

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:

Africa	Africa Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament
America	15 th Pan American Games (men's hockey competition)
Asia	15 th Asian Games (men's hockey competition)
Europe	11 th EuroHockey Nations Championship for Men
Oceania	5 th Men's Oceania Cup

(ii) Three (3) teams also to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i) above on the basis that China is not also the Continental Champion.

The three (3) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Men's World Cup, 2006 are as follows:

Europe	2 quotas
Asia	1 quota

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:	Auckland (NZL), Santiago (CHI) and Kakamigahara (JPN)										
Participants:	Eighteen (18) teams to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments. The eighteen (18) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Men's World Cup, 2006 are as follows: <table> <tr> <td>Africa</td> <td>1 quota</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asia</td> <td>4 quotas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Europe</td> <td>8 quotas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oceania</td> <td>1 quota</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pan America</td> <td>4 quotas</td> </tr> </table>	Africa	1 quota	Asia	4 quotas	Europe	8 quotas	Oceania	1 quota	Pan America	4 quotas
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Oceania	1 quota										
Pan America	4 quotas										
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	Africa Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament
America	15 th Pan American Games (women's hockey competition)
Asia	15 th Asian Games (women's hockey competition)
Europe	8 th Women's EuroHockey Nations Championship
Oceania	5 th Women's Oceania Cup.

(ii) Four (4) teams also to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i) above on the basis that China is qualified both as host and Continental Champion.

The four (4) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Women's World Cup, 2006 are as follows:

Europe	2 quotas
Asia	1 quota
Oceania	1 quota

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 – 15 May 2008.										
Locations:	Baku (AZE), Kazan (RUS) and Victoria (CAN)										
Participants:	Eighteen (18) teams to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments. The eighteen (18) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Women's World Cup, 2006 are as follows: <table> <tr> <td>Africa</td> <td>1 quota</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asia</td> <td>4 quotas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Europe</td> <td>8 quotas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oceania</td> <td>Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pan America</td> <td>5 quotas</td> </tr> </table>	Africa	1 quota	Asia	4 quotas	Europe	8 quotas	Oceania	Nil	Pan America	5 quotas
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Asia	4 quotas										
Europe	8 quotas										
Oceania	Nil										
Pan America	5 quotas										
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 FIH 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 the 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

2 - 14 December 2006	15 th Asian Games, Doha (QAT)
14 - 22 July 2007	Africa Olympic Qualifiers (Men and Women), Nairobi (KEN)
14 - 29 July 2007	15 th Pan American Games, Rio De Janeiro (BRA)
18 – 25 August 2007	8 th Women's EuroHockey Nations Championship, Manchester (GBR)
19 – 26 August 2007	11 th Men's EuroHockey Nations Championship, Manchester (GBR)
10 – 17 September 2007	5 th Men's Oceania Cup, Brisbane (AUS)
10 – 17 September 2007	5 th Women's Oceania Cup, Suva (FIJ)
2 – 9 February 2008	Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Auckland (NZL)
1 – 9 March 2008	Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Santiago (CHI)
5 – 13 April 2008	Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Kakamigahara (JPN)
12 – 20 April 2008	Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Baku (AZE)
19 – 27 April 2008	Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Kazan (RUS)
26 April – 4 May 2008	Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Victoria (CAN)
18 May 2008	FIH confirms qualification to the National Association and NOC
1 June 2008	National Associations/NOCs to confirm their participation in the Olympic hockey tournament in writing to FIH
23 July 2008	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.