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WHO IS GERD BUTZECK?

***– A PLAYER, COACH, REFEREE, DELEGATE,
MANAGER AND HIGH-RANKED OFFICIAL***

**HANDBALL
DESERVES
MORE**

Gerd Butzeck (born 15 January 1959 in Solingen, Germany) was a handball player and coach, and at the age of 27 he was the youngest Bundesliga referee to date. He gave up this position when he became the first professional team manager in German handball at TSV Milbertshofen in Munich from 1985 to 1987. He also managed the Soviet national teams from 1982 to 1992. Later, Butzeck served as vice-president of the Belarusian Handball Federation until 2002 and was EHF delegate for Belarus in more than 300 international matches. Parallel he was agent for more than 300 handball players from all over the world. Besides, he was a trailblazer for the international development of Beach Handball.

Since 2006, he is managing director of former Group Club Handball and Forum Club Handball, which represents the interests of top international clubs. From 2017 to 2021, he was a member of the EHF Executive Committee and chairman of the EHF Professional Handball Board.

Gerd Butzeck had studied mathematics, education and Russian in the USA, Moscow and Germany. Butzeck lives in Wuppertal, speaks four languages, is married and has two sons and a daughter.

In April 2025, the German Handball Federation (DHB) announced Butzeck's nomination as a candidate for the presidency of the International Handball Federation (IHF). The claim of his candidacy is simple and clear: "Handball deserves more".

"Gerd Butzeck is one of the most experienced and distinguished handball officials – with a global network and insights into our sport from the grassroots to the very top level. He has the necessary creative power to further professionalise the sport of handball," says Andreas Michelmann, President of the German Handball Federation, adding: "With this proposal, we want to offer the international handball family an opportunity to help shape the global future of handball."