



FIH  
**PARA HOCKEY  
WORLD CUP**  
BELGIUM & NETHERLANDS 2026

## **MEDIA KIT**

## ABOUT THE FIH PARA HOCKEY WORLD CUP BELGIUM & NETHERLANDS 2026

- **Dates:**
  - Opening ceremonies
    - 19 Aug – 13:30 (Myra Hockey Club, Amstelveen, Netherlands)
    - 19 Aug – 16:00 /Louvain-la-Neuve Hockey Club, Belgium)
  - Tournament: 20-24 August 2026 (*see match schedule on page 6*)
- **Venues:**
  - From 20 to 23 August: Myra Hockey Club and Louvain-la-Neuve Hockey Club
  - On 24 August: Wagener Stadium (Amstelveen, Netherlands) and Belfius Hockey Arena (Wavre, Belgium)
- **First-ever FIH Para Hockey World Cup** - a historic milestone for hockey!
- A symbol of the **diversity and inclusion** principles that are anchored in FIH's DNA and policies
- Teams involve **athletes with intellectual disabilities** (ID) and are **mixed-gender teams**
- **6-a-side** tournament format
- **Teams:**
  - Pool A – Belgium, Italy, Germany, France, Pakistan, Zambia, Ireland, USA
  - Pool B – Netherlands, Spain, Bulgaria, England, India, Malaysia, Chile, Argentina
- **Competition Officials:** The list of officials can be found at the following link: <https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-para-hockey-world-cup-belgium-netherlands-2026/officials>



## FIH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with immense pride and a profound sense of occasion that we welcome you to the inaugural FIH Para Hockey World Cup 2026. This event marks a historic milestone for our sport. For the first time, Para Hockey athletes will compete for the title of World Champions, showcasing not only their exceptional talent and determination, but also the values that make hockey a truly global and inclusive sport.

This tournament is the culmination of a remarkable journey. Over the past fourteen years, athletes, coaches, national associations, volunteers, families, and countless advocates have worked tirelessly to develop and strengthen Para Hockey around the world. The FIH Para Hockey World Cup stands as a testament to their efforts and to the growing recognition of the importance of providing meaningful opportunities for all athletes to compete, excel, and inspire.

The integration of this event within the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 reflects our commitment to inclusion and our belief that Para Hockey deserves a prominent place on the world stage. It sends a powerful message about our sport - one in which diversity is celebrated, barriers are broken down, and every athlete has the opportunity to realise their potential.

As teams compete in Amstelveen and Louvain-la-Neuve, before taking to the prestigious stages of the Wagener Stadium and Belfius Hockey Arena, they will create memories that will last a lifetime.

This World Cup is about more than winning medals or lifting trophies. It demonstrates the unique power of sport to unite people, challenge perceptions, and create lasting positive change.

To all athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, partners, and fans, thank you for being part of this historic occasion. Your contribution has helped make this moment possible and will help shape the future of Para Hockey for years to come.

We wish every participant an unforgettable experience and every spectator an inspiring tournament.

Together, let's live up to this historical moment.

Yours in Hockey,

**Tayyab Ikram**  
FIH President

Global  
Leadership Partner



Global  
Partners



Global  
Supplier



## KEY RESOURCES AND CONTACT

### EVENT WEBSITE

<https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-para-hockey-world-cup-belgium-netherlands-2026>

### SOCIAL MEDIA

The FIH will provide comprehensive coverage of the event via our social media channels, including [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#) and [YouTube](#).

### HASHTAG

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### LOGO

FIH Para Hockey World Cup logo: available for download [here](#).

### PHOTOS

FIH Para Hockey World Cup photos: available to media representatives for download on the following platform:

<https://fih-hockey.momentslab.com/> (note: you need to open an account; this is free)

### CONTACT

For all media queries relating to the event, please contact [media@fih.hockey](mailto:media@fih.hockey)

## COMPETITION FORMULA



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| POOL A        | POOL B      |
|---------------|-------------|
| BELGIUM       | NETHERLANDS |
| ITALY         | SPAIN       |
| GERMANY       | BULGARIA    |
| FRANCE        | ENGLAND     |
| PAKISTAN      | INDIA       |
| ZAMBIA        | MALAYSIA    |
| IRELAND       | CHILE       |
| UNITED STATES | ARGENTINA   |

### POOL STAGE

20-23 AUGUST 2026

**Opening Match on 20 August**

16 teams, 2 pools of 8 teams, 56 matches in total

Ranking in the pools will define the medal matches  
1A vs 1B (gold) 2A vs 2B (bronze)

Remaining teams will be playing classification matches in  
the countries where they started

### MEDAL MATCHES & CLASSIFICATION MATCHES 5th-16th

24 AUGUST 2026

**CLASSIFICATION MATCH 13th - 16th**

7th POOL A

 vs 
 

8th POOL A

7th POOL B

 vs 
 

8th POOL B

The winners of these matches will be sharing the 13th position and the losers will be sharing the 15th position

**CLASSIFICATION MATCH 9th - 12th**

5th POOL A

 vs 
 

6th POOL A

5th POOL B

 vs 
 

6th POOL B

The winners of these matches will be sharing the 9th position and the losers will be sharing the 11th position

**CLASSIFICATION MATCH 5th - 8th**

3rd POOL A

 vs 
 

4th POOL A

3rd POOL B

 vs 
 

4th POOL B

The winners of these matches will be sharing the 5th position and the losers will be sharing the 7th position

**BRONZE**

2nd POOL A

 vs 
 

2nd POOL B

**FINAL**

1st POOL A

 vs 
 

1st POOL B



## MATCH SCHEDULE

FIH  
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20 - 24 AUGUST 2026

POOL A

POOL B

BELGIUM

ITALY

GERMANY

FRANCE

PAKISTAN

ZAMBIA

IRELAND

UNITED STATES

NETHERLANDS

SPAIN

BULGARIA

ENGLAND

INDIA

MALAYSIA

CHILE

ARGENTINA

## BELGIUM

| DATE             | N° | POOL  | PITCH | TIME  | MATCHES       |                  |
|------------------|----|-------|-------|-------|---------------|------------------|
| 20 AUG           | 1  | A     | 1     | 10:00 | BELGIUM       | vs UNITED STATES |
| Louvain-la-Neuve | 3  | A     | 2     | 10:15 | ITALY         | vs IRELAND       |
| HC               | 5  | A     | 1     | 11:15 | GERMANY       | vs ZAMBIA        |
|                  | 7  | A     | 2     | 11:30 | FRANCE        | vs PAKISTAN      |
|                  | 9  | A     | 1     | 15:00 | BELGIUM       | vs IRELAND       |
|                  | 10 | A     | 2     | 15:00 | ITALY         | vs ZAMBIA        |
|                  | 13 | A     | 1     | 16:15 | GERMANY       | vs PAKISTAN      |
|                  | 14 | A     | 2     | 16:15 | FRANCE        | vs UNITED STATES |
| 21 AUG           | 17 | A     | 1     | 10:00 | GERMANY       | vs FRANCE        |
| Louvain-la-Neuve | 18 | A     | 2     | 10:00 | IRELAND       | vs UNITED STATES |
| HC               | 21 | A     | 1     | 11:15 | BELGIUM       | vs ZAMBIA        |
|                  | 22 | A     | 2     | 11:15 | ITALY         | vs PAKISTAN      |
|                  | 25 | A     | 1     | 15:00 | GERMANY       | vs UNITED STATES |
|                  | 26 | A     | 2     | 15:00 | ZAMBIA        | vs IRELAND       |
|                  | 29 | A     | 1     | 16:15 | ITALY         | vs FRANCE        |
|                  | 30 | A     | 2     | 16:15 | BELGIUM       | vs PAKISTAN      |
| 22 AUG           | 33 | A     | 1     | 10:00 | ITALY         | vs UNITED STATES |
| Louvain-la-Neuve | 34 | A     | 2     | 10:00 | BELGIUM       | vs GERMANY       |
| HC               | 37 | A     | 1     | 11:15 | FRANCE        | vs IRELAND       |
|                  | 38 | A     | 2     | 11:15 | PAKISTAN      | vs ZAMBIA        |
|                  | 41 | A     | 1     | 15:00 | FRANCE        | vs ZAMBIA        |
|                  | 42 | A     | 2     | 15:00 | UNITED STATES | vs PAKISTAN      |
|                  | 45 | A     | 1     | 16:15 | BELGIUM       | vs ITALY         |
|                  | 46 | A     | 2     | 16:15 | GERMANY       | vs IRELAND       |
| 23 AUG           | 49 | A     | 1     | 10:00 | PAKISTAN      | vs IRELAND       |
| Louvain-la-Neuve | 50 | A     | 2     | 10:00 | ZAMBIA        | vs UNITED STATES |
| HC               | 53 | A     | 1     | 11:15 | ITALY         | vs GERMANY       |
|                  | 54 | A     | 2     | 11:15 | BELGIUM       | vs FRANCE        |
| 24 AUG           | 59 | 13/16 | 2     | 12:55 | 7th POOL A    | vs 8th POOL A    |
| Wavre Stadium    | 60 | 9/12  | 1     | 12:55 | 5th POOL A    | vs 6th POOL A    |
|                  | 63 | 5/8   | 2     | 19:05 | 3rd POOL A    | vs 4th POOL A    |
|                  | 64 | Final | 1     | 19:05 | 1st POOL A    | vs 1st POOL B    |

## NETHERLANDS

| DATE            | N° | POOL   | PITCH | TIME  | MATCHES     |               |
|-----------------|----|--------|-------|-------|-------------|---------------|
| 20 AUG          | 2  | B      | 1     | 10:00 | NETHERLANDS | vs ARGENTINA  |
| Myra HC         | 4  | B      | 2     | 10:15 | SPAIN       | vs CHILE      |
|                 | 6  | B      | 1     | 11:15 | BULGARIA    | vs MALAYSIA   |
|                 | 8  | B      | 2     | 11:30 | ENGLAND     | vs INDIA      |
|                 | 11 | B      | 1     | 15:00 | NETHERLANDS | vs CHILE      |
|                 | 12 | B      | 2     | 15:00 | SPAIN       | vs MALAYSIA   |
|                 | 15 | B      | 1     | 16:15 | BULGARIA    | vs INDIA      |
|                 | 16 | B      | 2     | 16:15 | ENGLAND     | vs ARGENTINA  |
| 21 AUG          | 19 | B      | 1     | 10:00 | BULGARIA    | vs ENGLAND    |
| Myra HC         | 20 | B      | 2     | 10:00 | CHILE       | vs ARGENTINA  |
|                 | 23 | B      | 1     | 11:15 | NETHERLANDS | vs MALAYSIA   |
|                 | 24 | B      | 2     | 11:15 | SPAIN       | vs INDIA      |
|                 | 27 | B      | 1     | 15:00 | BULGARIA    | vs ARGENTINA  |
|                 | 28 | B      | 2     | 15:00 | MALAYSIA    | vs CHILE      |
|                 | 31 | B      | 1     | 16:15 | SPAIN       | vs ENGLAND    |
|                 | 32 | B      | 2     | 16:15 | NETHERLANDS | vs INDIA      |
| 22 AUG          | 35 | B      | 1     | 10:00 | SPAIN       | vs ARGENTINA  |
| Myra HC         | 36 | B      | 2     | 10:00 | NETHERLANDS | vs BULGARIA   |
|                 | 39 | B      | 1     | 11:15 | ENGLAND     | vs CHILE      |
|                 | 40 | B      | 2     | 11:15 | INDIA       | vs MALAYSIA   |
|                 | 43 | B      | 1     | 15:00 | ENGLAND     | vs MALAYSIA   |
|                 | 44 | B      | 2     | 15:00 | ARGENTINA   | vs INDIA      |
|                 | 47 | B      | 1     | 16:15 | NETHERLANDS | vs SPAIN      |
|                 | 48 | B      | 2     | 16:15 | BULGARIA    | vs CHILE      |
| 23 AUG          | 51 | B      | 1     | 10:00 | INDIA       | vs CHILE      |
| Myra HC         | 52 | B      | 2     | 10:00 | MALAYSIA    | vs ARGENTINA  |
|                 | 55 | B      | 1     | 11:15 | SPAIN       | vs BULGARIA   |
|                 | 56 | B      | 2     | 11:15 | NETHERLANDS | vs ENGLAND    |
| 24 AUG          | 57 | 13/16  | 2     | 11:25 | 7th POOL B  | vs 8th POOL B |
| Wagener Stadium | 58 | 9/12   | 1     | 11:25 | 5th POOL B  | vs 6th POOL B |
|                 | 61 | 5/8    | 2     | 16:55 | 3rd POOL B  | vs 4th POOL B |
|                 | 62 | Bronze | 1     | 16:55 | 2nd POOL A  | vs 2nd POOL B |

20 - 24 AUGUST 2026

POOL A

POOL B

BELGIUM  
ITALY  
GERMANY  
FRANCE  
PAKISTAN  
ZAMBIA  
IRELAND  
UNITED STATES

NETHERLANDS  
SPAIN  
BULGARIA  
ENGLAND  
INDIA  
MALAYSIA  
CHILE  
ARGENTINA