



QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXIII OLYMPIAD – PARIS 2024

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FEDERATION (FIH)

HOCKEY

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's events (1)	Women's events (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Hockey:

	Quota places	Host country quota places	Total
Men	176 (11 teams)	16 (1 team)*	192 (12 teams)
Women	176 (11 teams)	16 (1 team)*	192 (12 teams)
Total	352 (22 teams)	32 (2 teams)*	384 (24 teams)

* Subject to the host country teams being selected by their National Olympic Committee

B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC):

	Quota places per NOC
Men	16 (1 team)
Women	16 (1 team)
Total	32 (2 teams)

B.3. Type of allocation of quota places:

Quota places are allocated to the National Olympic Committee NOC(s).

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

C.1. Compliance with the Olympic Charter and other relevant rules:

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).



Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of the International Hockey Federation, may participate in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

D.1. QUOTA PLACES

Men and Women

Number of quota places per gender	Qualification events
1 team	Host country The host country of the Olympic Games shall be allocated one quota place.
5 teams	Continental Qualifications The winner of each of the five (5) continental championships, of the below competitions will earn one (1) quota place for their NOC: African Hockey Road to Paris 2023 Pan American Games 2023 Asian Games 2022 EuroHockey Championship 2023 Oceania Cup 2023 Should the host country, also win the EuroHockey Championship 2023, the second placed nation does not subsequently qualify and the quota place will be allocated to the Olympic Qualification Tournaments below.
6 teams	FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments There will be 2 (two) FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments, consisting of eight (8) teams each (16 teams in total), held in early 2024. The tournament format will be the same as that used in the FIH Nations Cup, with two (2) pools of four (4), then semi-finals and a final. The top three (3) teams in each of these tournaments will earn one (1) quota place for their NOC. If the host country, is the highest placed in the EuroHockey Championships, then a 7th quota place will be available in the Olympic Qualification Tournaments. This will be offered to the highest ranked of the two (2) teams who finish 4th in the Olympic Qualification Tournaments, at midnight on the final day of the second tournament to finish. The teams invited to participate in these tournaments will be based on continental quotas, determined by the number of nations from each continent who are World Ranked in the top 22 Olympic eligible nations on 31 January 2023.



	<p><i>Note: as Great Britain take part in the Olympics, only 1 British nation, England, will be considered as part of the quotas. Scotland and Wales will not, and therefore if either are also ranked in the top 22 of the World Rankings, then the nations ranked down to 23 or 24 will be used to calculate the quotas.</i></p> <p>From these 22 quotas, the continents of the six (6) nations already qualified will be removed, leaving 16 continental quotas. These 16 continental quotas would be filled by the highest finishing nations in each continental championship who have not already qualified for Paris 2024.</p> <p>Should any nation not accept their invitation to participate in the qualifying tournament, the next reserve nation will be invited. The reserve nations are determined using the same continental quota system as above, and not by replacing a nation with the next nation in that particular continent. Therefore, the nation from the continent with an eligible team ranked 23rd in the FIH World Rankings on January 31, 2023, will be the first reserve.</p> <p>The continental quotas, including reserves, will be published on February 1st, 2023. The snake system will be used to allocate the 16 nations into the two Olympic Qualification Tournaments, as shown below.</p> <p>Snake system</p> <p>Ranking order of 16 teams in Olympic Qualification Tournaments</p> <table data-bbox="448 1081 986 1149"> <tr> <td>Tournament A</td> <td>1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tournament B</td> <td>2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Note: If the 2 hosts are allocated by the snake system to participate in the same tournament, then one of the hosts will be swapped into the other tournament with the equivalent ranked team allocated to the other tournament.</i></p>	Tournament A	1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16	Tournament B	2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15
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D.2. HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country is guaranteed two (2) quota places, one (1) per gender, on the basis that both teams have satisfied the FIH criteria of achieving a ranking of 25 or better in the FIH World Rankings since the end of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

E.1. CONFIRMATION OF QUOTA PLACES

Following each Continental Championship and Olympic Qualification Tournaments, FIH will publish the results on its [website](#).

Within 14 days after the completion of the last Olympic Qualification Tournament, FIH will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the NOC and National Association of each qualified team.



The NOCs will then have a further 14 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph H. **Qualification Timeline.**

E.2. CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The host country must confirm in writing to FIH by 1 September 2023 the use of its host country places.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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F.1.1. Continental Qualifications

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team in that continental championship, provided that the team is ranked 25th or better of the Olympic eligible nations in the FIH World Rankings at the end of the 2022/23 Continental Championships. If the team has a ranking of 26th or worse, the quota place will be allocated as below for the Olympic Qualification Tournaments.

F.1.2. FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be allocated to the next highest placed nation in the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments, not already invited. If there are 2 nations with the same position from the two (2) tournaments (for example, the two 4th placed nations), then the quota place will be offered to the nation with the highest FIH World Ranking at midnight on the final day of the second FIH Olympic Qualification Tournament to finish.

F.2. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused host country place(s) will be reallocated to the highest ranked nation from the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments, not already invited. If there are two (2) nations with the same position from the two (2) tournaments (for example, the two 4th placed nations), then the quota place will be offered to the nation with the highest FIH World Ranking at midnight on the final day of the second FIH Olympic Qualification Tournament to finish.

G. AP ATHLETES

Definition:

Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the “Ap” category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as “Aa”) as described in the Ap accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC Accreditation Guide. These personnel are not part of the athlete quota as described



in paragraph **B. Quota Places**. Ap alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/Paris 2024 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

Eligibility:

Ap athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to three (3) Ap athletes. In order for a team to be eligible for all three (3) Ap athletes, one (1) of the quotas must be used for a reserve goalkeeper.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
December 2021	FIH Executive Board approves draft Qualification System
30 March 2022	IOC Executive Board approves draft Qualification System
1 February 2023	Continental quotas, including reserves, for the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments confirmed
10 – 13 August 2023	Oceania Cup, Whangerei (NZL)
18 – 27 August 2023	EuroHockey Nations Championship, Monchengladbach (GER)
23 September – 8 October 2023	19 th Asian Games, Hangzhou, (CHN)
25 October – 4 November 2023	19 th Pan American Games, Santiago (CHI)
29 October – 5 November 2023	African Road to Paris 2024, Johannesburg (RSA)
6 November 2023	FIH World Ranking to be used to allocate teams in the Pools for the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments
6 November 2023	Teams, dates and venues for FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments confirmed
14 – 21 January 2024 (TBC)	FIH Olympic Qualification tournaments, TBC
Within five days after the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments	FIH to confirm in writing to the NOCs the quota places obtained.
Two weeks after the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments	The NOCs to confirm to FIH the use of the allocated quota places.
Within five days after each previous step	FIH to reallocate all unused quota places.
8 July 2024	Paris 2024 Sport Entries deadline
26 July – 11 August 2024	Olympic Games Paris 2024