

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR PAN AMERICAN CHALLENGE 2019/2020

Please note that this memo contains the final version of the qualification procedures for the 2019 Pan American Challenge and it is an adjusted version of the previous one, as approved by the PAHF Board.

The Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) is keeping the premise that all its member countries should have the opportunity to qualify to participate in the Pan American Cup.

With the six (6) highest ranked teams automatically qualifying for the following Pan American Cup in four years, all other member nations not prequalified shall have the opportunity to qualify to participate through the Pan American Challenge event held during the two years immediately preceding the Pan American Cup.

The following criteria applies for the Pan American Challenge (Men & Women):

1. The Pan American Challenge is open to any member country of each gender not already qualified for the Pan American Cup through the 2017 Pan American Cup, Lancaster, USA final ranking.
2. The Pan American Challenge may be held as a joint event (Men & Women) or as separate events.
3. Provided the Host of the Pan American Cup is pre-qualified for that event, the two (2) highest ranked teams (i.e. first and second) at the conclusion of the Pan American Challenge (M&W) will qualify for the next Pan American Cup, which will be held in 2021.
4. If the Host of the Pan American Cup is not pre-qualified for that event, the number of teams qualifying from the Pan American Challenge will be the winner only of the event.
5. Host of the Pan American Challenge must meet the relevant criteria for hosting as noted in the agreement between them and the PAHF. This includes the relevant valid pitch certificate must be in place as this event is a qualifier to a continental qualifier for the FIH World Cups.