

QUALIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2020

The Pan American Hockey Federation (PAHF) is keeping the premise that all its member countries should have the opportunity to qualify for the Junior World Cup through a regional tournament held during the two years immediately preceding the Junior World Cup year.

The following is the official qualification procedure for the twelve (12) teams for the men and women's hockey tournaments at the 2020 PAHF Junior Championships to be held in 2020:

1. The top eight (8) countries from the 2016 PAHF Junior Championships. The qualified teams for the 2020 PAHF Junior Championships are:
 - a. Men: (Argentina, Canada, Chile, USA, Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico, Guyana, Puerto Rico)
 - b. Women: (Argentina, USA, Chile, Canada, Uruguay, Trinidad & Tobago, Mexico, Barbados)
2. The Host country if not already qualified from the 2016 PAHF Junior Championships;
3. If necessary, the other National Associations must participate in a PAHF Junior Challenge 2019/2020 if there are more than four (4) entries outside of those countries already qualified, from which the three (3) or four (4) teams (depending on if the host is already qualified) will qualify for the 2020 PAHF Junior Championships (M&W).
4. The qualification process for the PAHF Junior Championships 2024 and beyond is as follows:
 - a. Provided there are more than twelve (12) entries for the 2024 PAHF Junior Championships, the teams finishing 11th and 12th (M&W) from the 2020 PAHF Junior Championships will be relegated to participating in a PAHF Junior Challenge to be held in 2023.
 - b. The other entering National Associations that did not qualify previously via the 2020 PAHF Junior Championships shall also participate in the PAHF Junior Challenge 2023 (M&W).
 - c. The top two (2) countries (M&W) from the PAHF Junior challenge 2023 will qualify for the PAHF Junior Championship 2024.
 - d. Where a National Association(s) which are qualified under item 1 above for the 2020 PAHF Junior Championships, but does not take entry, that National Association shall seek qualification for the 2024 Junior Pan Am Championship via the PAHF Junior Challenge unless there are insufficient entries for that particular championship.

- e. If the PAHF Junior Challenge is held, all cost for participating in this qualifying event is responsibility of the host and participant National Associations. The PAHF will be responsible for covering the cost of neutral officials for such competition.