



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FEDERATION

Hockey

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Hockey:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	176 (11 teams)	16 (1 team)*	192 (12 teams)
Women	176 (11 teams)	16 (1 team)*	192 (12 teams)
Total	352 (22 teams)	32 (2 teams)*	384 (24 teams)

*Subject to the Host Country Teams satisfying the performance criteria detailed under Host Country Places and being selected by their National Olympic Committee.

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	16 (1 team)
Women	16 (1 team)
Total	32 (2 teams)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

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 Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events
5 teams	<p>Continental Qualifications The five (5) continental champions, namely the winners of the below competitions will earn one (1) quota place for their NOC:</p> <p>Africa Africa Men’s Olympic Qualifying Tournament America 17th Pan American Games (Men’s Hockey competition) Asia 17th Asian Games (Men’s Hockey competition) Europe 15th European Nations Championship for Men Oceania 9th Men’s Oceania Cup</p>
6 teams	<p>Hockey World League 2014/2015 Qualification The six (6) highest placed teams in the Semi-Finals of the Hockey World League 2014/2015 not qualified under Continental Qualifications or as the Host Country team will earn one (1) quota place for their NOC.</p> <p>In the situation where the last place available is shared between teams that finish in the same position in the two different Semi-Finals, the team to qualify for the Olympic Games will be that which has the highest FIH World Ranking current at the time of the completion at the latter of the two Semi-Finals.</p>

WOMEN

Number of Quota Places	Qualification Events
5 teams	<p>Continental Qualifications The five (5) continental champions, namely the winners of the below competitions will earn one (1) quota place for their NOC:</p> <p>Africa Africa Women’s Olympic Qualifying Tournament America 17th Pan American Games (Women’s Hockey competition) Asia 17th Asian Games (Women’s Hockey competition) Europe 12th European Nations Championship for Women Oceania 9th Women’s Oceania Cup</p>



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed two (2) quota places, one (1) per gender, if it satisfies the following performance criteria set by the FIH:

- The Men's Team should either obtain a World Ranking equal to or better than 30th by the end of 2014 or finish no worse than 6th in the 2015 Pan American Games.
- The Women's Team should either obtain a World Ranking equal to or better than 40th by the end of 2014 or finish no worse than 7th in the 2015 Pan American Games.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each Hockey World League Semi-Final and Continental Championship, FIH will publish the results on its website <http://www.fih.ch/en/events>.

After the completion of the last Continental Championship, FIH will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the NOC and National Association of each qualified team within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition. The NOCs will then have 14 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph H. **Qualification Timeline**.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team from the Hockey World League Semi-Finals not already qualified.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the Host Country does not wish to use its allocated quota place(s) or fails to achieve the required performance criteria set by the FIH, the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next highest placed team from the Hockey World League Semi-Finals not already qualified.



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G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the 'Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the 'IOC/Rio 2016 Late Athlete Replacement policy'.

Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to 2 (two) P alternate athletes

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
18 September – 4 October 2014	17 th Asian Games (Men and Women): Incheon, KOR
3 – 14 June 2015	Hockey World League Semi-Final (Men): Buenos Aires, ARG
10 – 21 June 2015	Hockey World League Semi-Final (Women): Valencia, ESP
20 June – 5 July 2015	Hockey World League Semi-Final (Men): Antwerp, BEL
20 June – 5 July 2015	Hockey World League Semi-Final (Women): Antwerp, BEL
10 – 26 July 2015	17 th Pan American Games (Men and Women): Toronto, CAN
22 – 29 August 2015	12 th European Nations Championship (Women): London, GBR
22 – 30 August 2015	15 th European Nations Championship (Men): London, GBR
17 – 25 October 2015	10 th Africa Cup for Nations (Men): Ismailia, EGY
17 – 25 October 2015	7 th Africa Cup for Nations (Women): Ismailia, EGY
17 – 25 October 2015	9 th Oceania Cup (Men): Stratford, NZL
17 – 25 October 2015	9 th Oceania Cup (Women): Stratford, NZL
9 November 2015 (no later than 14 days after the last Qualification Tournament)	FIH to inform NOCs/National Associations of their allocated quota places
TBD* but no later than 1 December 2015	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FIH
1 July 2016	FIH to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline

*To Be Determined