

INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL FEDERATION

Handball

A. Events (2)

MEN'S EVENTS (1)	WOMEN'S EVENTS (1)
6-team tournament for men	6-team tournament for women

B. Quota

	QUALIFICATION	HOST COUNTRY PLACES	UNIVERSALITY PLACES	TOTAL
Men	5 or 6 teams of 14 players	1 team* of 14 players	n/a	84
Women	5 or 6 teams of 14 players		n/a	84
TOTAL	11 teams	1 team*	n/a	168

* The host country shall automatically qualify only one men's team or one women's team

	MAXIMUM QUOTA PER NOC*
Men	1 team of 14 players
Women	1 team of 14 players
TOTAL	2 teams

* According to the Nanjing 2014 Qualification Systems Principles, "Participation in team sports shall be limited to one women's and one men's team per NOC across team sports (football, handball, hockey and rugby)."

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 comply with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Youth Olympic Games.</p> <p>To be eligible to participate in the Youth Olympic Games, athletes must have been born between 1 January 1996 and 31 December 1998.</p> <p>National team players shall meet the following conditions:</p> <p>a) Citizenship of the country concerned.</p> <p>b) They shall not have played in any national team of another country in the three years preceding their first appearance in the national team in an official match. Official matches are considered to be: the qualifying matches for a continental championship, matches in a continental championship, qualifying matches for IHF World Championships and Olympic Games, and matches in IHF World Championships and Olympic Games.</p> <p>A player who holds more than one nationality and who complies with the above conditions is eligible to officially represent one of those countries if:</p> <p>a) he/she was born in the territory of the federation concerned or,</p> <p>b) his/her biological mother or biological father were born in the territory of the federation concerned or,</p> <p>c) he/she has lived in the territory of the federation concerned for more than 24 months in any period of their life.</p>

D. Qualification System

QUALIFICATION PATHWAY
<p>For each qualifying event, the quota places obtained for the Youth Olympic Games will be allocated to:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Athletes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOCs</p> <p>To participate in the Youth Olympic Games, teams must meet the following conditions:</p> <p>A. be part of the top 40 in the IHF senior world ranking of 1 January 2014</p> <p style="text-align: center;">or</p> <p>B. finish at the respective qualification event before a team which is ranked in the top 20 in the IHF senior world ranking in force on the first day of the respective event</p> <p>Each continent can have a maximum of two NOCs per gender participating in the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing. An exception shall be made in the event that not enough teams meet conditions A or B.</p> <p><u>Youth Continental Qualifications</u></p> <p>The IHF will organise continental qualification events during the official YOG 2014 qualification period (between 1 April 2013 and 8 June 2014). The highest ranked team at each of the five youth continental qualification events, provided it meets condition A or B, shall qualify for the YOG handball tournament.</p> <p>Women's Youth Continental Qualification events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Women's Youth European Championships in Poland (15 - 25 August 2013) ▪ AHF Youth Olympic Games Qualification in Nanjing, China (16 - 24 August 2013) ▪ African Continental Championships (August/September 2013) ▪ Pan-American Continental Championships (November 2013) ▪ Oceania qualification event (2014) <p>Men's Youth Continental Qualification events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ European Youth Olympic Festival in Utrecht, Netherlands (14 - 19 July 2013) ▪ AHF Youth Olympic Games Qualification in Nanjing, China (16 - 24 August 2013) ▪ African Continental Championships (March 2014) ▪ Pan-American Continental Championships (November 2013) ▪ Oceania qualification event (2014) <p>Should the highest ranked team at each of the five youth continental qualification events not meet either condition (A or B), the place will be allocated to the next best ranked team not yet qualified in the same continental qualification event, provided that this team meets condition A or B.</p> <p>Should a continent have no team meeting either condition A or B, the qualification place of this continent will be allocated to the continent with the IHF 2012/2013 youth world champion of the respective gender, and will be allocated to the best ranked NOC not yet qualified at the respective continental qualification event, provided that there are no more than two teams already qualified from that continent. Should the maximum quota of two NOCs for that continent already be reached, the qualification place will be allocated to the best ranked team of the IHF Youth World Championship 2012/2013 of the respective gender, from a continent that has not reached the maximum quota of two NOCs, and provided that this team meets condition A or B.</p>
HOST COUNTRY REPRESENTATION
<p>China, as host country, has the right to directly qualify one men's or one women's handball team for the YOG. Any unused host country places (either men or women) shall be reallocated in accordance with the criteria set out below.</p>

E. Confirmation process for quota places

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUALIFICATION PLACES

Immediately after each qualifying event, the IHF will contact the respective National Federations and their NOCs to confirm that they have obtained (a) quota place(s).

The NOCs will have two weeks from the day of the email/letter to confirm if they wish to use this/these quota place(s).

At the conclusion of the last qualifying event of the four team sports (football, handball, hockey and rugby), the IHF will communicate in writing the final confirmation of qualification to the NOC.

CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The NOC of China, as host country, has to state by 1 June 2013 if it will use the host country place and in which gender it will take part in the 2014 Youth Olympic Games.

F. Reallocation of unused quota places

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

In the event that:

- An NOC does not accept an obtained place, *or*
- an NOC qualifies more than one women's and one men's team across all team sports (football, handball, hockey and rugby), *or*
- the maximum quota of two NOCs for a continent is already reached,

the place will be reallocated to the next best ranked team from the respective continental qualification event where the place was gained, provided it meets condition A or B described under "*Qualification Pathway*" above.

Should no other team from that continent be eligible, the qualification place will be reallocated to the continent of the IHF Youth World Champion 2012/2013 of the respective gender, and will be allocated to the best ranked NOC not yet qualified at the respective continental qualification event, provided that there are no more than two teams already qualified from that continent. Should the maximum quota of two NOCs for that continent already be reached, the qualification place will be allocated to the best ranked team of the IHF Youth World Championship 2012/2013 of the respective gender, from a continent that has not reached the maximum quota of two NOCs, and provided that this team meets condition A or B described under "*Qualification Pathway*" above.

The IHF will communicate in writing the confirmation of qualification obtained through this reallocation process to the respective NOC and National Association.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Should the host country decline either of its places, the additional place will be offered to the continent of the 2012/2013 youth world champion of the respective gender, and will be allocated to the best ranked NOC not yet qualified at the respective continental qualification event, provided it meets condition A or B described under "*Qualification Pathway*" above, and provided the maximum quota of two NOCs for this continent is not already reached.

Should no other team from that continent be eligible, the qualification place will be reallocated to the continent of the IHF 2012/2013 youth world champion of the respective gender, and will be allocated to the best ranked NOC not yet qualified at the respective continental qualification event, provided that there are no more than two teams already qualified from that continent.

Should the maximum quota of two NOCs for that continent already be reached, the qualification place will be allocated to the best ranked team of the IHF 2012/2013 Youth World Championship of the respective gender, from a continent that has not reached the maximum quota of two NOCs, and provided that this team meets conditions A or B described under "*Qualification Pathway*" above.

G. Qualification timeline

DATE	MILESTONE
March 2013	Validation of final allocation of Universality Places by the YOG Tripartite Commission
1 April 2013 - 8 June 2014	YOG 2014 qualification period
16 - 24 August 2013	Men's and Women's Asia Continental Qualification event: AHF Youth Olympic Games Qualification (Nanjing, CHN)
15 - 25 August 2013	Women's European Continental Qualification Event: Women's Youth European Championship (city TBC, POL)
14 - 19 July 2013	Men's European Continental Qualification Event: European Youth Olympic Festival (Utrecht, NED)
August - September 2013	Men's and Women's African Continental Championships (locations TBC)
2014 - Dates TBC	Men's and Women's Pan-American Continental Championships (locations TBC)
8 July 2014	Entries by name deadline for all sports
16 - 28 August 2014	2 nd Summer Youth Olympic Games – Nanjing 2014