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## QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR SOUTH AMERICAN GAMES 2018

The Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) is keeping the premise that all its member countries should have the opportunity to qualify for the Pan American Games through a regional tournament held during the two years immediately preceding the Pan American Games year.

Since it is very likely to have more than eight (8) entries for the South American Games going forward, as there are ten (10) PAHF member nations that are members of the ODESUR, a qualification competition, open to all eligible countries, would be held to determine the remaining places, except those pre-qualified under the criteria below.

The following is the official qualification procedure for the men and women's hockey tournaments at the X South American Games 2018 to be held in Bolivia:

1. Host country (Bolivia);
2. The top five (5) teams from the previous South American Games. Hence the qualified teams from the IX South American Games - Santiago 2014 are:
  - a. Men: (Argentina, Chile, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay)
  - b. Women: (Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Brazil, Paraguay)
3. The next two (2) qualified countries will be the first and second placed teams from the "ODESUR2018 qualifying event" that must be completed before the 31 of December 2017, in the date and site to be determined by a bid process conducted by the PAHF.
  - a. If there are two or less participant countries entered for the qualifying event, the country (ies) confirmed will be automatically qualified for the X South American Games 2018.
  - b. If held, all costs for participating in this qualifying event are responsibility of the host and participant National Associations. The PAHF will be responsible for covering the cost of neutral officials for such competition.