

## Qualification System for FIH Hockey Nations Cup 2 2026-27

### Women

The FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2 2026-27 will consist of 10 teams:

#### 1. The following teams are eligible to play in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2 2026-27

##### 1.1 Withdrawals

###### **1 team**

The team that withdrew from the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2025-26. This team is Scotland.

##### 1.2 FIH World Ranking

###### **9 teams**

The top 9 teams in the FIH World Ranking on 1st July 2026, not including the teams qualified to participate in the FIH Pro League Season 8, the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-27 and team listed under 1.1 above.

**Note 1: If the FIH does not find a suitable host from the 10 nations qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 by 1 August 2026, the FIH reserves the right to appoint an alternative host. In this case, the lowest world-ranked team on 1 July 2026 amongst those qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 will lose their quota.**

**Note 2: Similarly, if any team is moved from the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-2027 to the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2 2026-2027, the lowest world-ranked team on 1 July 2026 amongst those qualified under 1.1 and 1.2.**

**Note 3: Should the events of both Note 1 and Note 2 occur, then the two lowest world-ranked teams on 1 July 2026 amongst those qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 will lose their quotas.**

#### 2. Reallocation of Unused Places

2.1 If a National Association does not accept their invitation, or withdraws a qualified team, their place is offered to the next FIH World Ranked nation not yet qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 above.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE - WOMEN	
Date	Milestone
1 July 2026	The team that withdrew from the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2025-26 secures qualification
1 July 2026	Nine (9) teams, not participating in Pro League season 8, nor in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-27 secure qualification via the FIH World Ranking
2 July 2026	Invitations to participate issued to the eight (10) qualified National Associations considering the FIH World Ranking of 1 July 2026
9 July 2026	Invited National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-27
23 July 2026	National Association to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-27
1 August 2026	FIH to reallocate any unused quota places, if any for the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-27
1 August 2026	Deadline for FIH to confirm a host among the 10 eligible teams.
TBC	Deadline to register staff and players in TMS
TBC	Start of the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-27

## Men

The FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 2026-27 will consist of 10 teams:

### 1. The following teams are eligible to play in the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 2026-27

#### 1.1 Withdrawals

##### **1 team**

The team that withdrew from the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2025-26. This team is Wales.

#### 1.2 FIH World Ranking

##### **9 teams**

The top 9 teams in the FIH World Ranking on 1st July 2026, not including the teams qualified to participate in the FIH Pro League Season 8, the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2026-27 and team listed under 1.1 above.

**Note 1: If the FIH does not find a suitable host from the 10 nations qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 by 1 August 2026, the FIH reserves the right to appoint an alternative host. In this case, the lowest world-ranked team on 1 July 2026 amongst those qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 will lose their quota.**

**Note 2: Similarly, if any team is moved from the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2026-2027 to the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2 2026-2027, the lowest world-ranked team on 1 July 2026 amongst those qualified under 1.1 and 1.2.**

**Note 3: Should the events of both Note 1 and Note 2 occur, then the two lowest world-ranked teams on 1 July 2026 amongst those qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 will lose their quotas.**

### 2. Reallocation of Unused Places

2.1 If a National Association does not accept their invitation, or withdraws a qualified team, their place is offered to the next FIH World Ranked nation not yet qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 above.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE - MEN	
Date	Milestone
1 July 2026	The team that withdrew from the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2025-26 secures qualification
1 July 2026	Nine (9) teams, not participating in Pro League season 8, nor in the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2026-27 secure qualification via the FIH World Ranking
2 July 2026	Invitations to participate issued to the eight (10) qualified National Associations considering the FIH World Ranking of 1 July 2026
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