

**ISBHF REGULATIONS
NATIONAL TEAMS QUALIFICATIONS
FOR WORLD SENIOR & JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

WC 2007 QUALIFYING PROCEDURES (approved June '05)

REGIONS	NATIONS
Americas	CAN, USA, & new South American nations
Asia/Oceania	Includes Middle-East, Central Asia, Far East, and Oceania nations
Caribbean	Central America including Mexico, Caribbean islands, plus Bermuda
Europe	Eastern & Western Europe

**Automatic Invitation to Host (Germany) + Top 11 other nations from 2005
Plus four additional seeds awarded as follows:**

#	PROCEDURE	NOTES
1	One additional nation from each Region Cup in 2006 based on highest ranked result of a nation not already qualified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Region Cups must be played by August 31 - Participating nations must be declared by March 31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Qualified nations must declare and pay entry fee by September 30
2	Qualifying Region Cup minimum requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For a Region seed to be achieved, a minimum of two nations in addition to those already qualified must participate in the Region Cup, otherwise the first such seed available will be awarded as an extra for Europe Region Cup, and if a second seed becomes available it will be decided based on formula to follow below, unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where there is a Region Cup with only one nation more than already qualified, then in order to achieve Region's seed, they must finish higher than at least one nation already qualified
3	Formula for second extra seed available for award between Europe and Caribbean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A total of non-qualified teams competing minus the qualifying seeds available for the Region's Cup shall be compared, with the higher differential winning the second extra seed (tie will go to Caribbean)
4	Minimum requirements for awarding of extra seeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If Europe or Caribbean Region Cup does not have sufficient additional participants equal to the number of seeds available + one, then the available number of seeds shall be reduced and awarded to members who have applied on a waiting list - Members on the waiting list shall be ranked based on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1st Higher Level of Membership - 2nd Order of Receipt of Application prior to August 31 - 3rd Order of results of most recent WC or RC they competed in - 4th Order of membership in ISBHF - 5th Lottery draw

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WC/WJC/CC QUALIFYING PROCEDURES (January 2006)

The following development targets must be met by all new nations, and Growing Member status nations in order to participate:

- Establishment of a fully functioning league in the nation, with a minimum of 50 players, within three years of first participation in WC/WJC.
- Establishment of youth programs in the nation, with a minimum of 50 players U-20, within five years of first participation in WC/WJC.
- Mandatory participation in Continental Championships at Senior level, if such exist, in the off years of WC, effective 2008.
- Mandatory participation in Continental Championships at U-16 or U-18 level, if such exist, in the off years of WJC, within seven years of first participation in WC/.

Development surcharge fee for nations with less than 500 registered youth players in nation –

- Nations using players who reside in foreign countries at WC (Seniors) shall pay a 125 Euro tax per player to the ISBHF.
- 100 Euros of each fee shall be in escrow and directed by the ISBHF towards youth development in the home nation, and the balance of 25 Euros will be placed in the ISBHF Development Fund to be used in youth development in other countries at the discretion of the ISBHF.

Additional Development surcharge fee for European nations participating in WC (Seniors) –

- Annual 200 Euro fee is to be added to the membership of these nations. The entire amount shall be applied on behalf of EC U-16 or U-18 entry fee is nations participate in either of those events.
- Should a nation not participate in either EC U-16 or U-18, 100 Euros of the additional surcharge shall be in escrow and directed by the ISBHF towards youth development in the home nation, and the balance of 100 Euros will be placed in the ISBHF Development Fund to be used in youth development in other countries at the discretion of the ISBHF.

WC 2009 QUALIFYING PROCEDURES (January 2006)

Level IV Members, as of 2007, will receive automatic invitation to WC'09, provided that they maintain Level IV status in 2008 & 2009, and meet the following two conditions:

- Participate in either WJC'08 or a CC U-16 or U-18 event.
- Maintain a league of 50 players minimum in the nation.

The balance of the qualifiers shall follow a similar pattern as per WC 2007 as above, with the 2009 host guaranteed entry, plus the top teams from the WC 2007 results in a number that will not exceed twelve, inclusive of Level IV members with automatic invitation and WC 2009 host nation. Four additional nations will be added through Continental Championships in 2008 as per above system.