

Introduction

From 2012 onwards, the FIH Champions Trophy and FIH Champions Challenges Competition will be played every 2 years in an even year, i.e. in same year as the Olympic Games or World Cup. Inclusion in a tournament will be based upon performance in the previous competition in order to permit better long term planning of participating teams and to reward performance. At the discretion of the FIH Executive Board up to 2 invitational places will be included in Champions Trophy

Champions Trophy (8 teams)

The teams qualified for the FIH Champions Trophy will be as follows

- T1 The host
- T2 The teams placed 1st – 5th in the previous FIH Champions Trophy
- T3 The winners of the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1
- T4 One or two places to be nominated by the FIH Executive Board
- T5 If one of the teams qualified under T2 or T3 above declines the invitation to play in the next FIH Champions Trophy, that place will be offered to the team placed 6th in the previous FIH Champions Trophy. Similarly, if two teams decline the invitation to play in the next Champions Trophy, the second replacement place will be offered to the team placed 7th in the previous FIH Champions Trophy.

Champions Challenge 1 (8 teams)

The teams qualified for the FIH Champions Challenge 1 will be as follows

- C1.1 The host
- C1.2 The teams placed 6th – 8th in the previous FIH Champions Trophy
- C1.3 The winners of the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2. Should the previous Champions Challenge 2 not be played, this place will be offered to the highest placed National Association in the FIH World Ranking at the end of year in which the tournament was due to have been played and not qualified for the next Champions Trophy or Champions Challenge 1.
- C1.4 The teams placed 2nd – 4th in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1
- C1.5 Should the host qualify by virtue of criteria C1.2, C1.3 or C1.4 above, the additional place will be allocated to the team placed 5th in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1
- C1.6 Where teams qualify for the FIH Champions Trophy under T1 or T4 above and having finished 6th, 7th or 8th at the previous FIH Champions Trophy or having played in the previous Champions Challenge 1, the additional places in Champions Challenge 1 will be allocated to the team(s) placed 5th (in the case of one Executive board nomination) or 5th and 6th (in the case of two Executive Board nominations). If that/those team(s) qualifies under C1.1 or C1.5 above, the additional place(s) will be allocated to the team(s) that finished 6th or/and 7th respectively in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1.
- C1.7 If any of the teams qualified under C1.2, C1.3, C1.4, C1.5 or C1.6 above declines the invitation to play in the next FIH Champions Challenge 1, that place will be offered to the highest placed team in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1 not already qualified. If all teams from the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1 are already entered, the vacancy will be offered to highest ranked team available from the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.

Champions Challenge 2 (8 teams)

The teams qualified for the FIH Champions Challenge 2 will be as follows

- C2.1 The host
- C2.2 The teams placed 5th – 8th in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1
- C2.3 The team placed 2nd in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.
- C2.4 The 2 highest ranked teams in the FIH World Ranking at the time of the completion of all of the Champions Trophy and Champions Challenge tournaments that did not play in any of those tournaments in that particular year.
- C2.5 Should the host qualify by virtue of criteria C2.2, C2.3 or C2.4 above, the additional place will be allocated to the team that finished 3rd in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.
- C2.6 Where teams qualify for the FIH Champions Trophy under T1 or T4 above and having finished 6th, 7th or 8th at the previous FIH Champions Trophy (with the consequent allocation of additional places to the FIH Champions Challenge 1 under C1.6 above) those additional place(s) will be allocated to the team(s) that finished 3rd (in the case of one Executive Board nomination) or 3rd and 4th (in the case of two Executive Board nominations) at the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.
- C2.7 If the team(s) that finished 3rd or/and 4th at the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2 has qualified under C2.5 and/or C2.6 above, the available additional place(s) will be allocated to the team(s) that finished 5th and/or 6th at the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.
- C2.8 The teams that finish 7th and 8th in the FIH Challenge 2 will not take part in the next FIH Champions Challenge 1 or 2 irrespective of their World Ranking position.

Cancellation of Tournaments

If any of the Champions Trophies or Challenges are not played for whatever reason, each team scheduled to play in that tournament is awarded the Ranking Points relative to their World Ranking and that of the other teams World Ranking as at 1 January of the year in which the tournament was due to have been played

Agreed by FIH Executive Board 4 November 2012