

Qualification System for Hockey World Cup 2018

Men

The Hockey World Cup 2018 will consist of 16 teams

1. The following teams are eligible to play in the Hockey World Cup 2018

1.1 Host Nation India

1 team

The host nation of the Hockey World Cup 2018 shall be automatically qualified.

1.2 Continental Qualification

5 teams

The five (5) continental champions, namely the winners of:

Africa	11 th Africa Cup for Nations
America	5 th Pan American Cup
Asia	10 th Asian Cup
Europe	16 th EuroHockey Nations Championship
Oceania	10 th Men's Oceania Cup

1.3 Hockey World League

10 / 11 teams

- a The 10 highest placed teams in the Semi-Final tournaments of the Hockey World League 2017 not qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 above.
- b If India is also the winners of the 10th Asian Cup, the 11 highest placed teams in the Hockey World League Semi-Finals 2017 not qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 above.
- c In a and b above, where the last place available is shared between teams that finish in the same position in the two different Hockey World League Semi-Final Events, the team to qualify will be that which has the highest FIH World Ranking current at the time of the completion of the latter of the two Semi-Finals. An example illustrating how this would work is shown at Appendix 1.
- d If a team qualifies from the Hockey World League Semi-Finals for the Hockey World Cup 2018 and withdraws from or does not enter its Continental Championships, it will forfeit its qualification for the 2018 Hockey World Cup, and vice-versa if the Continental Championship is played before the Hockey World League.

2. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places

If a National Association withdraws a qualified team, or if that qualification place is forfeited under 1.3d above, the qualification place will be reallocated to the highest placed team in the Hockey World League Semi-Finals 2017 not qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 above. Where two teams finish in the same position in the two different Hockey World League Semi-Final Events the principle of 1.3c above will apply, namely the qualification place will be offered to the team that has the highest FIH World Ranking at the time of the completion of the latter of the two Semi-Finals.



QUALIFICATION TIMELINE - MEN	
Date	Milestone
3 July 2015	FIH Executive Board Approves Qualification System
1 December 2016	Dates of Continental Championships confirmed
15 / 25 June 2017	Hero Hockey World League Semi-Final (London, ENG)
9 / 23 July 2017	Hockey World League Semi-Final (Johannesburg, RSA)
4 / 12 August 2017	5 th Pan American Cup (Lancaster, USA)
18 / 27 August 2017	11 th Africa Cup of Nations (Johannesburg, RSA)
19 / 27 August 2017	16 th European Nations Championship (Amsterdam, NED)
9 / 15 October 2017	10 th Oceania Cup (Sydney, AUS)
14 / 22 October 2017	10 th Asian Cup (Dhaka, BAN)
25 October 2017	Invitations to participate issued to qualified National Associations
7 November 2017	National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the 14 th Hockey World Cup 2018.
15 January 2018	FIH to reallocate any unused quota places
1 October 2018	Team Entry Forms issued to competing National Associations
14 November 2018	Team Entry Forms to be returned to FIH
28 November 2018	Start of 14 th Hockey World Cup (Bhubaneswar, IND)

Women

The Hockey World Cup 2018 will consist of 16 teams

3. The following teams are eligible to play in the Hockey World Cup 2018

3.1 Host Nation England

1 team

The host nation of the Hockey World Cup 2018 shall be automatically qualified.

3.2 Continental Qualification

5 teams

The five (5) continental champions, namely the winners of:

Africa	8 th Africa Cup for Nations
America	5 th Pan American Cup
Asia	9 th Women's Asian Cup
Europe	13 th EuroHockey Nations Championship
Oceania	10 th Women's Oceania Cup

3.3 Hockey World League

10 / 11 teams

- a The 10 highest placed teams in the Semi-Final tournaments of Hockey World League 2017 not qualified under 3.1 and 3.2 above.
- b If England is also the winners of the 13th EuroHockey Nations Championship, the 11 highest placed teams in the Hockey World League Semi-Finals 2017 not qualified under 3.1 and 3.2 above.
- c In a and b above, where the last place available is shared between teams that finish in the same position in the two different Hockey World League Semi-Final Events, the team to qualify will be that which has the highest FIH World Ranking current at the time of the completion of the latter of the two Semi-Finals. An example illustrating how this would work is shown at Appendix 1.
- d If a team qualifies from the Hockey World League Semi-Finals for the Hockey World Cup 2018 and withdraws from or does not enter its Continental Championships, it will forfeit its qualification for the 2018 Hockey World Cup, and vice-versa if the Continental Championship is played before the Hockey World League.

4. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places

If a National Association withdraws a qualified team, or if that qualification place is forfeited under 3.3d above, the qualification place will be reallocated to the highest placed team in the Hockey World League Semi-Finals 2017 not qualified under 3.1 and 3.2 above. Where two teams finish in the same position in the two different Hockey World League Semi-Final Events the principle of 3.3c above will apply, namely the qualification place will be offered to the team that has the highest FIH World Ranking at the time of the completion of the latter of the two Semi-Finals.




QUALIFICATION TIMELINE - WOMEN	
Date	Milestone
3 July 2015	FIH Executive Board Approves Qualification System
1 December 2016	Dates of Continental Championships confirmed
21 June / 2 July 2017	Fintro Hockey World League Semi-Final (Brussels, BEL)
8 / 23 July 2017	Hockey World League Semi-Final (Johannesburg, RSA)
5 / 13 August 2017	5 th Pan American Cup (Lancaster, USA)
18 / 27 August 2017	8 th Africa Cup of Nations (Johannesburg, RSA)
19 / 27 August 2017	13 th European Nations Championship (Amsterdam, NED)
9 / 15 October 2017	10 th Oceania Cup (Sydney, AUS)
28 October / 5 November 2017	8 th Asian Cup (Kakamigahara, JPN)
7 November 2017	Invitations to participate issued to qualified National Associations
17 November 2017	National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the 15 th Hockey World Cup 2018.
1 December 2017	FIH to reallocate any unused quota places
1 May 2018	Team Entry Forms issued to competing National Associations
7 July 2018	Team Entry Forms to be returned to FIH
21 July 2018	Start of 15 th Hockey World Cup (London, England)

Appendix 1

Determination of Qualification Place When 2 Teams Finish in Equal Positions

Rank	Semi-Final 1	Semi-Final 2
1	Team A	Team Z
2	Team B	Team Y
3	Team C	Team X
4	Team D	Team W
5	Team E	Team V
6	Team F	Team U
7	Team G	Team T
8	Team H	Team S
9	Team I	Team R
10	Team J	Team Q

Key

	Host
	Continental Champions
	Team Qualified for World Cup

Team S qualifies for the final place in the Hockey World Cup 2018 by virtue of having a higher FIH World Ranking than Team H

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