



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION (IHF)

HANDBALL

A. EVENTS (2)

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

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Handball:

	Quota places	Host country places	Total
Men	154 (11 teams)	14 (1 team)	168 (12 teams)
Women	154 (11 teams)	14 (1 team)	168 (12 teams)
Total	308 (22 teams)	28 (2 teams)	336 (24 teams)

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota places per NOC
Men	14 (1 team)
Women	14 (1 team)
Total	28 (2 teams)

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places:

Quota places are allocated to the NOC(s).

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).



Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of IHF, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

C.2. IF additional eligibility criteria/requirement:

- Athletes should be eligible to play for their national team as per IHF [Regulations](#). Details stipulated in the [IHF Player Eligibility Code](#) and in the [IHF Regulations for Transfers between Federations](#).
- Athletes must be at least 16 years of age as stipulated in IHF regulations article [3.2.1.2.](#), meaning that players eligible to participate have to turn 16 on the day of their first match at the latest.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1 QUOTA PLACES

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

Men

Number of quota places	Qualification events
1 team (14 athletes)	IHF Men's World Championship 2023 (Poland/Sweden, 12-29 January 2023) The highest placed NOC of the IHF 2023 World Championship will obtain one (1) quota place for the Olympic Games Paris 2024. In case France as a host country will be World Champion, the quota place will be allocated to the next highest placed NOC.
4 teams (56 athletes)	Continental Qualification Events Four places will be allocated through continental qualification events. The continental representatives from Asia, Africa and Europe will be the NOCs of the highest ranked team at the respective continental qualification event. The continental representative from North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America will be the highest ranked NOC at a combined continental qualification event. No dedicated continental qualification event for Oceania will take place. However, the NOCs of the Continental Confederation of Oceania are invited to take part in the Asian continental qualification event. If a representative from Oceania is ranked 5 th or higher at the Asian continental qualification event, the team concerned will qualify for the IHF



	<p>World Championship where they have the possibility to qualify directly for the Olympic Games or the IHF Olympic Qualification Tournament.</p> <p>In the event that the 2023 World Champion or the host country of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 also wins the continental qualification, the NOC of the next highest ranked team of the respective continental qualification event will obtain the quota place.</p> <p>Continental qualification events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Men's qualification event of the Continental Confederations of North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America: Pan-American Games, 20 October to 5 November 2023, CHI - Men's Asian qualification event, autumn 2023 (not continental championship, separate additional event) - Men's European qualification event: European Championship in GER, 12-28 January 2024 - Men's African qualification event: African Championship, January 2024 																				
<p>6 teams (84 athletes)</p>	<p>Men's Olympic Games Qualification Tournaments 2024 (week of 11 – 17.03.2024, details tbc) **</p> <p>Six (6) quota places will be allocated through three (3) Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments of four (4) teams.</p> <p>The two highest placed NOCs from each of these three (3) Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments will obtain one (1) quota place each.</p> <p>The teams eligible to participate in these tournaments are selected as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="496 1339 1437 1733"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Tournament 1</th> <th>Tournament 2</th> <th>Tournament 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Teams selected through ranking at the 2023 World Championship</td> <td>2nd</td> <td>3rd</td> <td>4th</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>7th</td> <td>6th</td> <td>5th</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>3rd best continent (QS 3)</td> <td>2nd best continent (QS 2)</td> <td>best continent (QS 1)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>4th best continent (QS 4)</td> <td>Best continent (QS 5)</td> <td>2nd best continent (QS 6)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>*QS= Qualification quota place for the IHF Men's Olympic Qualification Tournament</i></p> <p>If one (1) or more teams placed between 2nd - 7th at the 2023 World Championship have already obtained a quota place for the Olympic Games at their respective continental qualification events, the team placed 8th (or thereafter) at the 2023 World Championship will be eligible to participate in the IHF Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments and all other teams will move one spot forward.</p>		Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3	Teams selected through ranking at the 2023 World Championship	2 nd	3 rd	4 th		7 th	6 th	5 th		3 rd best continent (QS 3)	2 nd best continent (QS 2)	best continent (QS 1)		4 th best continent (QS 4)	Best continent (QS 5)	2 nd best continent (QS 6)
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Example: If the team placed third (3rd) at the 2023 World Championship has already obtained a quota place for the Olympic Games at its continental qualification event, the team placed fourth (4th) at the World Championship will advance to the place which was originally allocated to the 3rd placed team (and consequently participate at Tournament 2). Hence, also all following teams (5th - 7th) will move one spot forward, with the spot originally foreseen for the 7th ranked team now being open for the team ranked 8th at the World Championship.

The same system shall be applied mutatis mutandis in case several eligible teams have already qualified through their continental qualification events.

QS 1 and 5 will be allocated to the highest placed continent at the 2023 World Championship. The highest ranked team (QS1) and next highest ranked team (QS5) at the respective continental qualification event not yet qualified and not yet selected to participate in the IHF Qualification Tournaments will obtain the corresponding quota place.

QS 2 to 4 are allocated to the second (QS2), third (QS3) and fourth (QS4) highest placed continents at the 2023 World Championship. The highest placed teams at the respective continental qualification event not yet qualified and not yet selected to participate in the IHF Qualification Tournaments will obtain the corresponding quota place.

QS 6: If any team from Oceania is placed between 8th - 12th at the 2023 World Championship, this qualification quota place will be allocated to the highest placed NOC at the event in which Oceania can qualify, not yet qualified. If this is not the case, this qualification quota place will be allocated to the second highest placed continent at the 2023 World Championship, in addition to QS2. The NOC of the highest placed team at the respective continental qualification event, not yet qualified, will be allocated the quota place.

*In the case of the Continental Confederations of North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America, the 'best continent' positions will be allocated based on the ranking at the respective combined continental qualification event.

Example: Even though e.g. BRA (belonging to South and Central America) is the best team from North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America, the corresponding place to be allocated to the next highest ranked NOC at the combined continental qualification event might be allocated to e.g. CUB (belonging to North America and the Caribbean).

The NOCs/NFs participating in the Olympic Qualification Tournaments, must confirm their participation in the Olympic Games to IHF in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Olympic Qualification Tournaments by 15 February 2024.



	** The IHF is currently reviewing how to optimise the existing structure of the IHF Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments to allocate the six (6) quota places for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
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Women

Number of quota places	Qualification events
1 team (14 athletes)	<p>IHF Women's World Championship 2023 (Denmark/Norway/Sweden, December 2023)</p> <p>The highest placed NOC of the IHF 2023 World Championship will obtain one (1) quota place for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.</p> <p>In case France as a host country will be World Champion, the quota place will be allocated to the next highest placed NOC.</p>
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6 teams
(84 athletes)

Women's Olympic Games Qualification Tournament 2024 (week of 08.-14.2024 details tbc) **

Six (6) quota places will be allocated through three (3) Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments of four (4) teams.

The NOCs of the first- and second-highest placed teams from each of these three (3) Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments will obtain one (1) quota place each.

The teams eligible to participate in these tournaments are selected as follows:

	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
Teams selected through ranking at the 2023 World Championship	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	7 th	6 th	5 th
	3 rd best continent (QS 3)	2 nd best continent (QS 2)	best continent (QS 1)
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*QS= Qualification quota place for the IHF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament

If one (1) or more teams placed between 2nd - 7th at the 2023 World Championship have already qualified for the Olympic Games at their respective continental qualification events, the team placed 8th (or thereafter) at the 2023 World Championship will be eligible to participate in the IHF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments and all other teams will move one spot forward.

Example: If the team placed third (3rd) at the 2023 World Championship has already qualified for the Olympic Games at its continental qualification event, the team placed fourth (4th) at the World Championship will advance to the place which was originally allocated to the 3rd placed team (and consequently participate at Tournament 2). Hence, also all following teams (5th - 7th) will move one spot forward, with the spot originally foreseen for the 7th ranked team now being open for the team ranked 8th at the World Championship.

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	<p><u>QS 6:</u> If any team from Oceania is placed between 8th - 12th at the 2019 World Championship, this qualification quota place will be allocated to the highest placed NOC at the event in which Oceania can qualify, not yet qualified. If this is not the case, this qualification quota place will be allocated to the second highest placed continent at the 2019 World Championship, in addition to QS2. The NOC of the highest placed team at the respective continental qualification event, not yet qualified, will be allocated the qualification quota place.</p> <p>*In the case of the Continental Confederations of North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America, the 'best continent' positions will be allocated based on the ranking at the respective combined continental qualification event.</p> <p>Example: Even though e.g. BRA (belonging to South and Central America) is the best team from North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America, the corresponding place to be allocated to the next highest ranked NOC at the combined continental qualification event might be allocated to e.g. CUB (belonging to North America and the Caribbean).</p> <p>The NOCs/NFs participating in the Olympic Qualification Tournaments must confirm their participation in the Olympic Games to IHF in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Olympic Qualification Tournaments by 15 January 2024.</p> <p>** The IHF is currently reviewing how to optimise the existing structure of the IHF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments to allocate the six (6) quota places for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.</p>
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D.2. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country will automatically qualify one (1) men's team and one (1) women's team of fourteen athletes on the condition that the athletes meet the eligibility requirements described under section C of this document.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

IHF will publish the final results after each qualification event on the official website <http://www.ihf.info/> and inform the qualified NOCs/NFs accordingly.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph **H. Qualification Timeline**.



The qualified NOCs from the IHF Men's and Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments must confirm their participation in the Olympic Games Paris 2024 in case of qualification to the IHF at the same time when registering the team(s) for the IHF Olympic Qualification Tournaments

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to the IHF by 31 July 2023 the use of its host country places.

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-ranked eligible team, not yet qualified, at the event at which the quota place was obtained.

F.2 REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused host country place(s) will be allocated to the continent of the 2023 World Champion in the respective gender and allocated to the highest placed NOC from this continent, which has not yet qualified at the corresponding continental qualification event.

G. AP ALTERNATE ATHLETES

Each qualified team is entitled to Ap athletes.

Definition:

Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the "Ap" category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as "Aa") as described in the "Ap" accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These alternate athletes are not part of the athlete quota as described in Paragraph **B. Quota Places**. "Ap" alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

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



H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
20 October to 5 November 2023	Men's qualification event of the Continental Confederations of North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America: Pan-American Games, CHI
September / October 2023 (date tbc)	Men's Asian qualification event, location tbc
12-28 January 2024	Men's European qualification event: European Championship in GER
January 2024 (date tbc)	Men's African qualification event: African Championship
11. – 17.03.2024 (date tbc)	IHF Men's Olympic Qualification Event
4-20 November 2022	Women's European qualification event: European Championship, SLO/MKD/MNE
2023 (date tbc)	Women's African qualification event , location tbc
20 October to 5 November 2023	Women's qualification event of the Continental Confederations of North America and the Caribbean and South and Central America: Pan-American Games, CHI
October 2023 (date tbc)	Women's Asian qualification event
8 – 14 April 2024 (date tbc)	IHF Women's qualification event, location tbc
Within five days after the event	The IHF confirms in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
Two weeks after the event	The NOCs to confirm to the IF name the use of the allocated quota places.
Within five days after the previous step	IHF to reallocate all unused quota places.
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024