

Qualification System for 2022/23 FIH Hockey World Cups

Updated March 31st, 2021

Women

The FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022, will consist of 16 teams

1. The following teams are eligible to play in the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022

1.1. Host Nations 2 quotas - Spain and the Netherlands

The host nations of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 shall be automatically qualified

1.2. Continental Qualifications 14 quotas

Due to the international hockey calendar congestion caused by the postponements and delays of hockey competitions because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the subsequent move of the Tokyo Olympic Games to 2021, there will be no FIH Qualifying events as part of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 qualification process. Instead, the places will be filled on the basis of quotas given to each Continent and filled following the 2021 Continental Championships and Qualifying Tournaments which are to be held and completed by January 31, 2022.

1.3. Teams Qualified by Continental Federation

The Continental quotas are as follows:

Africa (1): The winner of the 8th Africa Cup of Nations

Asia (4): The Top 4 teams in the 10th Asia Cup

Europe (4*):

- i. The top 3 teams - not including Spain or the Netherlands - from the 15th EuroHockey Championship 2021
- ii. The winner of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier**

Oceania (2): The Top 2 teams in the 12th Oceania Cup

Pan America (3): The Top 3 teams in the 6th Pan American Cup

*** the 4 quota places for Europe do not include the 2 hosts, Spain and the Netherlands, regardless of their performance at the 2021 EuroHockey Championship, as they qualify automatically.**

**** see Appendix for details of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier**



2. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places

If a National Association does not accept their invitation, or withdraws a qualified team, their place is offered to the next placed nation from their CF, not already qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 above. If this nation also cannot accept the invitation, then the next placed nation from that same CF is offered it, and so on until all nations from that CF who participated in the CF Championships or qualification process have been invited. If all of the nations as mentioned above decline the invitation, then the invitation would be extended to the Nation with the highest World Ranking of those nations from the other four CFs who finished in the first place after the qualification places, in their CF. This would be those nations who finished in the following places in their CF qualification process (not including the CF of the nation who originally withdrew, as by this point, all nations from that CF would have been invited and declined):

Africa	2 nd place in the 8 th Africa Cup of Nations
Asia	5 th place in the 10 th Asia Cup
Europe	2 nd place in the FIH Hockey Women’s World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier
Oceania	3 rd place in the 12 th Oceania Cup
Pan America	4 th place in the 6 th Pan American Cup

If this nation does not accept the invitation then the process continues, inviting the Nation with the next highest World Ranking from those 4 CFs who finished in the next place after the qualification places. For this purpose, when a nation refuses this invitation, they are replaced in the consideration of World Rankings by the next nation from their CF qualification process. For example, if the place is offered to the nation who finish 5th in the 10th Asia Cup, and they do not accept the invitation, then the World Ranking of the nation who finished 6th is then considered and compared with the other 3 CF nations to determine who will receive the next invitation.

Qualification Timeline - Women	
18 March 2021	FIH Executive Board approves revised qualification system due to COVID-19
April 2021 (TBC)	12 th Oceania Cup (TBC)
4-13 June, 2021	15 th EuroHockey Championship (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
21-24 October, 2021	FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier (TBC)
January 2022 (TBC)	8 th Africa Cup of Nations (Accra, Ghana)
January 2022 (TBC)	10 th Asia Cup (TBC)
January 20-30, 2022	6 th Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
February 1 st , 2022	Invitations to participate issued to qualified National Associations
February 11 th , 2022	National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the 16 th FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2022
Before end of Feb 2022	FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022, pool draw (as soon as all teams confirmed acceptance of their invitation)
May 2022	Team Entry Forms issued to competing National Associations
June 2022	Team Entry Forms to be returned to FIH
July 1 st – 17 th , 2022	16 th FIH Hockey Women's World Cup Spain & Netherlands 2022 (Terrassa, Spain and Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Men

The FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 will consist of 16 teams

1. The following teams are eligible to play in the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023

1.1. Host Nations 1 quota - India

The host nation of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 shall be automatically qualified

1.2. Continental Qualifications 15 quotas

Due to the international hockey calendar congestion caused by the postponements and delays of hockey competitions because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the subsequent move of the Tokyo Olympic Games to 2021, there will be no FIH Qualifying events as part of the FIH Odisha Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 qualification process. Instead, the places will be filled on the basis of quotas given to each Continent and filled following the 2021 Continental Championships and Qualifying Tournaments which are to be held and completed by May 31, 2022.

1.3. Teams Qualified by Continental Federation

The Continental quotas are as follows:

Africa (1): The winner of the 11th Africa Cup of Nations

Asia (3*): The Top 3 teams – not including India - in the 11th Asia Cup

Europe (7):

- i. The top 5 teams from the 18th EuroHockey Championship 2021
- ii. The Top 2 teams from the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier **

Oceania (2): The Top 2 teams in the 12th Oceania Cup

Pan America (2): The Top 2 teams in the 6th Pan American Cup

*** the 3 quota places for Asia do not include the hosts, India, regardless of their performance at the 2021 Asia Cup, as they qualify automatically.**

**** see Appendix for details of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier**

2. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places

If a National Association does not accept their invitation, or withdraws a qualified team, their place is offered to the next placed nation from their CF, not already qualified under 1.1 and 1.2 above. If this nation also cannot accept the invitation, then the next placed nation from that same CF is offered it, and so on until all nations from that CF who participated in the CF Championships have been invited. If all of the nations as mentioned above decline the invitation, then the invitation would be extended to the Nation with the highest World Ranking of those nations from the other four CFs who finished in the first place after the qualification places, in their CF. This would be those nations who finished in the following places in their CF qualification process (not including the CF of the nation who originally withdrew, as by this point all nations from that CF would have been invited and declined):

Africa	2 nd place in the 11 th Africa Cup of Nations
Asia	5 th place in the 11 th Asia Cup (assuming India finish in the top 4 in the Asia Cup. If not then the 4 th placed team from the Asia Cup will be initially considered)
Europe	3 rd place in the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier
Oceania	3 rd place in the 12 th Oceania Cup
Pan America	3 rd place in the 6 th Pan American Cup

If this nation does not accept the invitation then the process continues, inviting the Nation with the next highest World Ranking from those 4 CFs who finished in the next place after the qualification places. For this purpose, when a nation refuses this invitation, they are replaced in the consideration of World Rankings by the next nation from their CF qualification process. For example, if the place is offered to the nation who finish 5th in the 11th Asia Cup, and they do not accept the invitation, then the World Ranking of the nation who finished 6th is then considered and compared with the other 3 CF nations to determine who will receive the next invitation.



Qualification Timeline - Men	
18 March, 2021	FIH Executive Board approves revised qualification system due to COVID-19
April 2021 (TBC)	12 th Oceania Cup (TBC)
4-13 June, 2021	18 th EuroHockey Championship (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
21-24 October, 2021	FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier (TBC)
January 2022 (TBC)	11 th Africa Cup of Nations (Accra, Ghana)
January 2022 (TBC)	11 th Asia Cup (TBC)
January 20-30, 2022	6 th Pan American Cup (Santiago, Chile)
June 1 st , 2022 (*TBC)	Invitations to participate issued to qualified National Associations
June 11 th , 2022 (*TBC)	National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the 15 th FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2022
Before end of June 2022	FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023, pool draw (as soon as all teams have confirmed acceptance of their invitation)
November 2022	Team Entry Forms issued to competing National Associations
December 2022	Team Entry Forms to be returned to FIH
January 13 th – 29 th 2023	15 th Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 (Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, India)

*These are the latest possible dates and may be brought forward should all 5 Continental Federation Championships be completed earlier than May 31, 2022.

Appendix - European Qualification System for FIH Hockey World Cups 2022 / 2023

Women

European Quota - 6 teams from Europe will qualify for the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022. These 6 teams will be determined as follows.

The 2 host countries qualify automatically.

The hosts for the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 are ESP and NED.

4 other teams from Europe will qualify for the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022. These 4 teams will be determined as follows.

- 3 teams will qualify from the EuroHockey Championship 2021.
- 1 team will qualify from the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier.

EuroHockey Championship 2021

The 3 highest ranked teams in the EuroHockey Championship 2021, not including ESP and NED, will qualify for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2022.

FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier

The FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier, will be an 8-team tournament comprising the following teams.

- The 3 lowest ranked teams, not including ESP and NED, in the EuroHockey Championship 2021.
- The teams that are ranked 1 – 5 in the EuroHockey Championship II 2021
- The host of the European FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier, will be one of the 8 teams qualified for the tournament.
- Format: Knock-out format: 4 days, 3 matches each (12 in total) and each match matters.
- Final ranking is 1 to 8

For the purpose of determining the Match Schedule of the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier, the ranking of the teams playing in this tournament will be in order of the FIH World Rankings upon completion of the EuroHockey Championship II 2021.

The team that is ranked 1 in the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier will qualify for the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup, Spain & Netherlands 2022

Timeline

Tournament	Dates	Venue
EuroHockey Championship 2021	4 / 13 June 2021	Amsterdam (NED)
EuroHockey Championship II 2021	15 / 21 August 2021	Prague (CZE)
FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 - European Qualifier	21 / 24 October 2021	TBC



Global Leadership Partner



Global Partners



Global Suppliers



Men

Quota

7 teams from Europe will qualify for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023. These 7 teams will be determined as follows.

- 5 teams will qualify from the EuroHockey Championship 2021.
- 2 teams will qualify from the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier.

EuroHockey Championship 2021

The teams that are ranked 1 – 5 in the EuroHockey Championship 2021 will qualify for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.

FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier

The European FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier, will be an 8-team tournament comprising the following teams.

- The teams that are ranked 6 – 8 in the EuroHockey Championship 2021.
- The teams that are ranked 1 – 5 in the EuroHockey Championship II 2021
- The host of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier will be one of the 8 teams qualified for the tournament.
- Format: Knock-out format: 4 days, 3 matches each (12 in total) and each match matters.
- Final ranking is 1 to 8.

For the purpose of determining the Match Schedule of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier, the ranking of the teams playing in this tournament will be in order of the FIH World Rankings upon completion of the EuroHockey Championship II 2021.

The teams that are ranked 1 and 2 in the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier will qualify for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023.

Timeline

Tournament	Dates	Venue
EuroHockey Championship 2021	4 / 13 June 2021	Amsterdam (NED)
EuroHockey Championship II 2021	15 / 21 August 2021	Gniezno (POL)
FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier	21 / 24 October 2021	TBA



Global Leadership Partner



Global Partners



Global Suppliers

