

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY FEDERATION

Hockey

A. Events (2)

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY 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)

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	1 team (16 players)
Women	1 team (16 players)
TOTAL	2 teams (32 players)

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY	
1. MEN	
The following teams are entitled to take part in the Olympic Tournament for Men:	
1.1 Host Nation – Great Britain*	1 team
The host nation of the Olympic Games shall be automatically qualified.	
* The National Associations of England, Scotland and Wales have signed an agreement whereby one of the National Associations will be designated to represent Great Britain. For the London Olympic Games, the nominated National Association is England.	
1.2 Continental Qualifications	8 teams
(i) Five (5) continental champions, namely:	
Africa	Africa Men's Olympic Qualifying Tournament
America	16 th Pan American Games (men's hockey competition)
Asia	16 th Asian Games (men's hockey competition)
Europe	13 th EuroHockey Nations Championship for Men
Oceania	7 th Men's Oceania Cup

(ii) Three (3) remaining quota places:

These three (3) quota places will be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i) above on the basis that the nominated National Association for Great Britain is not also the Continental Champion.

The three (3) quota places allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Men's World Cup, 2010 are as follows:

Europe	2 quota places
Oceania	1 quota place

If the nominated National Association for Great Britain is also the Continental Champion, the four (4) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Men's World Cup, 2010 are as follows:

Europe	3 quota places
Oceania	1 quota place

1.3 Olympic Qualification tournaments 3 teams

To ensure that a total of 12 teams participate in the men's Olympic Tournament, the FIH will organise three (3) Olympic Qualification tournaments each comprising of up to six (6) NOCs in which three (3) quota places will be decided. The winner of each Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Games.

Period: To be played in the period 1 January 2012 – 15 May 2012.

Locations: New Delhi (IND), Beerschot (BEL) and Kakamigahara (JPN).

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

The eighteen (18) qualification places for the respective tournaments are allocated to the continents are based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Men's World Cup, 2010. If the nominated National Association for Great Britain is not the Continental Champion, they are as follows:

Africa	1 quota place
Asia	5 quota places
Europe	8 quota places
Oceania	0 quota places
Pan America	4 quota places

Maximum per NOC: 1 men's team

If the nominated National Association for Great Britain is also the Continental Champion, these are as follows:

Africa	1 quota place
Asia	5 quota places
Europe	8 quotas places
Oceania	0 quota places
Pan America	4 quota places

Maximum per NOC: 1 men's team

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

Reserves: The next highest ranked NOC(s), not yet qualified, 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 – Great Britain* 1 team

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

* The National Associations of England, Scotland and Wales have signed an agreement whereby one of the National Associations will be designated to represent Great Britain. For the London Olympic Games, the nominated National Association is England.

2.2 Continental Qualifications 8 teams

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

Africa	Africa Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament
America	16 th Pan American Games (women's hockey competition)
Asia	16 th Asian Games (women's hockey competition)
Europe	10 th EuroHockey Nations Championship for Women
Oceania	7 th Women's Oceania Cup

(ii) Three (3) remaining quota places:

These three (3) teams quota places will be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i) above on the basis that the nominated National Association for Great Britain is not also the Continental Champion.

The three (3) quota places allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Women's World Cup 2010 are as follows:

Europe	1 quota places
Oceania	1 quota place
Asia	1 quota place

If the nominated National Association Great Britain is also the 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 2010 are as follows:

Asia	1 quota place
Europe	2 quota places
Oceania	1 quota place

2.3 Olympic Qualification tournaments 3 teams

To ensure that 12 teams participate in the women's Olympic Tournament, the FIH will organise three (3) Olympic Qualification tournaments each comprising up to six (6) NOCs in which three (3) quota places will be decided. The winner of each Olympic Qualification Tournament will qualify for the Olympic Games.

Period: To be played in the period 1 January 2012 – 15 May 2012.

Locations: New Delhi (IND), Beerschot (BEL) and Kakamigahara (JPN).

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

The eighteen (18) qualification places for the respective tournaments are allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Women's World Cup 2010. If the nominated National Association for Great Britain is not the Continental Champion, they are as follows:

Africa	0 quota places
Asia	3 quota places
Europe	9 quota places
Oceania	0 quota places
Pan America	6 quota places

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Africa	0 quota places
Asia	3 quota places
Europe	9 quota places
Oceania	0 quota places
Pan America	6 quota places

Maximum per NOC: 1 women's team

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

Reserves: The next highest ranked NOC(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.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION

As outlined in the section above, the host nation shall be automatically qualified to enter one team in both the men's and women's hockey tournaments.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

All qualifications, either for the Olympic Qualification Tournaments or for the Olympic Tournament will be conditional upon the preliminary entry for the hockey competition in the XXXth Olympic Games from the respective NOCs of the countries concerned being received by the FIH prior to the respective event.

At the conclusion of the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments the FIH will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the NOC and National Association 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 NOC and National Association must confirm their participation in the Olympic competition within fourteen (14) working days in writing to the FIH.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES

If an NOC withdraws a qualified team, the qualification place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified, in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the date of withdrawal.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

If the host nation does not wish to use its allocated quota place(s), it/they will be reallocated to the next highest ranked NOC, not yet qualified, in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the date of the withdrawal.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
13 - 24 November 2010 (W) 15 - 25 November 2010 (M)	16 th Asian Games (Guangzhou, CHN)
20 - 27 August 2011	10 th Women's EuroHockey Nations Championship (Mönchengladbach, GER)
20 - 28 August 2011	13 th Men's EuroHockey Nations Championship (Mönchengladbach, GER)
2 - 11 September 2011	Men's and Women's Africa Olympic Qualifying Tournament (Bulawayo, ZIM)
5 – 9 October 2011	7 th Men's Oceania Cup (Hobart, AUS)
5 – 9 October 2011	7 th Women's Oceania Cup (Hobart, AUS)
19 - 28 October 2011 (W) 20 - 29 October 2011 (M)	16 th Pan American Games (Guadalajara, MEX)
8 November 2011	FIH confirms quota places for Olympic Qualifying Tournaments to respective NOCs and National Associations
22 November 2011	NOCs/National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the Olympic Qualification Tournaments.
15 – 26 February 2012 (M&W)	Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (New Delhi, IND)
14 -25 March 2012 (M & W)	Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (Beerschot, BEL)
25 April – 6 May 2012 (M & W)	Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (Kakamigahara, JPN)
31 May 2012	FIH confirms quota places to the respective NOCs and National Associations
18 June 2012	NOCs/National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the Olympic hockey tournament.
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms