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PAHF announces teams qualified for 2015 Pan American Games

Following the conclusion of the Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games in Veracruz, Mexico, the Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) can announce the teams qualified for the 2015 Pan American Games, to be held in Toronto, Canada, in July 2015.

In accordance with the Qualification Procedure published in January 2013, eight teams qualified for the men's competition and eight teams qualified for the women's competition.

The Teams that qualified for the **men**'s competition are:

- Canada (host)
- Argentina (1st at the 2014 South American Championship in Santiago)
- Chile (2nd at the 2014 South American Championship in Santiago)
- Cuba (1st at the 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz)
- Trinidad & Tobago (2nd at the 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz)
- USA (4th at the 2013 Pan American Cup in Brampton)
- Mexico (6th at the 2013 Pan American Cup in Brampton)
- Brazil (7th at the 2013 Pan American Cup in Brampton)

First reserve for the men's competition is Uruguay (8th at the 2013 Pan American Cup in Brampton)

The Teams that qualified for the **women**'s competition are:

- Canada (host)
- Argentina (1st at the 2014 South American Championship in Santiago)
- Chile (2nd at the 2014 South American Championship in Santiago)
- Cuba (1st at the 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz)
- Dominican Republic (2nd at the 2014 Central American and Caribbean Games in Veracruz)
- USA (2nd 2013 Pan American Cup in Mendoza)

- Mexico (5th At the 2013 Pan American Cup in Mendoza)
- Uruguay (6th At the 2013 Pan American Cup in Mendoza)

First reserve for the women's competition is Trinidad & Tobago (7th at the 2013 Pan American Cup in Mendoza)

The hockey competitions of the 2015 Pan American Games will be played on the new pitches opened earlier this year in University of Toronto, an excellent location at the core of downtown Toronto.

In both competitions, the winners will earn an automatic berth for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It should be noted that only the respective winner can qualify through the Pan American Games: if the winner also qualifies for the Olympic Games through the World League, the runner up in the Pan American Games does not automatically inherit the qualification berth.

PAHF is now finalizing the list of Technical Officials appointed for the 2015 Pan American Games. They will be announced on December 11.

For more information on the PAHF competitions and programs, please visit the Pan American Hockey Federation web site at <u>www.panamhockey.org</u>

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 26 member Nations of the PAHF. For more information please contact <u>info@panamhockey.org</u>