

Qualification Criteria for FIH Hockey Junior World Cup 2025 (Men & Women)

Age Limit

All players shall be under 21 years of age as of 31 December 2024 that is all players shall be born on or after 1 January 2004.

Men

The FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025 will consist of 24 teams

1.1. To qualify for the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025, National Associations must compete in their respective Continental Federation (CF) Junior Championships/Qualifier.

1.2. The Host Nation – 1 quota place: The host nation.

1.3. Teams Qualified by Continental Federation – 15 quota places

The Continental quotas are as follows:

- Africa (3): The Top 3 teams in the Junior Africa Cup 2024
- Asia (3): The Top 3 teams in the Junior Asia Cup 2024
- Europe (3): The Top 3 teams in the EuroHockey U21 Championship 2024
- Pan America (3): The Top 3 team in the Junior Pan American Championship 2024
- Oceania (3): The Top 3 teams in the Junior Oceania Cup 2024

Note: when considering the Top 3 nations in each CF Championship, the JWC host nation is not included. Therefore, the continent of the host nation will have the Top 3 teams plus the host nation qualified,

1.4. The remaining 8 Teams will qualify via continental quotas calculated using the FIH Men's Junior World Ranking on (April 10th, 2024) provided that:

- They are not yet qualified under 1.2 and 1.3 above.
- The Continental quotas are calculated by considering the CF of each nation in the Junior World Rankings, and disregarding the top 3 nations from each CF. The CFs of the top 8 ranked nations that remain in the rankings then earn a continental quota for their CF. These 8 continental quotas are then filled by the highest finishing nations in each continental championship who have not already qualified for the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025.

Illustration and explanation of this Continental Quota system using the Junior World Rankings

Based on the ranking on April 10th and removing the top three (3) quotas already allocated to each Continental Federation in 1.3 (highlighted in yellow), the Top 8 nations are highlighted in green:

World Rank	Country	CF	2023			2021			2019			2015 - 2023			Total Points
			Junior World Cup			Junior World Cup			Junior World Cup			Junior Continental Cups			
			Rank	Pts	100%	Rank	Pts	50%	Rank	Pts	25%	CF	Rank	Pts	
1	Germany	EUR	1	1000.00	1000.00	2	800.00	400.00	3	750.00	187.50	EUR	2	700.00	2287.50
2	India	ASI	4	700.00	700.00	4	700.00	350.00	1	1000.00	250.00	ASI	1	675.00	1975.00
3	Argentina	PAHF	7	550.00	550.00	1	1000.00	500.00	5	850.00	162.50	PAHF	1	750.00	1962.50
4	Netherlands	EUR	5	650.00	650.00	5	650.00	325.00	7	550.00	137.50	EUR	1	750.00	1862.50
5	Spain	EUR	3	750.00	750.00	7	550.00	275.00	6	600.00	150.00	EUR	4	600.00	1775.00
6	France	EUR	2	800.00	800.00	3	750.00	375.00				EUR	6	500.00	1675.00
7	Belgium	EUR	9	450.00	450.00	6	600.00	300.00	2	800.00	200.00	EUR	3	650.00	1600.00
8	Australia	OCE	6	600.00	600.00				4	700.00	175.00	OCE	1	750.00	1525.00
9	Pakistan	ASI	8	500.00	500.00	11	350.00	175.00				ASI	2	630.00	1305.00
10	South Africa	AFR	10	400.00	400.00	9	450.00	225.00	10	400.00	100.00	AFR	1	525.00	1250.00
11	Malaysia	ASI	12	300.00	300.00	8	500.00	250.00	11	350.00	87.50	ASI	4	540.00	1177.50
12	Korea	ASI	13	275.00	275.00	10	400.00	200.00	14	250.00	62.50	ASI	3	585.00	1122.50
13	New Zealand	OCE	11	350.00	350.00				9	450.00	112.50	OCE	2	630.00	1092.50
14	Canada	PAHF	16	200.00	200.00	13	375.00	137.50	16	200.00	50.00	PAHF	2	549.50	937.00
15	Egypt	AFR	14	250.00	250.00	16	200.00	100.00	15	225.00	56.25	AFR	2	402.50	808.75
16	England	EUR							8	500.00	125.00	EUR	5	550.00	675.00
17	Chile	PAHF	15	225.00	225.00	14	250.00	125.00				PAHF	3	221.00	571.00
18	Japan	ASI							13	275.00	68.75	ASI	5	495.00	563.75
19	Austria	EUR							12	300.00	75.00	EUR	7	450.00	525.00
20	Poland	EUR				12	300.00	150.00				EUR	10	350.00	500.00
21	Bangladesh	ASI										ASI	6	450.00	450.00
22	Scotland	EUR										EUR	8	400.00	400.00
23	Ireland	EUR										EUR	9	375.00	375.00

Therefore:

- Asia are awarded 3 additional quotas, to be filled by the three (3) highest-placed teams in the Junior Asia Cup 2024 not yet qualified under 1.2 or 1.3.
- Europe are awarded 5 additional quotas, to be filled by the five (5) highest-placed teams in the EuroHockey Junior Championship 2024 not yet qualified under 1.2 or 1.3.

2.1 Reallocation of Unused Quota Places under 1.3

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by a Team qualified via the Continental Championship on the deadline established by FIH or is declined by the National Association, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team in that continental championship.

If the relevant quota remains unfilled, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed team in the Junior World Ranking not yet qualified under 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4.

2.2 Reallocation of Unused Quota Places under 1.4

If an allocated quota place is not confirmed by a Team qualified via the Junior World Ranking quota on the deadline established by FIH or is declined by the National Association, the quota place will

be reallocated to the Continent of the next highest placed team in the Junior World Ranking not yet qualified under 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4.

Qualification Timeline - Men	
April 2024	FIH Executive Board approves qualification
2 – 12 July	Junior Pan American Championship 2024 (Surrey, Canada)
14 – 20 July	EuroHockey U21 Championship (Terrassa, Spain)
TBC	Junior Asia Cup
TBC	Junior Oceania Cup
October 2024	Junior Africa Cup
TBC	Invitations to participate issued to qualified National Associations
TBC	National Associations to confirm in writing to FIH their participation in the FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025
TBC	Team Entry Forms issued to competing National Associations
TBC	Team Entry Forms to be returned to FIH
TBC	FIH Hockey Men's Junior World Cup 2025 (TBC)

Women

The FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2025 will consist of 24 teams

1.1. To qualify for the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2025, National Associations must compete in their respective Continental Federation (CF) Junior Championships/Qualifier.

1.2. The Host Nation – 1 quota place: The host nation.

1.3. Teams Qualified by Continental Federation – 15 quota places

The Continental quotas are as follows:

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- Asia (3): The Top 3 teams in the Junior Asia Cup 2024
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- Pan America (3): The Top 3 team in the Junior Pan American Cup 2024
- Oceania (3): The Top 3 teams in the Junior Oceania Cup 2024

Note: when considering the Top 3 nations in each CF Championship, the JWC host nation is not included. Therefore, the continent of the host nation will have the Top 3 teams plus the host nation qualified.

1.4. The remaining 8 Teams will qualify via continental quotas using the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Ranking on (April 10th, 2024) provided that:

- They are not yet qualified under 1.2 and 1.3 above;
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Illustration and explanation of this Continental Quota system using the Junior World Rankings

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17	Zimbabwe	AFR	14	250.00	250.00	12	300.00	150.00	16	200.00	50.00	AFR	2	210.00	660.00
18	China	ASI							10	400.00	100.00	ASI	4	510.00	610.00
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23	Uruguay	PAHF				13	275.00	137.50				PAHF	4	360.00	497.50

Therefore:

- Asia are awarded 2 additional quotas, to be filled by the two (2) highest-placed teams in the Junior Asia Cup 2024 not yet qualified under 1.2 or 1.3.
- Europe are awarded 5 additional quotas, to be filled by the five (5) highest-placed teams in the EuroHockey Junior Championship 2024 not yet qualified under 1.2 or 1.3.
- Pan America is awarded 1 additional quota, to be filled by the highest-placed team in the Junior Pan American Championship 2024 not yet qualified under 1.2 or 1.3.

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