

Qualification System for Indoor Hockey World Cup 2018

The Indoor World Cups 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.

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

Each continent will be represented in each of the respective Men's and Women's World Cup tournaments by at least one of its countries, *irrespective of whether or not a qualification tournament is held.*

The following teams are entitled to take part in the FIH Indoor World Cup for Men and Women:

1.1 Host Nation – 1 vacancy

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

1.2 Continental Qualifications 5 vacancies

Five (5) Indoor Hockey Continental Champions, except that if the host nation is also the Continental Champion, the 2nd placed team in that Indoor Hockey Continental Championship will qualify automatically.

1.3 Qualified Teams 6 vacancies

The other 6 teams qualified from the respective Continental Federation Cup indoor tournaments based upon ranking from the (Continental) ranking of the most recent World Indoor Hockey World Cup (2015).

Definition of 'Ranking'

From the 2015 Indoor Hockey World Cups' Qualification Criteria, 'Ranking' means the following –

The method of ranking between Continental Federations which is to be based upon the results of the previous Indoor 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 Indoor Hockey Championships. 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 Indoor Hockey Championship that precedes the Indoor Hockey World Cup.

Final Rankings 2015 (Men)

Leipzig (GER)	1.	NED	2.	AUT	3.	GER	4.	IRI	5.	RUS	6.	SWE
	7.	POL	8.	SUI	9.	CZE	10.	AUS	11.	RSA	12.	CAN

Final Rankings 2015 (Women)

Leipzig (GER)	1.	NED	2.	GER	3.	CZE	4.	AUT	5.	POL	6.	UKR
	7.	BLR	8.	AUS	9.	RSA	10.	CAN	11.	BEL	12.	KAZ

Teams Qualified by Continental Federation

Based upon the above criteria the following teams qualify for the 2018 Indoor World Cup:

- Host To be advised
- Africa: Continental Champion*
- Asia: Continental Champion*
- Europe: Germany (Men) and Netherlands (Women)*
- Oceania: Continental Champion*
- Pan America: Continental Champion*

* Or 2nd placed team if Host is also Continental Champion

Quotas

- 6 CF Quotas (Men): Europe 5, Asia 1
- 6 CF Quotas (Women) Europe 6

6 teams from the following CFs highlighted in yellow based upon final rankings from 4th Indoor World Cups.

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

If a qualified team does not accept its invitation to participate the next ranked team from the respective continental championship shall be invited in its place.

If a Continental Federation is unable to nominate a team to fill its quota, the reserve teams, in order, shall come from –

Men: 1. EUR 2. EUR 3. EUR 4. OCE 5. AFR 6. PAN

Women: 1. EUR 2. OCE 3. AFR 4. PAN 5. EUR 6. ASI

Timelines

Date	Milestone
2 October 2016	Qualification System approved by Competitions Committee
10 November 2016	Qualification System approved by Executive Board
21 November 2016	Continental Federations Advised by FIH
1 February 2017	Dates of CF Qualification Tournaments Advised to and Approved by FIH
1 January 2016 – 31 August 2017	Continental Qualification Tournaments
TBA	Asian Indoor Cup
TBA	African Indoor Cup
January 2016	European Nations Indoor Cup
TBA	Oceania Indoor Qualification Tournament
TBA	Pan American Indoor Cup