



Qualification System for Indoor Hockey World Cups 2015

The Indoor Hockey World Cups 2015 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) format.

1. Men

The following teams are eligible to play in the Indoor Hockey World Cup 2015

1.1 Host Nation – Germany 1 team

The host nation of the Indoor Hockey World Cup 2015 shall be automatically qualified.

1.2 Continental Qualification 5 teams

Each continent will be represented by at least one of its countries, subject to the basic requirement that for a Continental Federation to be eligible to participate in the Indoor Hockey World Cup it shall have an FIH approved continental qualification process in place.

The five (5) continental champions, namely the winners of:

Africa	Africa Qualifying Tournament
America	6 th Indoor Pan American Cup
Asia	6 th Asian Indoor Cup
Europe	16 th EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship
Oceania	Oceania Qualifying Tournament

Note: If Germany is the continental champion of Europe, its place as continental champion shall be taken by the team that finishes 2nd in the 16th EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship

1.3 Continental Quotas 6 teams

The other 6 teams qualified from the respective Continental Federation Cup indoor tournaments based upon ranking from the (continental) ranking of the 3rd FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup.

Definition of 'Ranking'

"Ranking" means the method of ranking between Continental Federations which is to be based upon the results of the previous Indoor Hockey World Cup. By this method a Continental Federation attains ranking for its member countries (National Associations). Places obtained for this ranking are filled by nations based upon the results of the respective Continental Federation Cup indoor tournaments. In other words 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 Cup that precedes the Indoor Hockey World Cup.

Final Rankings 2011 (Men)

Poznań (POL) 1. GER 2. POL 3. AUT 4. RUS 5. NED 6. ENG
7. AUS 8. CZE 9. IRI 10. CAN 11. USA 12. NAM

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

The 6 Continental Quotas are allocated to Europe.

The 6 European teams will be Germany (as host of the Indoor Hockey World Cup 2015), the 5 highest placed teams (other than Germany) in the EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championships and the 2 highest placed teams in the EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship 2.

1.4 Reserve Teams

If a National Association withdraws a qualified team, the replacement shall be the next highest qualified team from the same continent as the team that withdrew.

If there is no available team within a continent, the reserve team shall come from the following continents (the following order is based on the rankings at the 2011 Indoor Hockey World Cup)

Men 1. OCE 2. ASI 3. PAHF 4. AFR 5. EUR

1.5 Timelines

Date	Milestone
4 November 2012	FIH approves Qualification System
17/19 January 2014	16 th EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championships – Vienna (AUT)
17/19 January 2014	9 th EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship 2 – Bern (SUI)
7/13 April 2014	6 th Indoor Pan American Cup – Montevideo (URU)
16/22 June 2014	6 th Asian Indoor Cup – Changhua (TPE)
TBA	African Qualifying Tournament
TBA	Oceania Qualifying Tournament
1 September 2014	FIH to issue invitations to participate in the 4 th Indoor Hockey World Cup
1 October 2014	National Associations to confirm participation in the 4 th Indoor Hockey World Cup
1 December 2014	FIH to issue team entry forms
20 January 2015	Deadline for FIH and host NA to receive team entry forms

2. Women

The following teams are eligible to play in the Indoor Hockey World Cup 2015

2.1 Host Nation – Germany 1 team

The host nation of the Indoor Hockey World Cup 2015 shall be automatically qualified.

2.2 Continental Qualification 5 teams

The five (5) continental champions, namely the winners of:

Africa	Africa Qualifying Tournament
America	6 th Pan American Championships
Asia	5 th Women's Asian Indoor Cup
Europe	17 th EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship
Oceania	Oceania Qualifying Tournament

Note: If Germany is the continental champion of Europe, its place as continental champion shall be taken by the team that finishes second in the 17th EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship

2.3 Continental Quotas 6 teams

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Final Rankings 2011 (Women)

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7. AUT 8. AUS 9. ARG 10. NAM 11. URU 12. KAZ

1	EUR
2	EUR
3	EUR
4	EUR
5	EUR
6	EUR
7	EUR
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9	PAN
10	AFR
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Women 1. OCE 2. PAHF 3. AFR 4. ASI 5. EUR

2.5 Timelines

Date	Milestone
4 November 2012	FIH approves Qualification System
24/26 January 2014	17 th EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championships – Prague (CZE)
24/26 January 2014	10 th EuroHockey Indoor Nations Championship 2 – Šiauliai (LTU)
7/13 April 2014	5 th Asian Indoor Cup – Korgan City (KAZ)
7/13 April 2014	6 th Indoor Pan American Cup – Montevideo (URU)
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