

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

### Women

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

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

##### 1.1 Pro League

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

The team relegated from the FIH Pro League Season 7.

##### 1.2 FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2025-26

###### **7 teams**

The 7 (seven) teams that played in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2025-26 and finished in the positions from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

##### 1.3 FIH World Ranking

###### **2 teams**

The 2 (two) highest ranked teams in the FIH World Ranking on 29 June 2026 not yet qualified under 1.1 and 1.2.

**Note 1: If the FIH does not find a suitable host from the 10 nations qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 by 1 August 2026, the FIH reserves the right to appoint an alternative host. In this case, the lowest world-ranked team on 29 June 2026 amongst those qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 will be moved to the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2.**

**Note 2: Scotland is not eligible to participate in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-27 due to the non-acceptance of their invitation to participate in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2025-26.**

#### 2. Reallocation of Unused Places

2.1 If a National Association does not accept their invitation to, or withdraws from the event, their place is offered to the highest-ranked team in the FIH World Ranking on 29 June 2026 not yet qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 above.

**Note: If a National Association does not accept their invitation, or withdraws from the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2026-27, they will not be eligible to participate in the FIH Hockey Women's Nations Cup 2027-28.**

### 3. Promotion to the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9

- 3.1 The winner of the FIH Hockey Women’s Nations Cup 2026-27 will be offered a place in the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9.
- 3.2 If the winner of the FIH Hockey Women’s Nations Cup 2026-27 does not accept their invitation to participate in the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9, their place is offered to the runner- up of the FIH Hockey Women’s Nations Cup 2026-27.
- 3.3 If both teams mentioned under 3.1 and 3.2 above do not accept their invitation to participate in the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9, the lowest ranked team from the FIH Pro League Season 9 will not be relegated.
- 3.4 If both teams mentioned under 3.1 and 3.2 above do not accept their invitation to participate in the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9, they will remain qualified to participate in the FIH Hockey Women’s Nations Cup 2027-28.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE - WOMEN	
Date	Milestone
21 June 2026	Teams finishing from 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> in the FIH Hockey Women’s Nations Cup 2025-2026 secure qualification
29 June 2026	End of FIH Pro League Season 7 and confirmation of the relegated team qualified to the FIH Hockey Women’s Nations Cup 2026-27
29 June 2026	The 2 (two) highest ranked teams in the FIH World Ranking not yet qualified under 1.1 and 1.2. secure qualification
30 June 2026	Invitations to participate are issued to the ten (10) qualified National Associations.
7 July 2026	Invited National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the FIH Hockey Women’s Nations Cup 2026-27
14 July 2026	FIH to reallocate any unused quota places, if any
1 August 2026	Deadline for FIH to confirm a host among the 10 eligible teams, if any.
xx xxxxxxxx 2026/2027	Deadline to register staff and players in TMS
xx xxxxxxxx 2026/2027	Start of FIH Hockey Women’s Nations Cup 2026-2027 (TBC, TBC)

## Men

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

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

#### 1.1 Pro League

##### **1 team**

The team relegated from the FIH Pro League Season 7.

#### 1.2 FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2025-26

##### **8 teams**

The 8 (eight) teams that played in the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2025-26 and finished in the positions from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### 1.3 FIH World Ranking

##### **1 team**

The highest ranked team in the FIH World Ranking on 29 June 2026 not yet qualified under 1.1 and 1.2.

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**Note 2: Wales is not eligible to participate in the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2026-27 due to the non-acceptance of their invitation to participate in the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2025-26.**

### 2. Reallocation of Unused Places

- 2.1 If a National Association does not accept their invitation, or withdraws from the event, their place is offered to the highest-ranked team in the FIH World Ranking on 29 June 2026 not yet qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 above.

**Note: If a National Association does not accept their invitation, or withdraws from the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2026-27, they will not be eligible to participate in the FIH Hockey Men's Nations Cup 2027-28.**

### 3. Promotion to the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 8

- 3.1 The winner of the FIH Hockey Men’s Nations Cup 2026-27 will be offered a place in the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9.
- 3.2 If the winner of the FIH Hockey Men’s Nations Cup 2026-27 does not accept their invitation to participate in the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9, their place is offered to the runner-up of the FIH Hockey Men’s Nations Cup 2026-27.
- 3.3 If both teams mentioned under 3.1 and 3.2 above do not accept their invitation to participate in the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9, the lowest ranked team from the FIH Pro League Season 8 will not be relegated.
- 3.4 If both teams mentioned under 3.1 and 3.2 above do not accept their invitation to participate in the FIH Hockey Pro League Season 9, they will remain qualified to participate in the FIH Hockey Men’s Nations Cup 2027-28.

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