



## Definition

- The first edition of the Hockey World League was played in 2012 / 2013 and is played every two years.
- Starting with the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014, the Hockey World League is used to decide which teams will qualify alongside the Continental Champions and Hosts (subject to IOC approval for the Olympic Games) for Olympic Games and FIH World Cups

## Competition

- FIH will invite members to enter and offer to host Rounds 1 and 2 in April in odd years
- The competition will be played over 4 rounds
  - ❖ **Round 1** will be local – not necessarily within a country's own continent
  - ❖ The number of Round 1 tournaments will depend on the number and location of entries.
  - ❖ Formats for Round 1 tournaments will probably be different in different continents.
  - ❖ **Round 2** will be regional – generally more than one continent.
  - ❖ There will be 3 Round 2 tournaments of 8 teams. The format will be 2 pools of 4 with classification matches.
  - ❖ **Round 3** – the semi-finals; will be global.
  - ❖ There will be 2 Round 3 tournaments of 10 teams. The format will be 2 pools of 5 with classification matches
  - ❖ **Round 4** – the finals
  - ❖ One tournament of 8 teams. The format will be 2 pools of 4 with classification matches
- At the time of seeking entries, teams ranked 1 – 11 in the FIH World Ranking will be given a bye to Round 3; teams ranked 12 – 19 will be given a bye to Round 2.

## Principles

- The competition is open to all members of FIH.
- To encourage entries, FIH will seek to ensure that costs to hosts and participants are kept as low as possible in Round 1.

## Qualification for Olympic Games and Hockey World Cup

- For the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 and Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympic Games qualification will be -
  - ❖ The Host (subject to IOC agreement for Olympic Games)
  - ❖ The 5 Continental Champions
  - ❖ 6 / 7 from the Hockey World League (depending on Host also being Continental Champion)

## Dates

- FIH will seek to try and ensure tournaments, particularly Rounds 3 and 4, are played within set windows. However, there will be times when this is not practicable.
- For 2014 / 2015, generally
  - ❖ Round 1 will be played in June / September 2014
  - ❖ Round 2 will be played between January / March 2015
  - ❖ Round 3 will be played in June / July 2015
  - ❖ Continental Championships will be played after Round 3 (Note – the Asian Games 2014 will be played in September 2014)
  - ❖ Round 4 will be played in November / December 2015

## World Ranking Points

- All teams playing in the Hockey World League will gain FIH World Ranking Points
- Because the Hockey World League will replace the qualifying tournaments for the Olympic Games and Hockey World Cup, an adjustment has been made to the number of FIH World Ranking Points to be gained from those events from 2014.