

Introduction

From 2012 onwards, the FIH Champions Trophy and FIH Champions Challenges will be Competition played every 2 years in an even year, i.e. in same year as Olympic Games and World Cup. Inclusion in tournament will be based upon performance in the previous competition in order to permit better long term planning of participating teams and to reward performance. At the discretion of the FIH Executive Board up to 2 invitational places will be included in Champions Trophy

Champions Trophy (8 teams)

The teams qualified for the FIH Champions Trophy will be as follows

- T1 The host
- T2 The teams placed 1st – 5th in the previous FIH Champions Trophy
- T3 The winners of the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1
- T4 One or two places to be nominated by the FIH Executive Board

Champions Challenge 1 (8 teams)

The teams qualified for the FIH Champions Challenge 1 will be as follows

- C1.1 The host
- C1.2 The teams placed 6th – 8th in the previous FIH Champions Trophy
- C1.3 The winners of the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2
- C1.4 The teams placed 2nd – 4th in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1
- C1.5 Should the host qualify by virtue of criteria C1.2, C1.3 or C1.4 above, the additional place will be allocated to the team placed 5th in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1
- C1.6 Where teams qualify for the FIH Champions Trophy under T1 or T4 above and having finished 6th, 7th or 8th at the previous FIH Champions Trophy or having played in the previous Champions Challenge 1, the additional places in Champions Challenge 1 will be allocated to the team(s) placed 5th (in the case of one Executive board nomination) or 5th and 6th (in the case of two Executive Board nominations). If that/those team(s) qualifies under C1.1 or C1.5 above, the additional place(s) will be allocated to the team(s) that finished 6th or/and 7th respectively in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1.

Champions Challenge 2 (8 teams)

The teams qualified for the FIH Champions Challenge 2 will be as follows

- C2.1 The host
- C2.2 The teams placed 5th – 8th in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 1
- C2.3 The team that finishes 2nd in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.
- C2.4 The 2 highest ranked teams in the FIH World Ranking at the time of the completion of all of the Champions Trophy and Champions Challenge tournaments that did not play in any of those tournaments in that particular year.
- C2.5 Should the host qualify by virtue of criteria C2.2, C2.3 or C2.4 above, the additional place will be allocated to the team that finished 3rd in the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.
- C2.6 Where teams qualify for the FIH Champions Trophy under T1 or T4 above and having finished 6th, 7th or 8th at the previous FIH Champions Trophy (with the consequent allocation of additional places to the FIH Champions Challenge 1 2012 under C1.6 above) those additional place(s) will be allocated to the team(s) that finished 3rd (in the case of one Executive Board nomination) or 3rd and 4th (in the case of two Executive Board nominations) at the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.
- C2.7 If the team(s) that finished 3rd or/and 4th at the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2 has qualified under C2.5 and/or C2.6 above, the available additional place(s) will be allocated to the team(s) that finished 5th and/or 6th at the previous FIH Champions Challenge 2.

Qualification Criteria for FIH Champions Trophy and FIH Champions Challenges from 2012 onwards

- C2.8 The teams that finish 7th and 8th in the FIH Challenge 2 will not take part in the next FIH Champions Challenge 1 or 2 irrespective of their World Ranking position.
- C2.9 If for any reason the Champions Challenge 2 is not played in any particular year, the teams that will qualify the next time the tournament is played will be the 8 highest placed National Associations in the FIH World Ranking at the end of year in which the tournament was due to have been played and not qualified for the next Champions Trophy and Champions Challenge 1

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