

Qualification Criteria for FIH Indoor Hockey World Cups 2025

WOMEN

The FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup 2025 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 2025:

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 2023 **6 quotas**

The Top 6 teams in the FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup 2023 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 2023 FIH Women's Indoor World Cup being:
 1. Netherlands (EuroHockey)
 2. Austria (EuroHockey)
 3. Czech Republic (EuroHockey)
 4. South Africa (AfHF)
 5. Belgium (EuroHockey)
 6. Ukraine (EuroHockey)

Therefore

- Europe are awarded 5 additional quotas, to be filled by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th teams in the EuroHockey Women's Indoor Championship 2024
- Africa are awarded 1 additional quota, to be filled by the 2nd team in the Women's Indoor Africa Cup 2024

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 2023 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 2023 being:
7. Australia (OHF)
 8. Canada (PAHF)
 9. United States (PAHF)
 10. Kazakhstan (AHF)
 11. New Zealand (OHF)
 12. Namibia (AfHF)

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 2023 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 2023 not already qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

Qualification Timeline - Women	
June 2023	FIH Executive Board approves qualification process
8 – 11 February 2024	EuroHockey Women's Indoor Championships 2024
TBC	Women's Indoor Africa Cup 2024
TBC	Women's Indoor Asia Cup 2024
TBC	Indoor Women's Oceania Cup
18 – 22 March 2024	Indoor Women's Pan American Championship
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 2025
TBC	Team Entry Forms issued to competing National Associations
TBC	Team Entry Forms to be returned to FIH
TBC	FIH Indoor Hockey Women's World Cup (February 2025)

MEN

The FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2025 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 2025:

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 2023 **6 quotas**

The Top 6 teams in the FIH Indoor Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 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. Austria (EuroHockey)
 2. Netherlands ((EuroHockey)
 3. Iran (AHF)
 4. United States (PAHF)
 5. Belgium (EuroHockey)
 6. South Africa (AfHF)

Therefore

- Europe are awarded 3 additional quotas, to be filled by the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th teams in the EuroHockey Men's Indoor Championship 2024
- Africa are awarded 1 additional quota, to be filled by the 2nd team in the Men's Indoor Africa Cup 2024
- Asia are awarded 1 additional quota, to be filled by the 2nd team in the Men's Indoor Asia Cup 2024

- Pan America are awarded 1 additional quota, to be filled by the 2nd team in the Men's Indoor Pan American Championships 2024

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 Men's World Cup 2023 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 2023 being:
 7. Argentina (PAHF)
 8. Namibia (AfHF)
 9. Czech Republic (EuroHockey)
 10. Kazakhstan (AHF)
 11. Australia (OHF)
 12. New Zealand (OHF)

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 2023 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 2023 not already qualified under 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3.

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