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Introduction

Beach tchoukball was created in the early 1990s in Brazil. Since then, it has been developed and played everywhere around the world. Thus the learning experiences allow us to create the present regulations for the organization of beach Tchoukball events as well as the set up of the beach Tchoukball field.

Beach Tchoukball should be played on a field from 11 to 13 metres wide and from 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.

The aim of this document is to explain the differences between beach and indoor Tchoukball. What is not specified in this document is assumed to be the same of *ER-01 The Official Tchoukball Rules* and *ER-02 Official interpretations of the rules of Tchoukball*.

1. The Beach Tchoukball field

Figure 1 shows the beach Tchoukball field dimensions. Dimensions are in centimetres. A 1 meter wide along the side lines and 2 meters wide along the base lines unobstructed area around the playing area is **necessary** (symbolised by a dashed line on figure 1) in order to avoid injuries. A 2 meters wide unobstructed area along the side lines is **recommended**. The playing area should not present any danger for the players, i.e. broken glass, plastic bottle etc.

The forbidden zone should be limited by rubber cones of about 30 to 35 mm of diameter. As alternative, the forbidden zone may be limited by about 12 plastic cones, the line being drawn in the sand between the cones.

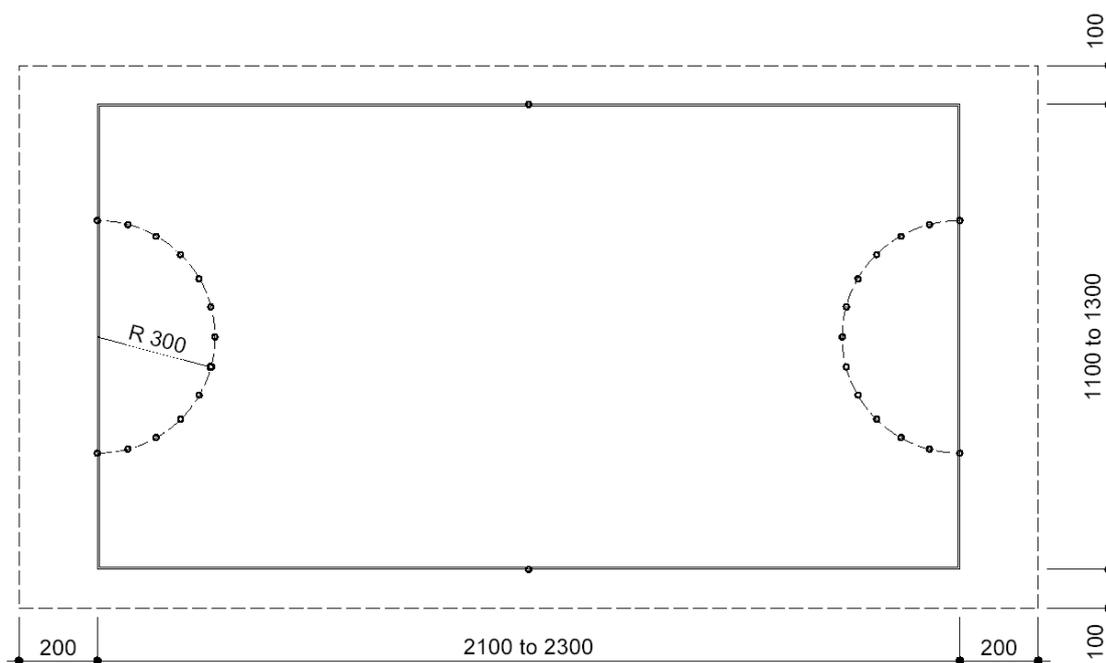


Figure 1 – Recommended dimensions for a beach Tchoukball field [cm].

2. The Rebound Frame

In addition to the official rules, in beach Tchoukball it is necessary to be sure to have the frames perfectly horizontal and stable.

3. The Ball

There is no difference with indoor rules, however, be aware that some balls can be good/homologated for indoor Tchoukball but are not adequate for beach Tchoukball.

4 The Players

A squad consists of 7 players maximum.

The game is played with 5 players in each team - the remaining 2 players act as substitutes.

If a team has 3 or less players on the playing area, it forfeits the game with an imposed score of 0-30.

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

5 The referees and the official table

The official body for Beach games include 2 referees and 2 officials (one timekeeper and one scorekeeper) who are seating at the official table.

6. Sets

Instead of playing 3x15 minutes as for indoor Tchoukball, beach Tchoukball is played in sets. The first team that wins 2 sets wins the match. The first team that scores a given number of points, being at least 2 points ahead of the other team, wins the set.

If the 2 teams cannot be separated by more than 2 points of difference the victory will be assigned to the first team which gets a given score limit.

The number of points required to win the sets and the score limit depend on the gender of the teams and the number of the set as showed in the table below.

Gender	Set number	Score Set	Score limit
Women	1st or 2nd	15	21
	3rd	11	16
Men	1st or 2nd	21	26
	3rd	15	20

7. The Faults

Beach Tchoukball has exactly the same faults of the indoor Tchoukball.

The breakdown can also be done by keeping one hand between the ball and the sand, this exception is recommended to avoid having sand sticking on the ball.

8. The Awarding of points

No differences with rules of indoor tchoukball.

9. Winner

How to win a match is already explained above (see point n. 6).

In FITB official competitions the winner gets 2 points for the ranking, while the other team get 1 point, if the team win 1 set, 0 point if the team does not win any set.

10. Starting and restarting the game

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.

11. Faulty Rebound

No differences with rules of indoor Tchoukball.

12. Spirit of the Game

No differences with rules of indoor Tchoukball.