



INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION (IHF)

Handball

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Handball:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Total
Men	154 (11 teams)	14 (1 team)	168 (12 teams)
Women	154 (11 teams)	14 (1 team)	168 (12 teams)
Total	308 (22 teams)	28 (2 teams)	336 (24 teams)

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC
Men	14 (1 team)
Women	14 (1 team)
Total	28 (2 teams)

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the NOC.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must 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). Only those athletes who comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.

Athletes should be eligible to play for their national team as per IHF [Regulations](#).



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The qualification events are listed in hierarchical order of qualification.

MEN

Number of Quota places	Qualification Events
1 team (14 athletes)	IHF Men's World Championship 2019 , (Denmark/Germany, 10 – 27 January 2019) The highest placed NOC of the IHF 2019 World Championship will qualify one (1) quota place for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. In case Japan as a Host Country will be World Champion, the quota place will be allocated to the next highest placed NOC.
4 teams (56 athletes)	Continental Qualification Events (dates and location TBC) Each confederation of the IHF will be represented at the Olympic Games with at least one (1) team. The continental representatives from Asia, Africa, Europe and Pan-America will be the NOCs of the highest ranked team at the respective Continental Qualification event. There will not be a dedicated continental qualification event for Oceania. In the event that the 2019 World Champion or the Host Country of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 also wins the Continental Qualification, the NOC of the next highest ranked team of the respective Continental Qualification event will obtain the quota place. <u>Continental Qualification events:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Men's Pan-American Qualification event: Pan-American Games, Lima (PER), 31 July – 5 August 2019- Men's Asian Qualification event, Doha (QAT), 17 – 27 October 2019- Men's European Qualification event: European Championship, AUT/NOR/SWE, 9 – 26 January 2020- Men's African Qualification event: African Championship, 16 – 26 January 2020 TUN
6 teams (84 athletes)	Men's Olympic Qualification Tournament (16 – 19 April 2020, locations TBC) Six (6) quota places will be allocated through three (3) Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments of four (4) teams. The two highest placed NOCs from each of these three (3) Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments will obtain one (1) quota place each.



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The teams eligible to participate in these tournaments are selected as follows:

	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
Teams selected through ranking at the 2019 World Championship	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	7 th	6 th	5 th
	3 rd best continent (QS 3)	2 nd best continent (QS 2)	Best continent (QS 1)
	4 th best continent (QS 4)	Best continent (QS 5)	2 nd best continent (QS 6)

*QS= Qualification Slot for the IHF Men’s Olympic Qualification Tournament

If one (1) or more teams placed between 2nd – 7th at the 2019 World Championship have already qualified for the Olympic Games at their respective Continental Qualification events, the team placed 8th (or thereafter) at the 2019 World Championship will be eligible to participate in the IHF Men’s Olympic Qualification Tournaments and all other teams will move one spot forward.

Example: If the team placed third (3rd) at the 2019 World Championship has already qualified for the Olympic Games at its continental qualification event, the team placed fourth (4th) at the World Championship will advance to the place which was originally allocated to the 3rd placed team (and consequently participate at Tournament 2). Hence, also all following teams (5th -7th) will move one spot forward, with the spot originally foreseen for the 7th ranked team now being open for the team ranked 8th at the World Championship.

The same system shall be applied *mutatis mutandis* in case several eligible teams have already qualified through their continental qualification events.

QS 1 and 5 will be allocated to the highest placed continent at the 2019 World Championship. The highest ranked team (QS1) and next highest ranked team (QS5) at the respective Continental Qualification event not yet qualified and not yet selected to participate in the IHF Qualification Tournaments will earn the corresponding Qualification slot.

QS 2 to 4 are allocated to the second (QS2), third (QS3) and fourth (QS4) highest placed continents at the 2019 World Championship. The highest placed teams at the respective Continental Qualification event not yet qualified and not yet selected to participate in the IHF Qualification Tournaments will earn the corresponding Qualification slot.

QS 6: If any team from Oceania is placed between 8th-12th at the 2019 World Championship, this Qualification slot will be allocated to the highest placed NOC at the event in which Oceania can qualify, not yet qualified. If this is not the case, this Qualification slot will be allocated to the second highest placed continent at the 2019 World Championship, in addition to QS2. The NOC of the highest placed team at the respective Continental Qualification event, not yet qualified, will be allocated the Qualification slot.



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	<p>The NOCs/NFs participating in the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to IHF in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments by 15 February 2020.</p>
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**Dates and places may be subject to modifications.*

WOMEN

Number of Quota places	Qualification Events
1 team (14 athletes)	<p>IHF Women's World Championship 2019, Japan, 29 November – 15 December 2019</p> <p>The highest placed NOC of the IHF 2019 World Championship will qualify one (1) quota place for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.</p> <p>In case Japan as a Host Country will be World Champion, the quota place will be allocated to the next highest placed NOC.</p>
4 teams (56 athletes)	<p>Continental Qualification Events (dates and location TBC)</p> <p>Each confederation of the IHF will be represented at the Olympic Games with at least one (1) team. The continental representatives from Asia, Africa, Europe and Pan-America will be the NOCs of the highest placed team at the respective Continental qualifying event. There will not be a dedicated continental qualification event for Oceania.</p> <p>In the event that the 2019 World Champion or the Host Country of the 2020 Olympic Games also wins the Continental Qualification, the NOC of the second-placed team of the respective Continental Qualification event will obtain the quota place.</p> <p><u>Continental Qualification events:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women's European Qualification event: European Championship, FRA, 29 November – 16 December 2018 - Women's African Qualification event, Dakar (SEN), 26 – 31 March 2019 - Women's Pan-American Qualification event: Pan-American Games, Lima (PER) 24 – 30 July 2019 - Women's Asian Qualification event, Venue TBC (CHN), 23 – 29 September 2019
6 teams (84 athletes)	<p>Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament: ((19) 20-22 March 2020, locations TBC)</p> <p>Six (6) quota places will be allocated through three (3) Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments of four (4) teams.</p> <p>The NOCs of the first- and second-highest placed teams from each of these three (3) Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments will obtain one (1) quota place each.</p> <p>The teams eligible to participate in these tournaments are selected as follows:</p>



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**QS= Qualification Slot for the IHF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament*

If one (1) or more teams placed between 2nd – 7th at the 2019 World Championship have already qualified for the Olympic Games at their respective Continental Qualification events, the team placed 8th (or thereafter) at the 2019 World Championship will be eligible to participate in the IHF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments and all other teams will move one spot forward.

Example: If the team placed third (3rd) at the 2019 World Championship has already qualified for the Olympic Games at its continental qualification event, the team placed fourth (4th) at the World Championship will advance to the place which was originally allocated to the 3rd placed team (and consequently participate at Tournament 2). Hence, also all following teams (5th -7th) will move one spot forward, with the spot originally foreseen for the 7th ranked team now being open for the team ranked 8th at the World Championship.

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The NOCs/NFs participating in the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments, must confirm their participation to the Olympic Games to IHF in case they obtain a quota place at the same time as registering their team(s) for the Olympic Qualifying Tournaments by 15 January 2020.



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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed one (1) quota place per gender.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

CONFIRMATION OF QUALIFICATION PLACES

IHF will publish the final results after each qualification event on the official website <http://www.ihf.info/> and inform the qualified NOCs/NFs accordingly.

The NOCs will then have two (2) weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota places, as detailed in paragraph H. Qualification Timeline.

The qualified NOCs from the IHF Men's or Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments must confirm their participation in the Olympic Games in case of qualification to the IHF at the same time when registering the team(s) for the IHF Olympic Qualification Tournaments, namely by 1 May 2020.

CONFIRMATION OF HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host NOC must confirm its participation in both events to the IHF by 31 July 2019.

F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, the quota place will be reallocated to the next highest placed NOC, not yet qualified at the event where the initial quota place was obtained.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country place(s) will be allocated to the continent of the 2019 World Champion in the respective gender and allocated to the highest placed NOC from this continent, which has not yet qualified at the corresponding Continental Qualification event.

G. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE USE OF P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P ALTERNATE ATHLETES

P alternate athletes are non-competing athletes, and are not included within the athlete's quota as described in Paragraph **B. Athletes Quota**. More detailed information about entitlements and quotas can be found in the '*Accreditation at the Olympic Games – Users Guide*'. P alternate athletes can only become competing athletes as per the conditions outlined in the '*IOC/Tokyo 2020 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.



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Eligibility:

P alternate athletes must comply with the same eligibility rules as competing athletes as described in above paragraph **C. Athlete Eligibility**.

Quota:

Each qualified team is entitled to 1 (one) P alternate athlete.

H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
Within two months after the respective qualification event	IHF will inform the NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places.
29 November – 16 December 2018	Women's European Qualification event: European Championship, FRA
15 January 2019 (Women) 15 February 2019 (Men)*	Deadline for NOCs to confirm participation at the same time when registering for the IHF Olympic Qualifications Tournaments
10 – 27 January 2019	IHF Men's World Championship 2019, DEN/GER
28 February 2019	Deadline for the NOC who won the IHF Men's World Championship 2019 to confirm the quota place to IHF
24 – 30 July 2019 (Women) 31 July – 05 August 2019 (Men)	Pan-American Men's and Women's Qualification event: Pan-American Games, Lima (PER)
31 July 2019	Deadline for the Host NOC to confirm the quota places to IHF
23 – 29 September 2019	Women's Asian Qualification event, Venue TBC (CHN)
27 – 29 September 2019	Women's African Qualification event, Dakar (SEN)
17 – 27 October 2019	Men's Asian Qualification event, Doha (QAT)
29 November – 15 December 2019	IHF Women's World Championship 2019, Kumamoto (JPN)
15 January 2020	Deadline for the NOC who won the IHF Women's World Championship 2019 to confirm the quota place to IHF
9 – 26 January 2020	Men's European Qualification event: European Championship, AUT/NOR/SWE
16 – 26 January 2020	Men's African Qualification event: African Championship, TUN
19/20 – 22 March 2020	Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments, (locations TBC)
06 April 2020 (Women) 04 May 2020 (Men)*	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the Men's and Women's Continental Qualification events to IHF
16/17 – 19 April 2020*	Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments (locations TBC)



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Within two weeks after the corresponding Qualification event has been finalised	IHF will inform the NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
1st May 2020	Deadline for the qualified NOCs from the IHF Men's or Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments to confirm their participation in the Olympic Games in case of qualification to the IHF at the same time when registering the team(s) for the IHF Olympic Qualification Tournaments
31 May 2020	IHF to reallocate all unused quota places
6 July 2020	Tokyo 2020 Sport Entries deadline
24 July – 9 August 2020	Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

*To Be Determined