

International Hockey Federation (FIH)

EVENTS

12-team tournament for men

12-team tournament for women

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

Athlete quota: 192 men (12 teams of 16 players each)
 192 women (12 teams of 16 players each)
 Total of 384 athletes

Maximum per NOC: 1 men's team of 16 players and 1 women's team of 16 players

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

1. MEN

The following teams are entitled to take part in the Olympic Tournament for Men:

1.1 Host Nation – China 1 vacancy

The host nation of the Olympic Games shall be automatically qualified.

1.2 Continental Qualifications 8 vacancies

- (i) Five (5) continental champions, namely:
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| Africa | 9 th All Africa Games (men's hockey competition) |
| America | 15 th Pan American Games (men's hockey competition) |
| Asia | 15 th Asian Games (men's hockey competition) |
| Europe | 11 th European Nations Championship for Men |
| Oceania | 5 th Men's Oceania Cup |
- (ii) Three (3) teams or four (4) teams (depending upon whether the host nation is a continental champion) also to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i) above.

[Three (3) or four (4) quotas will be allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Men's World Cup, 2006 (18 September 2006)].

1.3 Olympic Qualification tournaments 3 vacancies

To make a total of 12 teams participating in the men's Olympic Tournament, the FIH will organise three (3) Olympic Qualification tournaments each comprising

of up to 6 nations in which three (3) vacancies will be decided. The winner of each Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Games.

Period: To be played in the period 1 November 2007 – 30 April 2008.

Locations: To be confirmed

Participants: Eighteen (18) teams to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments.

[Eighteen (18) quotas will be allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Men's World Cup, 2006 (18 September 2006)].

Maximum per NOC: 1 men's team

Host: The nations to take part in the qualifying tournaments will automatically include the respective host countries of the respective qualifying tournaments and will be allocated one of the Continental Federation quotas.

Reserves: The next highest ranked nation(s) in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the time of withdrawal shall determine the reserve country(ies) in the event of a withdrawal by a qualified team.

2. WOMEN

The following teams are entitled to take part in the Olympic Tournament for women:

2.1 Host Nation – China 1 vacancy

The host nation of the Olympic Games shall be automatically qualified.

2.2 Continental Qualifications 8 vacancies

(i) Five (5) continental champions, namely:

Africa	9 th All Africa Games (women's hockey competition)
America	15 th Pan American Games (women's hockey competition)
Asia	15 th Asian Games (women's hockey competition)
Europe	8 th European Nations Championship for Women
Oceania	5 th Women's Oceania Cup.

(ii) Three (3) or four (4) teams (depending upon whether the host nation is a continental champion) also to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i) above.

[Three (3) or four (4) quotas will be allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Women's World Cup, 2006 (8 October 2006)].

2.3 Olympic Qualification tournaments 3 vacancies

To make a total of 12 teams participating in the women's Olympic Tournament, the FIH will organise three (3) Olympic Qualification tournaments each comprising of 6 nations in which three (3) vacancies will be decided. The winner of each Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Games.

- Period: To be played in the period 1 November 2007 – 30 April 2008.
- Locations: To be confirmed
- Participants: Eighteen (18) teams to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments.
[Eighteen (18) quotas will be allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Women's World Cup, 2006 (8 October 2006)].
- Maximum per NOC: 1 women's team
- Host: The nations to take part in the qualifying tournaments will automatically include the respective host countries of the respective qualifying tournaments and will be allocated one of the CONTINENTAL FEDERATION quotas.
- Reserves: The next highest ranked nation(s) in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the time of withdrawal shall determine the reserve country(ies) in the event of a withdrawal by a qualified team.

PRELIMINARY ENTRY FOR OLYMPIC HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS

All qualifications, either for the Olympic Tournament, or for the qualifying competitions for this tournament, will be conditional upon the preliminary entry for the hockey competition in the XXIXth Olympic Games from the respective NOCs of the countries concerned being received by the F.I.H. prior to the start of the Olympic Qualification tournaments.

SPECIFICATIONS – GREAT BRITAIN

Since Great Britain cannot take part in either the World Cup or the World Cup Qualifier, the British Olympic Association has selected, and the FIH accepted, England as its representative in these events.

The results of English team will thus be taken into consideration in determining whether Great Britain will qualify (and, if so, take part as Great Britain) for either the respective men's and women's hockey tournaments in the XXIX Olympic Games or for the respective men's and women's Olympic qualifying competitions.

QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

02/14 December 2006	15 th Asian Games, Doha (QAT)
14/29 July 2007	15 th Pan American Games, Rio De Janeiro (BRA)
September, 2007	9 th All Africa Games, Algiers (ALG)
To be confirmed – 2007	11 th European Nations Championship for Men
To be confirmed – 2007	9 th European Nations Championship for Women
To be confirmed – 2007	5 th Oceania Cups (Men and Women)
To be confirmed – 2007	Olympic Qualifying Tournaments for Men
To be confirmed - 2007	Olympic Qualifying Tournaments for Women

30 April 2008
23 July 2008

NFs/NOCs to confirm their participation to FIH
Deadline for Beijing 2008 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by NOCs

DATES / PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

At the conclusion of the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments the FIH will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the National Association and NOC of each qualified team within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the competition.

Upon receipt of confirmation of qualification to the Olympic hockey tournament from the FIH, the National Association and NOC must confirm their participation in the Olympic competition within fourteen (14) working days in writing to the FIH.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

If an NF/NOC withdraws a qualified team, the qualification place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked nation in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the time of withdrawal.