

## Qualification System for FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup 2021 – amended September 2021

The FIH Indoor Hockey World Cups 2021 will consist of one Men’s tournament with 12 countries and of one Women’s tournament with 12 countries. The competition will be played as a 2 pool (6 teams) with classification matches format.

### 1 Qualification System

Each continent will be represented in each of the respective Men’s and Women’s FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup tournaments 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 World Cup for Men and Women:

#### 1.1 Host Nation 1 quota

The host nation of the Indoor 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 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team in that Indoor Hockey Continental Championship will qualify automatically.

#### 1.3 Qualified Teams 6 quotas

The other 6 teams qualify via the respective Continental Federations’ Indoor Hockey Championships based upon ranking from the Continental ranking of the most recent FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup (2018). Ranking is defined as follows –

The method of ranking between Continental Federations is based upon the results of the previous Indoor World Cup. By this method a Continental Federation attains rankings for its member countries (National Associations). Places obtained for these rankings are filled by nations based upon the results of the respective Continental Federation Indoor Hockey Championships. Thus a team’s result in the previous Indoor Hockey World Cup secures a place for a team from the same Continent but that place is decided by results in the Continental Indoor Hockey Championships that precedes the FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup.

#### Final Rankings 2018 (Men)

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
AUT	GER	IRI	AUS	CZE	BEL	POL	SUI	RUS	TTO	RSA	KAZ

#### Final Rankings 2015 (Women)

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.
GER	NED	BLR	UKR	SUI	AUS	CZE	POL	NAM	USA	RUS	KAZ

## 1.4 Teams Qualified by Continental Federation

Based upon the above criteria the following teams qualify for the FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup 2021:

Host	To be advised
Africa:	Continental Champion*
Asia:	Continental Champion*
Europe:	Continental Champion*
Oceania:	Continental Champion*
Pan America:	Continental Champion*

\* Or 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team if Host is also Continental Champion

## 1.5 Quotas

6 teams from the following CFs highlighted in yellow based upon final rankings from 5<sup>th</sup> FIH Indoor Hockey World Cups 2018.

	Men	Women
1	EUR	EUR
2	EUR	EUR
3	ASI	EUR
4	OCE	EUR
5	EUR	EUR
6	EUR	OCE
7	EUR	EUR
8	EUR	EUR
9	EUR	AFR
10	PAN	PAN
11	AFR	EUR
12	ASI	ASI

6 CF Quotas (Men): Europe 4, Asia 1, Oceania 1

6 CF Quotas (Women) Europe 5, Oceania 1

If a qualified team does not accept its invitation to participate the next ranked team from the respective continental championship shall be invited in its place.

If a Continental Federation is unable to nominate a team to fill its quota, the reserve teams will be invited from Continents with less teams already qualified. Invitations to Continental representatives will be made in order based upon the rankings from the previous FIH Indoor World Cup, as stated below:

Men: 1. PAN 2. AFR 3. ASI

Women: 1. AFR 2. PAN 3. ASI

The teams invited will be the next unqualified team from the respective Continent based on the results of their most recent Indoor Continental Championship.

This allocation of reserve teams was amended from the previously published criteria following the FIH Executive Board’s decision, due to the force majeure situation after the withdrawal of Australia and New Zealand subsequent to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related government travel restrictions.

## 2 Timelines

Date	Milestone
September 2019	Qualification System approved by FIH Competitions Committee
November 2019	Qualification System approved by FIH Executive Board
November 2019	Continental Federations Advised by FIH
1 February 2020	Dates of CF Qualification Tournaments advised to and approved by FIH
31 August 2020	Completion of Continental Qualification Tournaments
July 2019	Asian Indoor Cup
April 2021	African Indoor Cup
January 2020	European Nations Indoor Cup
NA	Oceania Indoor Qualification Tournament
June 2020	Pan American Indoor Cup