



INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

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). Only those athletes who have complied 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	<p>IHF Men’s World Championship 2015, Qatar (16 January – 01 February 2015) The NOC of the 2015 World Champion will qualify one (1) quota place for the Olympic Games.</p> <p>In case Brazil as Host Country will be World Champion, the quota place will go to the runner-up.</p>												
4	<p>Continental Qualification Events (July 2015 – January 2016) 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 best ranked team at the respective Continental Qualification event.</p> <p>In the event that the 2015 World Champion or the Host Country of the 2016 Olympic Games also wins the Continental Qualification, the NOC of the second-ranked 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"> - Men’s Pan-American Qualification event: 10 – 26 July 2015 in Toronto, Canada - Men’s Asian Qualification event: 14–27 November 2015 in Doha , Qatar - Men’s European Qualification event: 17 – 31 January 2016 in Poland - Men’s African Qualification event: 21–30 January 2016 in Cairo, Egypt 												
6	<p>Men’s Olympic Qualification Tournament (07 – 10 April 2016)</p> <p>Six (6) quota places will be allocated through three (3) tournaments of four (4) teams. The NOCs of the first- and second-ranked teams from each of these three (3) tournaments will obtain one (1) quota place each.</p> <p>The teams eligible to participate in these tournaments are selected as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="background-color: #cccccc;">Tournament 1</th> <th style="background-color: #ffcccc;">Tournament 2</th> <th style="background-color: #ffcc99;">Tournament 3</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="background-color: #cccccc;">Teams selected through ranking at the 2015 World Championship</td> <td align="center">2nd</td> <td align="center">3rd</td> <td align="center">4th</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td align="center">7th</td> <td align="center">6th</td> <td align="center">5th</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3	Teams selected through ranking at the 2015 World Championship	2 nd	3 rd	4 th		7 th	6 th	5 th
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		3rd best continent (QS 3)	2nd best continent (QS 2)	Best continent (QS 1)
		4th best continent (QS 4)	Best continent (QS 5)	2nd best continent (QS 6)

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

If one (1) or more teams ranked between 2nd – 7th at the 2015 World Championship have already qualified for the Olympic Games at their respective Continental Qualification events, the team ranked 8th (or thereafter) at the 2015 World Championship will be eligible to participate in the IHF Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments.

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QS 6: If any team from Oceania is ranked between 8th – 12th at the 2015 World Championship, this Qualification slot will be allocated to the best NOC at the Oceania Qualification event not yet qualified. If this is not the case, this Qualification slot will be allocated to second best ranked continent at the 2015 World Championship, in addition to QS2. The NOC of the best ranked team at the respective Continental Qualification event, not yet qualified, will be allocated the Qualification slot.

**Dates and places may be subject to modifications.*

WOMEN

Number of Quota places	Qualification Events
1	<p>IHF Women's World Championship 2015, Denmark (04 – 20 December 2015)</p> <p>The NOC of the 2015 World Champion will qualify one (1) quota place for the Olympic Games.</p> <p>In case Brazil as Host Country will be World Champion, the quota place will go to the runner-up.</p>
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HOST COUNTRY PLACES

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

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

Following each Qualification event, the IHF will publish the results [here](#).

The IHF will inform the respective NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota place(s) and ask the respective NOCs to confirm their quota place by the deadlines set below:

Men

The Host NOC must confirm their participation to the IHF by 31 December 2014.

The qualified NOCs from the IHF Men's World Championship 2015 must confirm their participation to the IHF by 10 February 2015.

The qualified NOCs from the Continental Qualification events must confirm their participation to the IHF by 15 February 2016.

The qualified NOCs from the IHF Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments must confirm their participation to the IHF at the same time when registering the team(s) for the IHF Olympic Qualification Tournaments, namely by 10 February 2016.

Women

The Host NOC must confirm their participation to the IHF by 31 December 2014.

The qualified NOCs from the Continental Qualification events must confirm their participation to the IHF by 15 February 2016.

The qualified NOCs from the IHF Women's World Championship 2015 must confirm their participation to the IHF by 10 January 2016.

The qualified NOCs from the IHF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments must confirm their participation to the IHF at the same time when registering the team(s) for the IHF Olympic Qualification Tournaments, namely by 10 February 2016.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

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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 best ranked 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 2015 World Champion (Men / Women) and allocated to the best ranked 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/Rio 2016 Late Athlete Replacement policy*'.

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.



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H. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
	IHF will inform the NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places.
07 – 21 December 2014	Women's European Qualification event in Croatia/Hungary
31 December 2014	Deadline for the Host NOC to confirm the quota places to IHF
16 January – 01 February 2015	Men's World Championship in Qatar
10 February 2015	Deadline for the NOC who won the IHF Men's World Championship 2015 in Doha, Qatar, to confirm the quota place to IHF.
19 – 21 March 2015	Women's African Qualification event, Luanda, Angola
10 – 26 July 2015	Pan-American Men's and Women's Qualification event in Toronto, Canada
20 – 25 October 2015	Women's Asian Qualification event, Nagoya, Japan
14 – 27 November 2015	Men's Asian Qualification event, Doha, Qatar
04 – 20 December 2015	Women's World Championship 2015 in Denmark
10 January 2016	Deadline for the NOC who won the IHF Women's World Championship 2015 in Denmark to confirm the quota place to IHF.
17 – 31 January 2016	Men's European Qualification event in Poland
21 – 30 January 2016	Men's African Qualification event, Cairo, Egypt
10 February 2016	Deadline for NOCs to confirm participation at the same time when registering for the IHF Olympic Qualifications Tournaments.
15 February 2016	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the Men's and Women's Continental Qualification events to IHF.
17 – 20 March 2016	Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments: Metz, France Aarhus, Denmark Astrakhan, Russia
07 – 10 April 2016	Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments: Gdansk, Poland Malmo, Sweden Herning, Denmark
Within two weeks after the corresponding Qualification event has been finalised.	IHF will inform the NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places.
By 18 July 2016	IHF to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries deadline