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Pools announced for 2007 Pan American Games

The Pan American Hockey Federation has announced the pools for the 2007 Pan American Games to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from July 15 to July 25, 2007.

Men Pool A: Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Trinidad & Tobago

Pool B: Canada, Chile, Netherlands Antilles, USA

Women Pool A: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay

Pool B: Canada, Cuba, Netherlands Antilles, USA

The reserve countries have also been confirmed as Mexico for the men's competition and Barbados for the women's competition.

The schedule of matches will be announced shortly pending confirmation from the Pan American Games Organizing Committee and the FIH (International Hockey federation).

The winners of the 2007 Pan American Games qualifies for the 2008 Olympic Games to be held in Beijing (China), August 8-24, 2008. Men's teams ranked 2 to 5 and women's teams ranked 2 to 6 will be invited to one of the three Olympic Qualifying Tournaments (February to March 2008).

For more information about the Pan American Games, please visit the special section on the Pan American Hockey Federation web site at <http://www.panamhockey.org/>

The Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) is recognized by the FIH as the governing continental federation for all field hockey in the Pan American region. There are 22 member Nations of the PAHF. For more information please contact info@panamhockey.org