

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR PAN AMERICAN GAMES 2023

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.

The following is the official qualification procedure for the men and women's' hockey tournaments at the Pan American Games to be held in Santiago, Chile:

1. Host country Santiago, Chile
2. The two (2) countries ranked at first and second places at the South American (ODESUR) Games 2022, Asuncion, Paraguay;
3. The two (2) countries ranked first and second places at the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games 2022, City TBD;
4. The next two (2) countries not already qualified under paragraphs 1-3 above, based on final rankings at the VI Pan American Cup 2021;
5. **If the Host country, Chile is also ranked first or second in the South American (ODESUR) Games 2022, then a third team not yet qualified based on final rankings at the VI Pan American Cup 2021 will qualify.**
6. For both men and women tournaments, if United States and/or Canada are not already qualified under **paragraphs 1 to 5 above**, they will engage in a play-off competition between themselves **and the next ranked team** not yet qualified based on final rankings at the VI Pan American Cup 2021, *provided that team is ranked higher than either CAN and/or the U.S.A.* The date and site for this completion will be determined by the PAHF.
7. The two (2) reserve teams will be the losers of the playoff competition referred in the paragraph 6 above. If the United States and Canada are already qualified, the next better positions country in the VI Pan American Cup 2021 / Pan American Challenge 2019 will be named as reserve(s).

Notes:

(a) If there are less than four participants in either the South American (ODESUR) Games 2022 or the XXIV Central American and Caribbean Games 2022, an additional country will qualify based on the final rankings of the VI Pan American Cups 2021.

(b) If USA and CAN are qualified under paragraphs 1-4, the **eight** qualified team will be the next placed country of the VI Pan American Cups 2021.

(c) If the play-off competition referred at paragraph 6 above **arises**, all costs for participating in the same are to be borne by the respective national Associations. The PAHF will be responsible for covering the cost of neutral officials for such competition.

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