QUALIFICATION SYSTEM
GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

International Hockey Federation (FIH)

HOCKEY 

A. EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN
	12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for discipline			Total
QUOTA	176 (11 teams)	176 (11 teams)	**352 (22 teams)**
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	16 (1 team)*	16 (1 team)*	**32 (2 teams)***
TOTAL	192 (12 teams)	192 (12 teams)	**384 (24 teams)**
B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC)			
QUOTA PER NOC	16 (1 team)	16 (1 team)	**32 (2 teams)**
B.3. Type of allocation of quota places			

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

*Subject to the host country teams being selected by their NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions), as well as the IOC Policy on the Protection of the Female (Women's) Category in Olympic Sport and Guiding Considerations for International Federations and Sports Governing Bodies (the "Policy").

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the Policy, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, the conditions of participation established by the IOC, as well as the rules or policies of International Hockey Federation, may participate in the LA28 Olympic Games.

D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

	Number of quota places	Qualification events (The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.)
MEN	D.1. 16 (1 team)	**Host Nation – United States** The Olympic Games host country will be allocated one quota place on the basis that the men's team has satisfied the FIH criteria of appearing on a ranking of 25 or better in the FIH World Rankings since the end of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
	D.2. 32 (2 teams)	**FIH Hockey Pro League** The highest placed nation in the FIH Pro League Season 7 and FIH Pro League Season 8 will earn one quota place each for their NOC. If the same team that wins Season 7 also wins Season 8, the quota place will be offered to the runner up of Season 8.
	D.3. 80 (5 teams)	**Continental Qualifications** The highest placed team in each of the five continental championships that is not already qualified as host or through the FIH Pro League will earn one quota place for their NOC: • Africa -African Hockey Road to Los Angeles 2028 (men's competition) 2027 • Americas - 20th Pan American Games (men's hockey competition) 2027 • Asia - 20th Asian Games (men's Hockey competition) 2026 • Europe - EuroHockey Championship for Men 2027 • Oceania - Men's Oceania Cup 2027

	Should the host nation be the highest placed at the 20th Pan American Games in 2027 in the men's competition, the second placed nation does not subsequently qualify, and instead the quota place will be allocated through the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments below. Should the nations that have earned a quota place for their NOC through Pro League Season 7 and Season 8 be the highest placed in their continental championships, the next highest placed nation in such continental championship will earn one quota place for its NOC.
D.4. **64 (4 teams)**	**FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments** There will be two FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments, consisting of eight teams each (16 teams in total), held in early 2028. The tournament format will be the same as that used for the 2024 FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments, with two pools of four, then semifinals and a final. The top two teams in this tournament will earn one quota place each for their NOC. If the host nation is the highest placed nation in the FIH Pro League or in the 20th Pan American Games in 2027 in the men's competition, then a fifth quota place will be available in the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments. This will be offered to the highest world ranked of the two teams who finish third in the two FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments, at midnight on the final day of the second tournament to finish. The teams invited to participate in these tournaments will be based on continental quotas as set out below. Such invitations will be made after midnight on the final day of the last continental championships. The continental quotas will firstly be determined by the number of nations from each continent that are among the top 24 Olympic-eligible nations in the World Ranking. Note: as Great Britain takes part in the Olympic Games, only one British nation – England – will be considered as part of the quotas. Any other nation falling under Great Britain will not, and therefore if any are also ranked in the top 24 of the World Rankings, then the nations ranked in 25 or 26 will be used to calculate the quotas. From these 24 quotas, the continents of the eight nations already qualified will be excluded, leaving 16 continental quotas. These 16 continental quotas will be filled by the highest finishing nations in each continental championship that have not already qualified for LA28. Should any nation not accept their invitation to participate in the Qualification Tournament, the next reserve nation will be invited. The reserve nations are determined using the same continental quota system as above, and not by replacing a nation with the next nation in that particular continent. Therefore, the nation from the continent with an eligible team ranked 25th in the FIH World Rankings on 31 August 2026 will be the first reserve.

MEN		The continental quotas, including reserves, will be published on 1 September 2026. The snake system will be used to allocate the 16 nations to the two Olympic qualifier events, as shown below. Snake system: Ranking order of 16 teams in the FIH Olympic Qualifiers (based on the FIH World Rankings at midnight on the last day of the final continental championships in 2027, when the 16 nations to be invited are known): Tournament A 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16 Tournament B 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15 Note: If the two hosts are allocated by the snake system to participate in the same tournament, then one of the hosts will be swapped to participate in the other tournament, with the equivalent ranked team moved to the other tournament. Please refer to **annex 1** for the distribution quotas based on the ranking as 31st August 2026.
WOMEN	**D.5.** **16 (1 team)**	**Host Nation – United States** The Olympic Games host country will be allocated one quota place on the basis that the women's team has satisfied the FIH criteria of appearing on a ranking of 25 or better in the FIH World Rankings since the end of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
	D.6. **32 (2 teams)**	**FIH Hockey Pro League** The highest placed nation in the FIH Pro League Season 7 and FIH Pro League Season 8 will earn one quota place for their NOC. If the same team that wins Season 7 also wins Season 8, the quota place will be offered to the runner up of Season 8.
	D.7. **80 (5 teams)**	**Continental Qualifications** The highest placed nations in each of the five continental championships that are not already qualified as host or through the FIH Pro League will earn one quota place for their NOC: • Africa - African Hockey Road to Los Angeles 2028 (women's competition) 2027 • America - 20th Pan American Games (women's hockey competition) 2027 • Asia - 20th Asian Games (women's hockey competition) 2026 • Europe - EuroHockey Championship for Women 2027 • Oceania - Women's Oceania Cup 2027 Should the host nation be the highest placed in the 20th Pan American Games in 2027 in the women's competition, the second placed nation does not subsequently qualify, and the quota place will be allocated to the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments below.

	Should the nations that have earned a quota place for their NOC through Pro League Season 7 and Season 8 be the highest placed in their continental championships, the next highest placed nation in this continental championship will earn one quota place for their NOC.
D.8. **64 (4 teams)**	**FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments** There will be two FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments, consisting of eight teams each (16 teams in total), held in early 2028. The tournament format will be the same as that used in the 2024 FIH Olympic Qualification Tournament, with two pools of four, then semifinals and a final. The top two teams in this tournament will earn one quota place each for their NOC. If the host nation is the highest placed nation in the FIH Pro League or in the 20th Pan American Games, then a fifth quota place will be available in the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments. This will be offered to the highest ranked of the two teams who finish third in the two FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments, at midnight on the final day of the second tournament to finish. The teams invited to participate in these tournaments will be based on continental quotas as set out below. Such invitations will be made after midnight on the final day of the last continental championships. The continental quotas will firstly be determined by the number of nations from each continent that are among the top 24 Olympic-eligible nations in the World Ranking. Note: as Great Britain takes part in the Olympic Games, only one British nation – England – will be considered as part of the quotas. Any other nation falling under Great Britain will not, and therefore if any are also ranked in the top 24 of the World Rankings, then the nations ranked in to 25 or 26 will be used to calculate the quotas. From these 24 quotas, the continents of the eight nations already qualified will be removed, leaving 16 continental quotas. These 16 continental quotas will be filled by the highest finishing nations in each continental championship that have not already qualified for LA28. Should any nation not accept their invitation to participate in the qualifying tournament, the next reserve nation will be invited. The reserve nations are determined using the same continental quota system as above, and not by replacing a nation with the next nation in that particular continent. Therefore, the nation from the continent with an eligible team ranked 25th in the FIH World Rankings on 31 August 2026 will be the first reserve. The continental quotas, including reserves, will be published on 1 September 2026. The snake system will be used to allocate the 16 nations to the two Olympic qualifier events, as shown below. Snake system:

Ranking order of 16 teams in the FIH Olympic Qualifiers (based on the FIH World Rankings at midnight on the last day of the final continental championships in 2027, when the 16 nations to be invited are known):

Tournament A 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16
Tournament B 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15

Note: If the two hosts are allocated by the snake system to participate in the same tournament, then one of the hosts will be swapped to participate on the other tournament with the equivalent ranked team moved to the other tournament.

Please refer to **annex 1** for the distribution quotas based on the ranking as 31st August 2026.

E. CONFIRMATION

Confirmation of qualification places

E.1. Following each continental championship and Olympic Qualification Tournament, the FIH will publish the results on its website Hockey events | FIH.

Within 14 days after the completion of the last Olympic Qualification Tournament, the FIH will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification to the NOC and National Association of each qualified team. The NOCs will then have a further 14 days to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph H. Qualification Timeline.

Confirmation of host country places

E.2. The host NOC must confirm the use of the host country places to the FIH following the publication of this Qualification System on the FIH's and IOC's website.

F. REALLOCATION

Reallocation of unused qualification places

F.1. **FIH Hockey Pro League**

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team in the FIH Pro League Season 8, provided that the team is ranked 20th or higher in the FIH World Rankings at the end of such season. If the team has a ranking of 21st or lower, the quota place will be allocated as below for the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments.

Continental Qualifications

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team in that continental championship, not yet qualified, provided that the team is ranked 20th or

higher in the FIH World Rankings at the end of the 2027 Continental Championships. If the team has a ranking of 21st or lower, the quota place will be allocated as below for the Olympic Qualification Tournaments.

Olympic Qualification Tournaments

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be allocated to the highest ranked team in the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournament that is not yet qualified.

Reallocation of unused host country places

F.2. If the host country does not wish to use its allocated quota place(s) the quota place(s) will be reallocated to the highest ranked team in the FIH Olympic Qualifiers that is not yet qualified.

G. AP ATHLETES

Definition

G.1. Ap athletes are non-competing athletes accredited in the "Ap" category who have different entitlements to competing athletes (accredited as "Aa") as described in the "Ap" accreditation quotas and conditions outlined in the IOC ACR Annex 1 - Accreditation at the Olympic Games - Detailed specification. These alternate athletes are not part of the athlete quota as described in Paragraph **B. Quota Places**. "Ap" alternate athletes could become competing athletes only under the conditions outlined in the IOC/LA28 Late Athlete Replacement policy.

Eligibility

G.2. Ap alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph C. Athlete Eligibility.

Quota

G.3. Each qualified team is entitled to three Ap athletes. In order for a team to be eligible for all three Ap athletes, one of the quotas must be used for a reserve goalkeeper.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	July 2026	Dates of all continental championships confirmed
	9 December 2025 – 28 June 2026	FIH Pro League Season 7
	19 September – 4 October 2026	20th Asian Games (Men and Women), Aichi-Nagoya (JPN)
	8 December 2026 – 20 June 2027	FIH Pro League Season 8
	16 July – 1 August 2027	20th Pan American Games (Men and Women), Lima (PER)
	TBC	African Road to Los Angeles 2028 (Men and Women)
	28 July – 8 August 2027	EuroHockey Nations Championship (Men and Women)
	TBC	Oceania Cup (Men and Women)
	September 2027	Teams, dates and venues for Olympic Qualification Events confirmed
	March 2028 - TBC	Olympic Qualification Events
Confirmation and Reallocation	September 2027	FIH to inform NOCs/national associations of their allocated quota places
	April 2028	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to FIH
Sport Entries deadline	26 June 2028	**LA28 Olympic Games Sport Entries deadline**
Games Time	14-30 July 2028 (Hockey from 12 July)	**LA28 Olympic Games**

Annex 1: distribution quotas for the FIH Olympic Qualifiers, based on the ranking as 31st August 2026

Men					
Continent	Top 24 ranked	Host	CF Champs	Pro League	Olympic Qualifiers Quota
Europe	10		1	1	8
Asia	7		1		6
Pan America	3	1	1		1
Oceania	2		1		1
Africa	2		1		1

Women					
Continent	Top 24 ranked	Host	CF Champs	Pro League	Olympic Qualifiers Quota
Europe	11		1	1	9
Asia	5		1		4
Pan America	5	1	1		3
Oceania	2		1		1
Africa	1		1		0

Note: The second Pro League quota place for both genders will not be known until the end of the current season (June 27, 2027). At this point, the continent from which they come will reduce the number of quotas in the FIH Olympic Qualification Tournaments by 1.