

# INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FEDERATION

## *Hockey*

### A. Events (2)

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
10-team tournament for men	10-team tournament for women

### B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	UNIVERSALITY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	9 / 10 teams	1 team	n/a	90
Women	9 / 10 teams		n/a	90
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19 teams</b>	<b>1 team</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>180</b>

\* The host country shall only automatically qualify one men's team or one women's team.

	MAXIMUM QUOTA PER NOC*
Men	1 team of 9 players
Women	1 team of 9 players
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 teams</b>

\* According to the Nanjing 2014 Qualification Systems Principles, "Participation in team sports shall be limited to one women's and one men's team per NOC across team sports (Football, Handball, Hockey, and Rugby)."

### C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<p>All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.</p> <p>To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must be born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1999.</p>

### D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>For each qualifying event, the quota places obtained for the Youth Olympic Games will be allocated to:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Athletes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOC</p> <p>The 10-team tournament for both men and women shall consist of two national teams per continent.</p>

Each continent will organise one or several qualification tournaments between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2014:

- Africa will organise a five-a-side tournament (dates to be confirmed)
- Asia will organise a five-a-side tournament (dates to be confirmed)
- Europe will organise three tournaments played in a 11-a-side format:
  - The Under-18 European Championship played on 8-14 July 2013 in Vienna (AUT) for men and in Dublin (IRL) for women
  - The Under-18 European Championship II played on 8-14 July 2013 in Gasawa (POL) for men and in Alcala la Real (ESP) for women
  - The Under-18 European Championship III played on 8-14 July 2013 in Prague (CZE) for men and in Zagreb (CRO) for women
- Oceania will organise a five-a-side tournament (dates to be confirmed)
- America will organise a five-a-side tournament in March 2014

#### CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATION

##### 1 Men – Continental Qualifications 9 teams to qualify

The first five teams will be the five (5) continental champions, namely:

Africa

America

Asia - *In the event that China is the continental champion of Asia, the automatic qualification place shall be offered to the next best ranked team of the Asian qualification tournament.*

Europe (Championship)

Oceania

The four other teams will be the following continental runners-up:

Africa

America

Europe (Championship)

Oceania

##### 2 Women – Continental Qualifications 9 teams to qualify

The first five teams will be the five (5) continental champions, namely:

Africa

America

Asia - *In the event that China is the continental champion of Asia, the automatic qualification place shall be offered to the next best ranked team of the Asian qualification tournament.*

Europe (Championship)

Oceania

The four other teams will be the following continental runners up:

Africa

America

Europe (Championship)

Oceania

#### HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

The host country shall only automatically qualify one men's team or one women's team. Any unused host country places (either men or women) shall be reallocated in accordance with the criteria set out below.

## E. Confirmation process for quota places

### CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUALIFICATION PLACES

At the conclusion of each of the YOG qualifying tournaments, the FIH will communicate in writing the preliminary confirmation of qualification to the NOC and the National Association of each obtained place within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the particular tournament.

Upon receipt of confirmation of qualification to the YOG hockey tournament from the FIH, the NOC must confirm its acceptance of the obtained place in writing within 14 days of the issue of the invitation to participate in the YOG to the FIH and the NYOGOC.

At the conclusion of the last qualifying event of the four team sports (Football, Handball, Hockey, and Rugby), the FIH will communicate in writing the final confirmation of qualification to the NOCs and the National Associations.

### CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR HOST COUNTRY PLACES

At the conclusion of the Asian YOG qualifying tournament, the FIH will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the host country and the host National Association of each obtained place within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the tournament.

Upon receipt of confirmation of qualification to the YOG hockey tournament from the FIH, the host NOC must confirm its acceptance in writing of the obtained place within 14 days to the FIH and the NYOGOC.

## F. Reallocation of unused quota places

### REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

In the event that an NOC does not accept an obtained place or in the event that an NOC qualifies more than one women's and one men's team across all team sports (Football, Handball, Hockey and Rugby), the FIH will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the NOC and the National Association of the next best ranked teams in order at the relevant continental qualifying tournament until the continental allocation is accepted.

Should the offer of a place in the YOG not be accepted by any of the teams that played in a particular continental qualification tournament, the vacant place(s) will be subsequently offered as follows:

#### Men

The first offer of an unused qualification place will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in Europe from the European continental qualification event, in the following order of priority: Championship, Championship II and Championship III.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in Asia from the Asian continental qualification event.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in America from the American continental qualification event.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in Africa from the African continental qualification event.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in Oceania from the Oceania continental qualification event.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team that has not previously been offered a place in Europe, and so on in order, i.e. Asia, America, Africa, Oceania and Europe, from their respective continental qualification event.

**Women**

The first offer of an unused qualification place will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in Europe from the European continental qualification event, in the following order of priority: Championship, Championship II and Championship III.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in America from the American continental qualification event.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in Asia from the Asian continental qualification event.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in Africa from the African continental qualification event.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team in Oceania from the Oceania continental qualification event.

If that offer is not accepted, the next offer will be to the highest placed non-qualified team that has not previously been offered a place in Europe, and so on in order, i.e. Asia, America, Africa, Oceania and Europe, from their respective continental qualification event.

**REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES**

Should the host NOC decline either of its places, the additional place will be offered to the next best ranked team from the Asian qualification tournament.

In the event that China is the continental champion or runner-up of Asia and declines its invitation to participate in either gender, its place will be offered to the team that finishes third in the gender that the quota place was declined from the Asian qualifying tournament. If that offer is declined the above process for the reallocation of unused qualification places will be used.

**G. Qualification timeline**

DATE	MILESTONE
1 April 2013 - 31 March 2014	YOG 2014 FIH qualification period
8 - 14 July 2013	European Continental Qualification : The Under-18 European Championship in Vienna (AUT) for men and in Dublin (IRL) for women The Under-18 European Championship <u>II</u> in Gasawa (POL) for men and in Alcala la Real (ESP) for women The Under-18 European Championship <u>III</u> in Prague (CZE) for men and in Zagreb (CRO) for women
Dates TBC	African Continental Qualification (location TBC)
Dates TBC	Asian Continental Qualification (location TBC)
Dates TBC	Oceanian Continental Qualification (location TBC)
March 2014	American Continental Qualification (location TBC)
8 July 2014	Entries deadline by name for all sports
16 - 28 August 2014	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Youth Olympic Games – Nanjing 2014