should be played on a field 11 to 13 metres wide and 21 to 23 metres long, with 5 players in each team on the field. Each team can have 2 substitutes, i.e. a total of 7 players per team.

2. The team and the officials

2.1 The team

A beach Tchoukball team is made up of 7 players; among them 5 are playing and 2 act as substitutes.

2.2 The officials

A match requires following officials:

- 2 field referees (1 along each short line)
- 1 table referee, standing up along the long line, in front of the official table
- 1 responsible for the score sheet, sitting at the official table
- 1 responsible for the score (showing the score) and the timing of the game, sitting at the official table

The table referee and the referee in charge of the score sheet are necessary only for international matches. In other cases, the field referees are in charge of these functions.

3. The frames

To play beach Tchoukball, it is necessary to have 2 rebound frames. The FITB distinguishes two rebound frames qualities: competition frames (A) and leisure frames (B). The technical characteristics of the rebound frames are detailed in the document "Technical rules for Tchoukball frames and nets", edited by the FITB and available on the internet site www.tchoukball.org.

4. The Beach Tchoukball field

Figure 1 shows the beach Tchoukball field dimensions. Dimensions are in centimetres. A 1 metre wide along long lines and 2 metres wide along short lines unobstructed area around the playing area is **necessary** (symbolised by a dashed line on figure 1). A 2 metre wide unobstructed area along long lines is **recommended**. The playing area should not present any danger for the players.

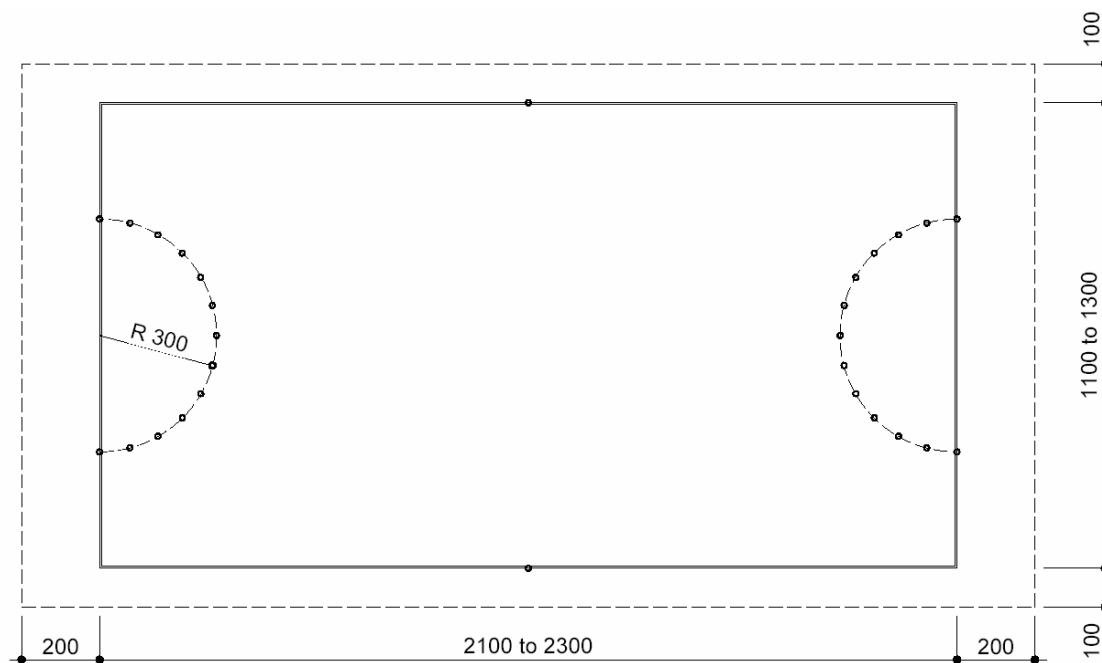


Figure 1 – Recommended dimensions for a beach tchoukball field [cm].

For more information about the beach tchoukball courts, please refer to chapter 5 of the FITB publication « *Conseils et instructions concernant la construction et le marquage des terrains de tchoukball* » (currently available in French only).

5. The other rules

5.1 Time

The recommended duration of a beach tchoukball match is :

- 3 x 12 min for men with 5 minutes break between periods,
- 3 x 12 min for women with 5 minutes break between periods,
- 3 x 12 min for M18 juniors with 5 minutes break between periods,
- 3 x 10 min for M15 juniors with 3 minutes break between periods,
- 3 x 10 min for M12 juniors with 3 minutes break between periods.

5.2 Number of players

The number of players per team for a beach tchoukball match is:

- 5 players on the field,
- 2 substitutes.

5.3 Players dress

Players should be dressed uniformly and have a clearly visible number from 1 to 20. Players can play without a shirt if they want to. In that case, the number must be clearly visible on the shorts.

Players play normally with bare feet. The referee can allow players to wear shoes if he considers this necessary for the player's safety (sharp objects in the sand, cold, hot or wet sand).

5.4 Other rules

The beach Tchoukball rules are those of the FITB, except where mentioned otherwise (the numbers on the left correspond to those of the official FITB rules). Rules modifications are explained below.

- 1.1 Modified according to Figure 1.
- 1.2 The long sides are known as "side lines" and the short sides as "base lines". Two cones, laid at the midpoint of each side line, divide the playing area in two zones (see Figure 1).
 - 1.5.1 The lines are between 5 cm and 8 cm wide.
- 4.1 Modified according to art. 5.2 above.
- 4.2 Modified according to art. 5.2 above.
- 4.3.1 Substitutions are made with the players crossing on the side line.
- 4.4 Players should be dressed uniformly and have a clearly visible number from 1 to 20. Player's dress is described in art. 5.3 above.
- 4.5 Players play normally with bare feet. The referee can allow players to wear shoes if he considers this necessary for the player's safety (sharp objects in the sand, cold or wet sand).
- 6.1 Modified according to art. 5.1 above.
- 6.2 Modified according to art. 5.1 above.
- 6.3 Modified according to art. 5.1 above.
- 9.4.2 The ball is considered to have crossed the median line if the catcher has his feet clearly on the far side of the median line. Referees have to judge whether the catcher has his feet on the far side of the fictive line joining the cones laying at the midpoint of the side lines.