



QUALIFICATION CRITERIA MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WORLD CUPS, 2010

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QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

1. MEN

The following teams are entitled to take part in the World Cup for Men:

1.1 Host Nation – India 1 vacancy

The host nation of the World Cup shall be automatically qualified.

1.2 Continental Qualifications 8 vacancies

(i) Five (5) continental champions, namely:

Africa	Africa Cup of Nations, 2009 (Men)
America	3 rd Men's Pan American Cup
Asia	8 th Men's Asia Cup
Europe	12 th Men's EuroHockey Nations Championship
Oceania	6 th Men's Oceania Cup

(ii) *In the event that the host (India) is not the Continental Champion:*

Three (3) teams also to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i). The three (3) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Olympic Games 2008 are as follows:

Europe 3 quotas

(iii) *In the event that the host (India) is qualified both as host and Continental Champion:*

Four (4) teams also to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i) above. The four (4) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Olympic Games, 2008 are as follows:

Europe: 3 quotas
Oceania 1 quota

1.3 World Cup Qualification tournaments 3 vacancies

To make a total of 12 teams participating in the men's World Cup, the FIH will organise three (3) World Cup Qualification tournaments each comprising of up to 6 nations in which three (3) vacancies will be decided. The winner of each World Cup Qualification Tournament will qualify for the World Cup.

Period: To be played in the period 1 November 2009 – 15 December 2009.

Locations: To be advised

Participants: Eighteen (18) teams to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments. The eighteen (18) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Olympic Games 2010 are as follows:

In the event that that the host (India) is not the Continental Champion:

Africa	1 quota
Asia	4 quotas
Europe	9 quotas
Oceania	1 quota
Pan America	3 quotas

In the event that the host (India) is qualified both as host and Continental Champion

Africa	1 quota
Asia	5 quotas
Europe	9 quotas
Oceania	0 quota
Pan America	3 quotas

- Host: The nations to take part in the qualifying tournaments will automatically include the respective host countries of the respective qualifying tournaments and will be allocated one of the Continental Federation quotas.
- Reserves: The next highest ranked nation(s) in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the time of withdrawal shall determine the reserve country(ies) in the event of a withdrawal by a qualified team.

2. WOMEN

The following teams are entitled to take part in the World Cup for women:

2.1 Host Nation – Argentina **1 vacancy**

The host nation of the World Cup shall be automatically qualified.

2.2 Continental Qualifications **8 vacancies**

(i) Five (5) continental champions, namely:

Africa	Africa Cup of Nations, 2009 (Women)
America	3 rd Women's Pan American Cup
Asia	7 th Women's Asia Cup
Europe	9 th Women's EuroHockey Nations Championship
Oceania	6 th Women's Oceania Cup

(ii) *In the event that the host (Argentina) is not the Continental Champion:*

Three (3) teams also to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i). The three (3) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Olympic Games 2008 are as follows:

Europe	2 quotas
Asia	1 quota

(iii) *In the event that the host (Argentina) is qualified both as host and Continental Champion:*

Four (4) teams also to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments set out in (i) above. The four (4) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Olympic Games, 2008 are as follows:

Europe:	3 quotas
Asia:	1 quota



2.3 World Cup Qualification tournaments

3 vacancies

To make a total of 12 teams participating in the women's World Cup, the FIH will organise three (3) World Cup Qualification tournaments each comprising of 6 nations in which three (3) vacancies will be decided. The winner of each World Cup Qualification Tournament will qualify for the World Cup.

Period: To be played in the period 1 November 2009 – 30 April 2010.
 Locations: To be confirmed.
 Participants: Eighteen (18) teams to be determined at the relevant continental qualification tournaments. The eighteen (18) quotas allocated to the continents based upon the FIH World Ranking List at the completion of the Olympic Games, 2008 are as follows:

In the event that that the host (Argentina) is not the Continental Champion:

Africa	0 quota
Asia	3 quotas
Europe	10 quotas
Oceania	1 quota
Pan America	4 quotas

In the event that the host (Argentina) is qualified both as host and Continental Champion

Africa	0 quota
Asia	3 quotas
Europe	9 quotas
Oceania	1 quota
Pan America	5 quotas

Host: The nations to take part in the qualifying tournaments will automatically include the respective host countries of the respective qualifying tournaments and will be allocated one of the Continental Federation quotas.
 Reserves: The next highest ranked nation(s) in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the time of withdrawal shall determine the reserve country(ies) in the event of a withdrawal by a qualified team.

DATES/PROCESS OF CONFIRMATION OF PLACES

At the conclusion of the World Cup Qualifying Tournaments the FIH will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the National Association of each qualified team within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the last qualifier.

Upon receipt of confirmation of qualification for the World Cup from FIH, the National Association must confirm its participation in the World Cup within fourteen (14) working days in writing to the FIH.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS – WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

If a National Association does not accept the invitation to participate in a World Cup Qualifier tournament for which it has qualified, or withdraws a qualified team from a World Cup Qualifier, the qualification place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked nation in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the time of withdrawal.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS – WORLD CUP

If a National Association withdraws a team which has qualified to participate in the World Cup, the qualification place will be reallocated to the next highest ranked nation in accordance with the FIH World Ranking List at the time of withdrawal.