

INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

Handball

A. Events (2)

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
12-team tournament	12-team tournament

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	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)

	QUOTA PER NOC
Men	14 (1 team)
Women	14 (1 team)
TOTAL	28 (2 teams)

C. Athlete Eligibility

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY
<p>All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games.</p> <p>Athletes should be eligible to play for their national team as per the IHF Regulations.</p>

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY	
Men & Women	
1 quota place	2011 World Champion
4 quota places	<p>Continental Qualification</p> <p>Continental representative from Asia, Africa, Europe and Pan-America will be the best ranked team at the respective continental championship or continental qualifying event.</p> <p>In the event that the 2011 World Champion (or the host nation of the 2012 Olympic Games) also wins the Continental Qualification, the second-ranked team of the respective continental qualification event will obtain a quota place.</p>
6 quota places	<p>IHF Qualification Tournaments</p> <p>The remaining six (6) quota places will be allocated through three (3) tournaments of four (4) teams. The first- and second-ranked teams from each of these three tournaments will obtain a quota place.</p> <p>The teams eligible to participate in these tournaments are seeded as follows:</p>

	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
Teams ranked at the 2011 WC	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
	7 th	6 th	5 th
	A*	B*	C*
	D*	A**	B**

A*- The quota place will be allocated to the best placed continent at the 2011 World Championship. It is the best ranked NOC at the respective continental championship, not yet qualified and not yet entered in the IHF Qualification Tournaments (i.e. not ranked between 2 and 7 at the 2011 World Championship) that will be allocated the quota place.

B* The quota place will be allocated to the second best placed continent at the 2011 World Championship. It is the best ranked NOC at the respective continental championship, not yet qualified and not yet entered in the IHF Qualification Tournaments (i.e. not ranked between 2 and 7 at the 2011 World Championship) that will be allocated the quota place

C* The quota place will be allocated to the third best placed continent at the 2011 World Championship. It is the best ranked NOC at the respective continental championship, not yet qualified and not yet entered in the IHF Qualification Tournaments (i.e. not ranked between 2 and 7 at the 2011 World Championship) that will be allocated the quota place.

D* The quota place will be allocated to the fourth best placed continent at the 2011 World Championship. It is the best ranked NOC at the respective continental championship, not yet qualified, and not yet entered in the IHF Qualification Tournaments (i.e. not ranked between 2 and 7 at the 2011 World Championship) that will be allocated the quota place

A** This quota place will be allocated to the best ranked Continent at the 2011 World Championship in addition to the quota place allocated above (A*). It is the best ranked NOC at the respective continental championship, not yet qualified, that will be allocated the quota place.

B** If any NOC from Oceania is ranked between 8th-12th at the 2011 World Championship, this quota place will be allocated best ranked NOC at the Oceania Continental Championships not yet qualified. If this is not the case, this quota place will be allocated to the second best ranked Continent at the 2011 World Championship in addition to the quota place allocated above (B*). It is the best ranked NOC at the respective continental championship, not yet qualified, that will be allocated the quota place.

If one or more teams ranked between 2 – 7 at the 2011 World Championships have already obtained an entry place, the team ranked 8 (or thereafter) at the World Championship 2011 have the right to take part in the IHF Qualification Tournaments.

HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION
Great Britain, as host country has the right to one quota place per gender at the 2012 Olympic Games.

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES	
Following each event the IHF will contact the respective NOCs to confirm that they have obtained a quota place(s). The NOCs will have two weeks to confirm if they wish to use these quota place(s).	
<u>Deadline for NOCs to confirm use of quota places:</u>	
Women’s European Championship	05 January 2011
Host Country	31 January 2011
IHF Men’s World Championship 2011	14 February 2011
Women’s Asian Qualification Event	07 November 2011
Pan-American Games (Men and Women)	14 November 2011
Men’s Asian Qualification Event	29 November 2011
IHF Women’s World Championship 2011	06 January 2012
Men’s and Women’s African Championships	06 February 2012
Men’s European Championship	13 February 2012
IHF Men’s Olympic Qualification Tournaments	30 April 2012
IHF Women’s Olympic Qualification Tournaments	10 June 2012

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED IF QUOTA PLACES
Any unused IF quota place(s) will be reallocated to the next best ranked NOC at the event where the initial quota place was obtained.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES
The unused host country place(s) will be allocated to the continent of the 2011 World Champion (M/W) and allocated to the best ranked NOC from this continent, which has not yet qualified at the corresponding continental qualification event.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
7 - 19 December 2010	Women’s European Championship (DEN/NOR)
5 January 2011	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the 2010 Women’s European Championship
13 - 30 January 2011	Men’s World Championship (SWE)
31 January 2011	Deadline for Host Country to confirm the use of quota place(s)
14 February 2011	Deadline for NOC to confirm the use of the quota place obtained at the 2011 IHF’s Men’s World Championship
12 - 20 October 2011	Women’s Asian Qualification Event (CHN)
13 - 30 October 2011	Pan-American Games, (Guadalajara, MEX)
23 October - 3 November 2011	Men’s Asian Qualification Event (Seoul, KOR)
31 October 2011	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the Women’s Asian Qualification Event
7 November 2011	Deadline for NOC to confirm the use of the quota place obtained at the Women’s Asian Qualification Event
14 November	Deadline for NOCs (Men and Women) to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the Pan-American Games
29 November 2011	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the Men’s Asian Qualification Event

DATE	MILESTONE
3 - 18 December 2011	Women's World Championship (BRA)
6 January 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the 2011 IHF Women's World Championship
17 - 29 January 2012	Men's European Championship (SRB)
10 - 21 January 2012	Men's and Women's African Championships (Rabat/Sale, MAR)
6 February 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the Men's and Women's African Championships
13 February 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained at the 2012 Men's European Championship
6 - 8 April 2012	IHF Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments (Locations TBC)
30 April 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained through the IHF Men's Olympic Qualification Tournaments
25 - 27 May 2012	IHF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments (Location TBC)
10 June 2012	Deadline for NOCs to confirm the use of the quota places obtained through the IHF Women's Olympic Qualification Tournaments
9 July 2012	Deadline for London 2012 Organising Committee to receive entry forms