

## Qualification Criteria for FIH Indoor Hockey World Cups 2029

### WOMEN

The FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup 2029 will consist of one Women's tournament with 12 countries.

#### 1. Qualification System

Each continent will be represented in the FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup tournament by at least one of its countries, irrespective of whether or not a qualification tournament is held.

The following teams are entitled to take part in the FIH Indoor Hockey Women World Cup 2029:

##### 1.1 Host Nation **1 quota**

The host nation of the FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup shall be automatically qualified.

##### 1.2 Continental Qualifications **5 quotas**

Five (5) Indoor Hockey Continental Champions, except that if the host nation is also the Continental Champion; the 2nd placed team in that Indoor Hockey Continental Championship will qualify automatically.

##### 1.3 Teams Qualified via quotas awarded following the FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup 2025 **6 quotas**

The Top 6 teams in the FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup 2025 will grant an additional quota to their respective Continental Federations, not to a specific team. The Teams that will fill these additional quotas will also come from the Continental Championships.

- Based on the top 6 teams in the 2025 FIH Women's Indoor World Cup being:
  1. Poland (EuroHockey)
  2. Austria (EuroHockey)
  3. Czechia (EuroHockey)
  4. Germany (EuroHockey)
  5. Belgium (EuroHockey)
  6. Namibia (AfHF)

Therefore

- Europe is awarded 5 additional quotas, to be filled by the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teams in the EuroHockey Women's Indoor Championship 2028
- Africa is awarded 1 additional quota, to be filled by the 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the Women's Indoor Africa Cup 2028
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## 2. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places

- a) If a National Association qualified via the Continental Championship does not accept their invitation, or withdraws a qualified team, their place is offered to the next placed nation from their Continental Championship, not already qualified under 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 above. If this nation also cannot accept the invitation, then the next placed nation from that same CF is offered it, and so on until all nations from that CF who participated in the CF Championships or qualification process have been invited. If all of the nations as mentioned above decline the invitation, then the invitation would be extended to the CF with the highest ranking on the FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup 2025 not already qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.
- b) If a National Association qualified under 1.3 does not accept their invitation, or withdraws, their place is offered to the next placed CF in the FIH Indoor Hockey World Women's Cup 2025 being:
7. United States (PAHF)
  8. Thailand (AHF)
  9. South Africa (AfHF)
  10. Australia (OHF)
  11. New Zealand (OHF)
  12. Croatia (EuroHockey)

If the first reserve nation of this CF also cannot accept the invitation, then the next placed Continent in the FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup 2025 is offered it, and so on until all CFs listed above have been invited. If the first reserve from all CFs mentioned above decline the invitation, then the invitation would be extended to the CF with the highest ranking on the FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup 2025 not already qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

**Example:** If one of the 6 teams from Europe that qualified via the Continental Championship or via the FIH Hockey Women's Indoor World Cup 2025 reject the invitation and no other European team that participated in the European Qualifiers accept the invitation, the quota will go to PAHF, as United States was the 7<sup>th</sup> team ranked in the and FIH Hockey Women's Indoor World Cup 2025.

Qualification Timeline - Women	
April 2026	FIH Executive Board approves qualification process
February 2028	EuroHockey Women's Indoor Championships 2028
TBC	Women's Indoor Africa Cup 2028
TBC	Women's Indoor Asia Cup 2028
TBC	Indoor Women's Oceania Cup 2028
TBC	Indoor Women's Pan American Championship 2028
TBC	Invitations to participate issued to qualified National Associations
TBC	National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup 2029
TBC	FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup (February 2029)

## MEN

The FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2029 will consist of one Men's tournament with 12 countries.

### 1. Qualification System

Each continent will be represented in the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup tournament by at least one of its countries, irrespective of whether or not a qualification tournament is held.

The following teams are entitled to take part in the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2029:

#### 1.1 Host Nation **1 quota**

The host nation of the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup shall be automatically qualified.

#### 1.2 Continental Qualifications **5 quotas**

Five (5) Indoor Hockey Continental Champions, except that if the host nation is also the Continental Champion; the 2nd placed team in that Indoor Hockey Continental Championship will qualify automatically.

#### 1.3 Teams Qualified via quotas awarded following the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2025 **6 quotas**

The Top 6 teams in the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2025 will grant an additional quota to their respective Continental Federations, not to a specific team. The Teams that will fill these additional quotas will also come from the Continental Championships.

- Based on the top 6 teams in the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup being:
  1. Germany (EuroHockey)
  2. Austria (EuroHockey)
  3. South Africa (AfHF)
  4. Belgium (EuroHockey)
  5. Poland (EuroHockey)
  6. Australia (OHF)

Therefore

- Europe is awarded 4 additional quotas, to be filled by the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> teams in the EuroHockey Men's Indoor Championship 2028
- Africa is awarded 1 additional quota, to be filled by the 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the Men's Indoor Africa Cup 2028
- Oceania is awarded 1 additional quota, to be filled by the 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the Men's Indoor Oceania Cup 2028

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- a) If a National Association qualified via the Continental Championship does not accept their invitation, or withdraws a qualified team, their place is offered to the next placed nation from their Continental Championship, not already qualified under 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 above. If this nation also cannot accept the invitation, then the next placed nation from that same CF is offered it, and so on until all nations from that CF who participated in the CF Championships or qualification process have been invited. If all of the nations as mentioned above decline the invitation, then the invitation would be extended to the CF with the highest ranking on the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2025 not already qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.
- b) If a National Association qualified under 1.3 does not accept their invitation, or withdraws, their place is offered to the next placed CF in the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2025 being:
7. Iran (AHF)
  8. Namibia (AfHF)
  9. Croatia (EuroHockey)
  10. Argentina (PAHF)
  11. Malaysia (AHF)
  12. Trinidad & Tobago (PAHF)

If the first reserve nation of this CF also cannot accept the invitation, then the next placed Continent in the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2025 is offered it, and so on until all CFs listed above have been invited. If the first reserve from the CFs mentioned above decline the invitation, then the invitation would be extended to the CF with the highest ranking on the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2025 not already qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

**Example:** If one of the 5 teams from Europe that qualified via the Continental Championship or via the FIH Hockey Men's Indoor World Cup 2025 reject the invitation and no other European team that participated in the European Qualifiers accept the invitation, the quota will go to AHF, as Iran was the 6<sup>th</sup> team ranked in the and FIH Hockey Men's Indoor World Cup 2025.

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