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Tokyo 2020 Hockey Page (English)	Click here
Tokyo 2020 Hockey page (French)	Click here

Tokyo 2020 App

Do you want the latest on the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020? To get real-time results and follow the Olympic torch relay? If so, download the official app of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games using the appropriate link in the table below.

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Facebook: facebook.com/fihockey

Instagram: instagram.com/fihockey

Twitter: twitter.com/fih_hockey

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/fihockey>

Tokyo Daily Hokkē Show

The [FIH You Tube channel](#) will be broadcasting a daily show featuring various Olympians discussing the day's action from Tokyo.

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| Introduction

A message of welcome from Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Dear all,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. With the ultimate prize of an Olympic gold medal on the line, the Olympic Games has a unique place within the global hockey calendar.

Following a delay of one year due to the unprecedented times of pandemic that we are currently living through, I can put my hand on my heart and tell you how genuinely overjoyed I am that the Games of the XXXII Olympiad are finally here. The chance to celebrate the world's finest athletes on the world's greatest global sporting stage is a hugely positive thing for all of us.



The organisers of Tokyo 2020, along with great support from the Japanese government, International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Federations such as our own, have gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure that the Games can be staged as safely as possible. I personally want to thank them for their incredible efforts towards this cause, ensuring that the greatest sporting show on earth can finally take place.

The FIH is extremely proud to be part of the Olympic family, with Hockey enjoying a long and glorious history at the Olympic Games. The sport debuted at the 1908 Games in London and has been a permanent fixture in the Olympics since the 1928 Games in Amsterdam, with a women's competition being a central part of proceedings since the Moscow 1980 Games. Our association with the Olympic movement has allowed thousands of athletes to fulfil the life-long dream of representing their country at the greatest sporting spectacle on the planet. The Olympics has always been considered as the pinnacle of the sport, and long may that continue.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all of the teams in action at the stunning Oi Hockey Stadium, the state-of-the-art stadium that will provide a lasting legacy for Japanese Hockey over the coming decades. Japan's national teams, Sakura Japan and Samurai Japan, will be determined to make home advantage count, knowing that a strong showing at Tokyo 2020 will inspire the next generation of hockey players within the country. Being the current men's and women's champions of Asia, they have every reason to believe that they can achieve great things in Tokyo.



As always, we can expect strong showings from the powerhouse nations of the Netherlands, Australia, Germany, India, Great Britain, Argentina, Belgium, New Zealand and Spain, while Ireland women's brilliant, unexpected silver medal at the 2018 Hockey World Cup – where they started as the second lowest ranked team in the competition – provides proof that even the so-called underdogs such as South Africa, China and Canada have every reason to believe that magical things can happen.

Finally, I want to wish all of the athletes and officials the best of luck on the field – you all deserve to be here and will no doubt put on an incredible showcase of our sport for the world to enjoy. Thank you for everything you do for hockey.

Yours in Hockey,

Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra
President, FIH



| Hockey, the Olympics, and the FIH

Hockey and its origins

The roots of hockey are buried deep in antiquity. Historical records show that a crude form of the game was played in Egypt 4,000 years ago and in Ethiopia around 1,000BC. Various museums offer evidence that a form of the game was played by the Romans and Greeks as well as by the Aztecs several centuries before Columbus arrived in the New World. The modern game of hockey emerged in England in the mid-18th century and is largely attributed to the growth of public schools, such as Eton. The first Hockey Association was formed in the UK in 1876 and drew up the first formal set of rules. The original association survived for just six years but, in 1886, it was revived by nine founding member clubs.

Hockey and the Olympic Games

The inaugural Olympic Hockey Competition for men was held in London in 1908 with England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales competing separately. With the addition of Germany and France, the competition ran with six teams. After having made its first appearance at the London Games, hockey was subsequently dropped from the 1912 Stockholm Games after host nations were granted control over 'optional sports'. It reappeared in 1920 in Antwerp after pressure from Belgian hockey advocates before being omitted again in Paris in 1924. The formation of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in 1924 was not soon enough for the Paris Olympics but it did grant hockey re-entry in Amsterdam in 1928. Hockey has been on the programme ever since, with women's hockey included for the first time in Moscow in 1980. At the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, hockey celebrated 100 years as an Olympic sport. At the London 2012 Olympics, hockey was the third biggest sport in terms of ticket sales with over 630,000 sold. The Olympics is the ultimate hockey competition, with the Olympic gold medal being the most coveted prize in the sport.

Hockey and the FIH

Motivated by hockey's omission from the 1924 Paris Games, the Fédération Internationale de Hockey sur Gazon (FIH) was founded by Paul Léautey. Mr Léautey, who would later become the first president of the FIH, called together seven National Federations to form the sport's international governing body.

These founding members, which represented both men's and women's hockey in their countries, were Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Hungary, Spain and Switzerland. Popularised in the late 19th century, the women's game developed quickly in many countries.

In 1927, the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations (IFWHA) was formed. After celebrating their respective Golden Jubilees - the FIH in 1974 and the IFWHA in 1980 - the two organisations came together in 1982 to form the current FIH. By 1964, there were already 50 countries affiliated with the FIH, as well as three Continental Associations - Africa, Pan America and Asia - and in 1974, there were 71 members.

Today, the International Hockey Federation consists of five Continental Associations, 140 National Associations and is still growing, with 152 National Associations predicted by 2024, the year of the next Olympic Games which will, rather fittingly, take place in Paris in the 100th year since the creation of hockey's world governing body.

Golden greats

India is the most successful country with eight Olympic gold medals, all of which were won by the men's team between 1928 and 1980. Pakistan, India's



great rivals, also enjoyed incredible success, winning three golds, three silvers and two bronze medals between 1956 and 1976.

In more recent years, the men's and women's teams of Australia, the Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain and Argentina have all made big impressions. Between 1996 and 2012, the Netherlands men contested four out of the five Olympic finals played during that period, winning gold at Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000. The Dutch women have also enjoyed considerable success, competing in every final from 2004 to 2016 and winning gold at Beijing 2008 and London 2012, adding to the title they claimed in 1984.

Germany and Australia have also left indelible marks on Olympic hockey, with Germany winning five golds (men: 1972, 1992, 2000 & 2012 / women: 2004) and Australia four (women 1988, 1996 & 2000 / men: 2004).

Hockey has also seen its fair share of triumphs by the so-called underdogs. New Zealand men stunned the world to take gold at Montreal 1976, with Zimbabwe women creating shockwaves by winning at Moscow 1980 and Spain's women making home advantage count to storm to gold at Barcelona 1992.

The most recent edition, Rio 2016, proved to be another year with unexpected winners, with Argentina men and Great Britain women – two teams ranked 7th in the world going into the competition – creating new chapters in hockey's history books by snatching Olympic golds for the first time.

While Argentina men and Great Britain women will be determined to defend their respective Olympic titles, they will be challenged every step of the way by the world's finest teams on the planet's greatest sporting stage.

Hockey in Japan

Hockey was introduced to Japan in November 1906 by a British pastor, William T. Gray, who taught the sport to students of Keio University. Immediately, the university formed the first hockey team in the nation. For the next several years, the collegiate team repeatedly played against a team of non-Japanese citizens from the Yokohama Country & Athletic Club (YCAC), who was the university's only opponent at the time. After three years of going head-to-head, the Keio hockey team finally triumphed over the YCAC in a match in 1909.

In the following years, hockey gradually grew in popularity, as club teams and university teams were founded across Japan. To better regulate the sport, a national governing body for hockey was formed on 18 November 1923. The inaugural Japan championships was held a month later. As for women's hockey, it began in 1925 and held its first national championships in 1931. At the Los Angeles 1932 Olympic Games, the men's national hockey team won the silver medal in a three-team competition between India and the USA. Despite being defeated by the powerful India team, Japan won against the host nation to finish second.

Today, with an estimated 30,000 hockey players in Japan, there are many local leagues involving universities, high schools, clubs and company-owned teams. Master's hockey has also grown in popularity. In 1997, a women's professional hockey league was founded, and the men's league followed in 2002. The men's and women's hockey leagues have been known as the Hockey Japan League (HJL) since 2005.

In recent years, the women's national team, "Sakura Japan", has had more international success than the men's team, "Samurai Japan." Sakura Japan has made regular appearances in World Cups and Olympic Games. However, in 2018, both teams won their first golds at the Asian Games and finished at the top of their podiums.



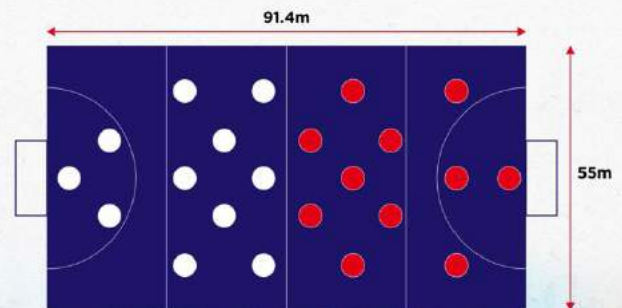
Hockey at a glance

Number of Players: 11 per team.

Match: Four quarters of 15 minutes, an interval of 2 minutes between quarter 1 and 2 and between quarter 3 and 4 and a half-time interval of 10 minutes between quarter 2 and 3.

Scoring: A goal is scored when the ball is played within the circle by an attacker and does not travel outside the circle before passing completely over the goal-line and under the cross-bar.

Players must not play the ball with the back of the stick.



Key Rules

A penalty stroke is awarded for a deliberate offence within the defending circle or when a probable goal is prevented

A penalty corner is awarded for an offence within the defending circle that is not a penalty stroke, or a deliberate offence within the defensive 23-metre area

A free hit is awarded to the opposing team for an offence anywhere on the field outside the defensive circle, and when not deliberate within the defensive 23-metre area

Green card: a temporary suspension of 2 minutes

Yellow card: a temporary suspension of a minimum of 5 minutes

Red card: a permanent suspension from the current match



Hockey Glossary

PLAYER

One of the participants in a team.

TEAM

A team consists of a maximum of sixteen players in the Olympic Games, composed of a maximum of eleven players on the field at any time and up to five substitutes.

FIELD PLAYER

One of the players other than the goalkeeper.

GOALKEEPER

One of the players on the field who wears full protective equipment comprising helmet, leg guards, kickers, hand protectors and other protective equipment, and who is permitted to play the ball with any part of their body.

ATTACK (ATTACKER)

The team (player) which (who) is trying to score a goal.

DEFENCE (DEFENDER)

The team (player) which (who) is trying to prevent a goal being scored.

CIRCLE

The two "D" shaped areas in front of each goal that designate the shooting area.

23 METERS AREA

The two quarters of the playing field closest to each goal, designated by the line drawn across the field.

SHOT AT GOAL

The action of an attacker attempting to score by playing the ball towards the goal from within the circle.

HIT

Striking the ball using a swinging movement of the stick towards the ball. Slapping the ball, which involves a long sweeping movement with the stick along the ground before making contact with the ball, is also regarded as a hit.

PUSH

Propelling the ball along the ground using a pushing movement of the stick after the stick has been placed in contact or close to the ball. When a push is made, both the ball and the head of the stick are in contact with the ground.

FLICK OR SCOOP

Raising the ball off the ground by placing the head of the stick under the ball and using a lifting movement.

FOREHAND

Playing the ball on the right side of your body

BACKHAND

Playing the ball on the left side of your body

TACKLE

An action to stop an opponent retaining possession of the ball.

OFFENCE

An action contrary to the Rules which may be penalized by an umpire.



| About Tokyo



From Japan-Guide.com:

Tokyo (東京, Tōkyō) is Japan's capital and the world's most populous metropolis. It is also one of Japan's 47 prefectures, consisting of 23 central city wards and multiple cities, towns and villages west of the city centre. The Izu and Ogasawara Islands are also part of Tokyo.

Prior to 1868, Tokyo was known as Edo. A small castle town in the 16th century, Edo became Japan's political centre in 1603 when Tokugawa Ieyasu established his feudal government there. A few decades later, Edo had grown into one of the world's most populous cities. With the Meiji Restoration of 1868, the emperor and capital moved from Kyoto to Edo, which was renamed Tokyo ("Eastern Capital"). Large parts of Tokyo were destroyed in the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 and in the air raids of 1945.

Today, Tokyo offers a seemingly unlimited choice of shopping, entertainment, culture and dining to its visitors. The city's history can be appreciated in districts such as Asakusa and in many excellent museums, historic temples and gardens. Contrary to common perception, Tokyo also offers a number of attractive green spaces in the city centre and within relatively short train rides at its outskirts. To read more, [click here](#).

Tokyo and the Olympic Games

Tokyo 2020 is second time that Japan's iconic capital city has staged the Olympic Games. The first came in 1964, which was the first Olympiad to be held in Asia. It was also the first Olympiad to feature Judo and Volleyball, two sports popular in Japan, and where future boxing world heavyweight champion Joe Frazier won gold despite competing with a broken thumb.

Poignantly, the honour of lighting the Olympic flame was given to Yoshinori Sakai, who was born in Hiroshima on 6 August 1945, the same day that an atomic bomb was dropped on that city.



By the time of Tokyo 1964, the sport of hockey very much a fixture of the Olympic programme. The sport was making its tenth Olympic appearance and eighth in succession, having featured at every Games since 1928, an unbroken run that continues to this day. At the time still just a men's competition – women's



hockey eventually debuted at Moscow 1980 – hockey was one of 19 different sports to feature at Tokyo 1964, with 226 athletes representing the 15 different nations that were all targeting a place on the podium.

The competition was played in three specially constructed hockey arenas in the Komazawa Olympic Park and marked the first time since Antwerp 1920 that all of the Olympic hockey matches took place at a single location. It provided the perfect setting for a superb event that would end with a dream final contested between two of hockey's fiercest rivals, India and Pakistan.

To read the full story, [click here](#).

| About the Oi Hockey Stadium

The state-of-the-art Oi Hockey Stadium complex was constructed in the Oi Pier Ocean Park in 2019 and consists of two competition fields, 10,000 and 5,000 seats respectively, and two training fields. As part of the legacy of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, the venue will become the central hub for Japanese hockey and also a multi-purpose sports facility.



Commenting on the impact that this superb facility will have on the sport in Tokyo and the wider metropolitan area, Kevin Dempster, Hockey's Technical Operations Manager for Tokyo 2020, said:

"Without question, the Olympic turfs have already made a big difference to hockey here. There hasn't really been a proper hockey facility available to the public in Tokyo until now. Historically, most of them are privately owned and the only public facility available was the sand-based turf in the old Olympic venue. To have state-of-the-art turfs available to anybody is just wonderful and will be great for the future of hockey."

Praise for the Oi Hockey Stadium from the Ready Steady Tokyo Test Event in 2019.

Monika - Player, India women

"The turf is so fast, so beautiful. We like to play on this field. And the crowd is nice; when we are going for the attack, they are cheering up, whether Japan or India of whichever team is playing."

Manabu Yamashita - Player, Japan men

"As a Japanese player, I'm proud of this stadium, which is big and beautiful. This venue is a great opportunity to grow our sport in Japan because, after the Olympic Games, we will be able to host many tournaments here."

Graham Reid – Head Coach, India men

"We're really impressed with the stadium, how modern and big it is. It's a fantastic facility. To me, it's world-class. Everything is beautifully done. And in the middle of the environment, that's great."



Aleisha Neumann – international umpire, Australia

"This is an exciting venue. Players are loving it. And the South Pitch is just as exciting to look at!"

Thierry Weil – FIH CEO

"The Oi Hockey Stadium is a remarkable facility to boost the development of hockey in Japan."

Tayyab Ikram – FIH Executive Board Member, IOC Commission Member and Asian Hockey Federation CEO

"Hockey has found a new home. I'm very thankful to the Japanese authorities – in particular the Tokyo Metropolitan Government - for having delivered such an outstanding hockey stadium which will remain as a great legacy for Japanese hockey after the Games, in particular for the hockey communities of Tokyo, Shinagawa and Ota."

Yoki Sakamoto – Director-General, Japan Hockey Association

"We want to do our best to make Oi the home of Japanese hockey for the hockey family."



| Tokyo 2020 Qualification Overview

ROAD TO TOKYO 2020 MEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION



OLYMPIC GAMES

23 JULY - 8 AUGUST

INDIA
NEW ZEALAND
SPAIN
NETHERLANDS
GERMANY
GREAT BRITAIN
CANADA

JAPAN*	BELGIUM
AUSTRALIA	NETHERLANDS
ARGENTINA	GERMANY
INDIA	GREAT BRITAIN
SPAIN	CANADA
NEW ZEALAND	SOUTH AFRICA
POOL A	POOL B

CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS

OCEANIA CUP

◀ AUSTRALIA

PAN AM GAMES

◀ ARGENTINA

EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

◀ BELGIUM

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP

◀ SOUTH AFRICA

ASIAN GAMES

◀ JAPAN*

*Host nation - The Host Nation Japan satisfied the criteria established by IOC and FIH at the 2018 Asian Games

ROAD TO TOKYO 2020 WOMEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION



OLYMPIC GAMES

23 JULY - 8 AUGUST

GERMANY
GREAT BRITAIN
IRELAND
INDIA
AUSTRALIA
SPAIN
CHINA

NETHERLANDS	AUSTRALIA
GERMANY	ARGENTINA
GREAT BRITAIN	NEW ZEALAND
IRELAND	SPAIN
INDIA	CHINA
SOUTH AFRICA	JAPAN*
POOL A	POOL B

CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS

OCEANIA CUP

◀ NEW ZEALAND

PAN AM GAMES

◀ ARGENTINA

EUROHOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

◀ NETHERLANDS

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP

◀ SOUTH AFRICA

ASIAN GAMES

◀ JAPAN*

*Host nation - The Host Nation Japan satisfied the criteria established by IOC and FIH at the 2018 Asian Games

To learn more about the Tokyo 2020 Qualification Criteria for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, please [click here](#).



| Format and Match Schedules

Competition Format

The hockey competition at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 comprises women's and men's events, with the same format and rules for both. In the preliminary round 12 teams are divided into two pools of six. Each team plays every other team in its pool.

The two pools were determined by the FIH protocol on pool composition based on the FIH World Ranking as at 4 November 2019 as follows:

Pool A: Seed 1; 4; 5; 8; 9; 12

Pool B: Seed 2; 3; 6; 7; 10; 11

Men's competition

Pool A: Australia, Argentina, India, Spain, New Zealand, Japan

Pool B: Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Canada, South Africa

Women's competition

Pool A: Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, India, South Africa

Pool B: Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, Spain, China, Japan

The top four teams in each pool proceed to the Quarter-Finals, with the remaining four teams eliminated at this stage. The winners of the Quarter-Finals progress to the Semi-Finals, the winners of which meet in the gold medal match. The losers of the Semi-Finals will play for the bronze medal.

For more information on the competition format, [click here](#).

Match Schedule

To see the complete competition schedule for hockey at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, [click here](#).



Hockey Competition Officials

Appointment	Name	Country	Appointed By
Appeal Jury President	CRAIG-ROUSSEAU Maureen	TTO	FIH
Appeal Jury	AHMAD Shahbaz	PAK	FIH
Appeal Jury	GREEN Michael (Dr.)	GER	FIH
Appeal Jury	BUDEISKY Alberto	ARG	FIH
Appeal Jury	CORNELISSEN Erik	NED	FIH
Appeal Jury	NURSE Gordon	GBR	FIH
Technical Delegate	STANDLEY Tammy	AUS	FIH
Technical Delegate	DECKENBROCK Christian	GER	FIH
Technical Official	WARRIS Rogier	NED	FIH
Technical Official	TOMLINSON Jackie	NZL	FIH
Technical Official	RICHARDSON Reyah	TTO	FIH
Technical Official	OTI-MENSAH Frank	GHA	FIH
Technical Official	NISHIZAWA Eddie	JPN	FIH
Technical Official	NAZARET Magda	POL	FIH
Technical Official	BENNETT Sarah	ZIM	FIH
Technical Official	ZELKIN Rene	USA	FIH
Technical Official	CHEE Lilian	SGP	FIH
Technical Official	FUERST Elisabeth	AUT	FIH
Technical Official	DELLA MATTIA Adrian	ARG	FIH
Technical Official	BURT Josh	AUS	FIH
Technical Official	CATTON Steve	ENG	FIH
Technical Official	CHAN Alfred	HKG	FIH
FIH Medical Officer	NAYAK Bibhu	IND	FIH
FIH Medical Officer	GORDON Dr Leigh	RSA	FIH
FIH Medical Officer	ROLLE Udo (Prof.)	GER	FIH
Umpires Manager	de KLERK Marelize	RSA	FIH
Umpires Manager	HORGAN Steve	USA	FIH
Umpires Manager	WOOLLEY Minka	AUS	FIH
Umpires Manager	SCHELLEKENS Philip	NED	FIH
Umpire	YAMADA Emi	JPN	FIH
Umpire	WILSON Sarah	SCO	FIH
Umpire	ROSTRON Annelize	RSA	FIH
Umpire	GIDDENS Maggie	USA	FIH
Umpire	PRESENQUI Irene	ARG	FIH
Umpire	CHURCH Amber	NZL	FIH
Umpire	de la FUENTE Carolina	ARG	FIH
Umpire	NEUMANN Aleisha	AUS	FIH
Umpire	DELFORGE Laurine	BEL	FIH
Umpire	MEISTER Michelle	GER	FIH
Umpire	McCLEAN Ayanna	TTO	FIH
Umpire	LIU Xiaoying	CHN	FIH



Umpire	HUDSON Kelly	NZL	FIH
Umpire	JOUBERT Michelle	RSA	FIH
Umpire	van BUNGE Coen	NED	FIH
Umpire	VAZQUEZ Francisco	ESP	FIH
Umpire	WRIGHT Peter	RSA	FIH
Umpire	TOMLINSON David	NZL	FIH
Umpire	GROCHAL Marcin	POL	FIH
Umpire	TAYLOR Simon	NZL	FIH
Umpire	SHAIKH Javed	IND	FIH
Umpire	PRASAD Raghu	IND	FIH
Umpire	GOENTGEN Ben	GER	FIH
Umpire	MONTES de OCA German	ARG	FIH
Umpire	MADDEN Martin	SCO	FIH
Umpire	LIM Hong-Zhen	SGP	FIH
Umpire	KEARNS Adam	AUS	FIH
Umpire	MEJZLIK Jakub	CZE	FIH



| The Teams

At the Tokyo Olympic Games, a matchday squad is made up of a maximum of 16 players, composed of 11 players on the field and up to five substitutes. The matchday squad is selected for each match from the larger squad of 18 athletes (who have accreditation known as Aa and Ap), with changes from match to match freely able to be made.

Unlike in previous Olympic Games when alternate athletes could only become competing athletes as permanent changes due to an injury or illness within the squad, the IOC have granted increased flexibility due to the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. As well as the 18 athletes available for selection for each match, the IOC is allowing teams to replace a goalkeeper, if they are injured and unable to continue playing.

The Reserve goalkeeper can only be brought into the squad as per the conditions outlined in the 'Late Athlete Replacement policy' which can be found in Appendix 6 of the [FIH Competition Regulations for Tokyo 2020](#). The use of this facility is optional, with teams being able to use one of the alternate athlete accreditations for a second goalkeeper within the squad of 18 should they wish.

Information about the competing teams can be found below.



| Men's competition

Pool A – Australia, India, Argentina, New Zealand, Spain, Japan

Australia



Nickname: The Kookaburras

How they qualified: Continental Champions of Oceania (2019)

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2004) 3x Olympic silver medallists (1968, 1976, 1992), 5x Olympic bronze medallists (1964, 1996, 2000, 2008, 2012), 3x FIH Men's World Cup winners (1986, 2010, 2014), FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2019), Hockey World League champions (2015, 2017), 15x Champions Trophy winners (1983, 1984, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1993, 1999, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2018), 6x Commonwealth Games gold medallists (1998, 2002, 2006, 2010, 2014, 2018), 11x Oceania Cup champions (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1956 – 5th, 1960 – 6th, 1964 – 3rd, 1968 – 2nd, 1972 – 5th, 1976 – 2nd, 1984 – 4th, 1988 – 4th, 1992 – 2nd, 1996 – 3rd, 2000 – 3rd, 2004 – 1st, 2008 – 3rd, 2012 – 3rd, 2016 – 6th

About the team: Australia's Kookaburras are regarded as the most consistently successful Australian sports team over the past two decades and have been ranked amongst the top four nations in the world for more than 30 years. The Olympic champions of 2004 could only manage a sixth place finish at Rio 2016, but under the guidance of head coach and former Kookaburras striker Colin Batch, the team will head to Tokyo 2020 as one of the favourites for gold.

Coach quote – Colin Batch: "Being at our best when we need to be is what it's all about. Our first aim is to qualify for the quarter-finals and we cannot underestimate that. We come up against a determined host country first up who will be nicely acclimatised and very eager to perform well in front of their home crowd, so each match generates a different set of circumstances. We're not looking too far past that first match against Japan."

One to watch: Eddie Ockenden. One of the undisputed greats of Australian hockey, Eddie Ockenden rarely puts a foot wrong no matter where on the field



he is deployed. In March 2020 he became the most capped male player in Australian hockey history, surpassing Jamie Dwyer's record of 365 appearances.

Hockey Australia website: www.hockey.org.au

Twitter: @kookaburras **Facebook:** @TheKookaburras **Instagram:** hockeyaustraliaofficial

Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	SHARP Lachlan	24	54
2	CRAIG Tom	25	101
5	WICKHAM Tom	31	59
6	DAWSON Matt	27	146
10	BELTZ Joshua	26	46
11	OCKENDEN Eddie (C)	34	372
12	WHETTON Jake	30	209
13	GOVERS Blake	25	103
14	MARTIN Dylan	23	6
15	SIMMONDS Joshua	25	24
16	HOWARD Tim	25	66
17	ZALEWSKI Aran (C)	30	193
22	OGILVIE Flynn	27	115
23	BEALE Daniel	28	183
25	MITTON Trent	30	177
29	BRAND Tim	22	45
30	CHARTER Andrew (GK)	34	185
32	HAYWARD Jeremy	28	162
Manager: GREY Melissa			
Head Coach: BATCH Colin			
Assistant Coaches: HAMMOND Robert & POTTER Anthony			
Medical Doctor: CLAYDON Gary			
Physiotherapist: WOOD Michael			
Physical Trainer: APPLEBY Brendyn			

**at start of competition.*



India



How they qualified: 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: 8x Olympic gold medallists (1928, 1932, 1936, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1964, 1980), Olympic silver medallists (1960), 2x Olympic bronze medallists (1968, 1972), FIH Men's World Cup champions (1975), 3x Asian Games champions (1966, 1998, 2014), 2x Asia Cup champions (2003, 2007). 2x Champions Trophy silver medallists (2016, 2018), Hockey World League bronze medallists (2015, 2017).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1928 – 1st, 1932 – 1st, 1936 – 1st, 1948 – 1st, 1952 – 1st, 1956 – 1st, 1960 – 2nd, 1964 – 1st, 1968 – 3rd, 1972 – 3rd, 1976 – 7th, 1980 – 1st, 1984 – 5th, 1988 – 6th, 1992 – 7th, 1996 – 8th, 2000 – 7th, 2004 – 7th, 2012 – 12th, 2016 – 8th

About the team: It has been over 40 years since India men claimed the most recent of their incredible eight Olympic hockey gold medals, which arrived at Moscow 1980. However, their superb form in recent times makes them serious contenders to claim a ninth title at the upcoming event in Tokyo. The team has claimed victories against nearly all the top teams in world hockey over the past few years, with Australia-born Head Coach Graham Reid, a former international with the Kookaburras, getting the best out of a talented and exceptionally fit collection of athletes. India booked their ticket to Tokyo with two victories over Russia in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, winning 4-2 and 7-1 in Bhubaneswar.

Coach quote – Graham Reid: "It has not been an easy process to make the final selection of 16 players as there is a lot of quality and ambition in this group of players. The performance levels of all the athletes are at an optimum level and more importantly they work well together. They know what it means to represent the country at the Olympics. We are now focussed on training with the same intensity and our goal is to put forward our best performance as a collective unit in Tokyo."

One to watch: Manpreet Singh. India's captain is a dynamic midfielder who leads by example. Named FIH Player of the Year in 2019, becoming the first player from India to win the award.



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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
2	SINGH Dilpreet	21	44
3	SINGH Rupinder Pal	30	216
6	KUMAR Surender	27	135
7	SINGH Manpreet (C)	29	269
8	SINGH Hardik	22	39
9	SINGH Gurjant	26	47
10	SINGH Simranjeet	24	47
11	SINGH Mandeep	26	159
13	SINGH Harmanpreet	25	119
14	UPADHYAY Lalit Kumar	27	108
16	SREEJESH Parattu Raveendran (GK)	33	236
17	SUMIT	24	66
18	SHARMA Nilakanta	26	59
21	SINGH Shamsheer	23	6
22	KUMAR Varun	25	85
26	LAKRA Birendra	31	197
30	ROHIDAS Amit	28	97
32	PRASAD Vivek Sagar	21	62
Managers: SINGH Shivendra & ARKELL Robin			
Coach: REID Graham			
Assistant Coaches: CLARK Gregg & DUBEY Piyush			
Physiotherapist: RATINASAMY Kannan			
Physical Trainer: NASKAR Arup			

**at start of competition.*



Argentina



Nickname: Los Leones

How they qualified: Continental champions of Pan America (2019)

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2016), FIH Men's World Cup bronze medallists (2014), Hockey World League silver medallists (2017), 10x Pan American Games winners (1967, 1971, 1975, 1979, 1991, 1995, 2003, 2011, 2015, 2019), 3x Pan American Cup winners (2004, 2013, 2017), FIH Champions Trophy bronze medallists (2008), 3x FIH Champions Challenge 1 winners (2005, 2007, 2012), Sultan Azlan Shah Cup winners (2008).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1948 – 5th, 1968 – 14th, 1972 – 14th, 1976 – 11th, 1988 – 8th, 1992 – 11th, 1996 – 9th, 2000 – 8th, 2004 – 11th, 2012 – 10th, 2016 – 1st.

About the team: For many years, Argentina's men were hidden in the long shadow cast by the remarkable achievements of their female counterparts. A bronze medal at the Rabobank Hockey World Cup 2014 in The Hague (NED) changed everything, with Los Leones (The Lions) going on to claim Olympic gold – something that even Las Leonas (The Lionesses) have not achieved – at Rio 2016. Can they defend their title in Tokyo? With inspirational coach Carlos Retegui – who is also overseeing the women's team in Tokyo – at the helm alongside Mariano Ronconi, you wouldn't bet against them.

Captain's comment – Pedro Ibarra: "We know that we are the last champions, but this tournament is something different. It [is now] five years later, and every team has changed players, changed coaches, changed tactics, changed everything. So, we have to be quiet and go step-by-step, as we did in Rio."

One to watch: Lucas Vila. Long considered one of the most naturally gifted attackers in world hockey, Vila has a reputation for scoring spectacular goals and always provides assists for his team-mates. Played an instrumental role in their Olympic success in 2016.



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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	VIVALDI Juan (GK)	42	288
5	IBARRA Pedro (C)	35	310
6	TARAZONA Santiago	25	64
7	KEENAN Nicolas	24	31
8	SALIS Nahuel	31	81
9	CASELLA Maico	24	77
12	VILA Lucas	34	256
13	TOLINI Jose	31	76
15	PAZ Diego	28	37
16	ORTIZ Ignacio	33	174
17	LOPEZ Juan	36	316
22	REY Matias	36	217
23	MARTINEZ Lucas	27	78
24	CICILEO Nicolas	27	58
26	MAZZILLI Agustin	32	227
27	ROSSI Lucas	36	213
29	HABIF Thomas	25	10
30	BUGALLO Agustin	26	83
Manager: ELLI Martin			
Coaches: RONCONI Mariano & RETEGUI Carlos			
Assistant Coach: CAPURRO Santiago			
Medical Doctor: FEIJOO Pablo			
Physiotherapist: ARIAS Mariano			
Physical Trainer: ARECO Jorge			

**at start of competition.*



New Zealand



Nickname: The Black Sticks

How they qualified: 2019 FIH Olympic Qualifiers.

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (1976), Hockey World League silver medallists (2012-14 edition), Champions Challenge gold medallists (2009), Commonwealth Games silver medallists (2002, 2018), 11x Oceania Cup silver medallists (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019), 2x Sultan Azlan Shah Cup winners (2012, 2015).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1956 – 6th, 1960 – 5th, 1964 – 13th, 1968 – 7th, 1972 – 9th, 1976 – 1st, 1984 – 7th, 1992 – 8th, 2004 – 6th, 2008 – 7th, 2012 – 9th, 2016 – 7th

About the team: Coached by former Black Sticks midfielder Darren Smith, New Zealand – who shocked the world by becoming Olympic champions at Montreal 1976 – are renowned for their tireless work ethic as a team but are also blessed with some exceptional individuals. Stephen Jenness and Hugo Inglis are both wonderful attacking talents, while veteran defender Shea McAleese and penalty corner expert Kane Russell are consistently excellent performers. New Zealand reached Tokyo with two victories over Korea in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, winning 3-2 and 3-0 in Stratford.

Coach quote – Darren Smith: “It’s a pretty experienced group but it’s also the first pinnacle event for players like Sam Lane who have previously missed out through injury or Jacob Smith and Nick Ross who have been rewarded for their perseverance. They’ve shown they’re really determined to be there.”

One to watch: Stephen Jenness. An attacking midfielder with a keen eye for goal, Jenness has been a central figure for the New Zealand team for nearly a decade, earning well over 200 international caps since making his debut in 2011.

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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
3	BRYDON David	25	58
4	LETT Dane	30	83
7	ROSS Nick	30	133
11	SMITH Jake	30	89
12	LANE Sam	24	70
14	PANCHIA Jared	27	139
17	WOODS Nic	25	131
20	HAYWARD Leon (GK)	31	25 (AUS 13, NZL 12)
21	RUSSELL Kane	29	167
22	TARRANT Blair (C)	31	217
23	THOMAS Dylan	25	32
24	FINDLAY Sean	19	6
25	McALEESE Shea	36	316
27	JENNESS Stephen	31	254
29	INGLIS Hugo	30	237
30	MUIR George	27	146
31	EDWARDS Steve	35	222
32	WILSON Nick	30	176
Manager: MARR Kevin			
Stand-in Manager: KISSLING Lorenz			
Coach: SMITH Darren			
Assistant Coaches: TURNER Glenn & COUZINS Dean			
Medical Doctor: BAKER Simon			
Physiotherapist: PARK Ben			

*at start of competition.



Spain



Nickname: The Red Sticks

How they qualified: 2019 FIH Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: 3x Olympic silver medallists (1980, 1996, 2008), 2x FIH Men's World Cup silver medallists (1971, 1998), 2x European champions (1974, 2005), European silver medallists (2003, 2007, 2019), FIH Champions Trophy winners (2004), FIH Champions Challenge 1 winners (2003).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1928 – 7th, 1948 – 11th, 1960 – 3rd, 1964 – 4th, 1968 – 6th, 1972 – 7th, 1976 – 6th, 1980 – 2nd, 1984 – 8th, 1988 – 9th, 1992 – 5th, 1996 – 2nd, 2000 – 9th, 2004 – 4th, 2008 – 2nd, 2012 – 6th, 2016 – 5th

About the team: Spain's men have regularly produced sides that are capable of fighting for the biggest honours in the game, a fact proven by five silver medals at Olympic or World Cup level, not to mention two European championships and a Champions Trophy title. Head coach and former France international Frédéric Soyeux – who will step away after Tokyo, being replaced by current Netherlands men's head coach Max Caldas – has instilled a wonderful work ethic into his team without sacrificing any of the flair that has been the signature of so many of the great Spanish sides of old. Spain earned a berth at Tokyo with a hard-fought triumph over France in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, coming back from three goals down to draw 3-3 in the first match before edging a 3-2 victory in Match 2 in Valencia.

Player perspective – Marc Salles: “Regarding the pool, it's very different. You have Argentina, but also Australia and New Zealand, who play a little bit [in] the same [way], hockey that is very physical. They go for it all game; they don't have any down time. With Japan, we don't know a lot about them. We know that they won the Asian Games a few years ago, so they are going to be very good. Also playing at home, where it is going to be 40 degrees and 90 percent humidity. It is going to be very tough for all the teams. We know India. It is always difficult to play them as they are skillful, fast and unpredictable. We have a very open pool, and I am looking forward to playing in it.”

One to watch: Xavi Leonart. A pacey, skillful attacker with an eye for goal, Leonart has an uncanny ability of unlocking opposition defences.



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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	CORTES Quico (GK)	38	315
2	ALONSO Alejandro	22	14
3	ROMEU Josep	31	144
4	SANCHEZ Ricardo	28	96
6	SALLES Marc	34	250
7	DELAS Miguel (C)	37	267
8	GONZALEZ Enrique	25	124
9	IGLESIAS Alvaro	28	152
10	ALEGRE David	36	286
11	OLIVA Roc	32	180
12	RECASENS Marc	21	19
13	PIERA Llorenc	24	46
17	LLEONART Xavi	31	213
19	BASTERRA José	24	13
21	RUIZ Vicenc	29	174
22	BELTRAN Albert	27	93
25	QUEMADA Pau	37	285
27	BOLTO Marc	25	85
Manager: HERNANDEZ Cesar			
Coach: SOYEZ Frederic			
Assistant Coach: AGUILAR Eduardo			
Medical Doctor: MUNOZ Silvia			
Physiotherapist: MARCH Jaume			

**at start of competition.*



Japan



Nickname: The Samurai

How they qualified: Host nation / Continental champions of Asia (2018).

Notable honours: Olympic silver medallists (1932), 9th Place – Hockey World Cup (1971, 2006), Asian Games gold medallists (2018), Asian Games bronze medallists (1966, 1970), Asian Hockey Champions Trophy silver medallists (2013)

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1932 – 2nd, 1936 – 7th, 1960 – 14th, 1964 – 7th, 1968 – 13th

About the team: As the host nation, Japan's men already had a ticket to Tokyo 2020 even before they stepped onto the field at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia. Incredibly, at that event they earned an outright berth, claiming a stunning gold medal ahead of four higher-ranked teams in India, Malaysia, Pakistan and Korea. It was an astonishing achievement for the team coached by Dutchman Siegfried Aikman, who will be looking to weave his magic with the team as they target a podium place on home soil.

Captain's Comment – Manabu Yamashita: "I am very excited and cannot wait for the Olympic Games to be played in my country. I feel I am very lucky. I'm very proud about representing my country, especially when singing my national anthem. It will be a very special occasion."

One to watch: Manabu Yamashita. A high-quality defender who has represented Japan for the past 10 years, 'Yama' will be determined to enjoy every minute of the home Olympics experience.

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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	YAMASAKI Koji	25	97
4	MITANI Genki	31	168
5	TANAKA Seren	28	103
6	OCHIAI Hiromasa	27	75
7	MURATA Kazuma	29	120
9	TANAKA Kenta	33	154
11	KITAZATO Kenji	32	165
12	NAGAI Yuma	25	11
13	YAMASHITA Manabu (C)	32	186
14	TANAKA Kaito	25	45
15	NAGAYOSHI Ken	21	12
17	FUKUDA Kentaro	25	69
20	OHASHI Masaki	28	94
25	YAMADA Shota	26	102
29	ZENDANA Hirotaka	28	118
30	YOSHIKAWA Takashi (GK)	26	94
31	WATANABE Kota	24	74
32	KIRISHITA Yoshiki	22	55
Manager: YAMABORI Takahiko			
Stand-In Manager: MAKIMOTO Satoshi			
Coach: AIKMAN Siegfried			
Assistant Coach: ANAI Yoshihiro			
Medical Doctor: TSUKAHARA Takashi			
Physiotherapists: KAWAMURA Atsushi & FUKASAWA Tomoaki			
Physical Trainer: KUROSAWA Ryosuke			

**at start of competition.*



Pool B – Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Canada, South Africa

Belgium



Nickname: The Red Lions

How they qualified: Continental Champions of Europe (2019)

Notable honours: FIH Hockey World Cup winners (2018), Olympic silver medallists (2016), Olympic bronze medallists (1920), FIH Hockey Pro League silver medallists (2019), Hockey World League silver medallists (2015), European champions (2019), European silver medallists (2013, 2017), European bronze medallists (2007, 2021), 5th place - Olympic Games (2012)

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1920 – 3rd, 1928 – 4th, 1936 – 9th, 1948 – 5th, 1952 – 9th, 1956 – 7th, 1960 – 11th, 1964 – 11th, 1968 – 9th, 1972 – 10th, 1976 – 9th, 2008 – 9th, 2012 – 5th, 2016 – 2nd

About the team: Following their stunning triumph at the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018, few would dispute that the Red Lions are the hockey success story of the past ten to 15 years. In the years leading up to that glorious occasion in India, it had been a case of 'so near, so far' for this hugely gifted side. By winning the 2018 World Cup, 2019 European Championships and recently being crowned 2020-21 FIH Hockey Pro League champions, the team coached by New Zealander Shane McLeod are rightly considered as one of the front-runners for gold in Tokyo.

Player Perspective – Florent Van Aubel: "Every match is a very important match, and it is how you deal with the pool games. That sets you up for the quarter-final stage. That is something that we have been working a lot on. That format has been around for quite some time, and you need to have your peak performance in the quarter-final and it is based on one game, and that is what is so interesting about that format. You can be very good in the pool stage and finish first, but it is still played on one game. That is where we have tried to train to make sure that we are physically and mentally



as fit as possible for that quarter-final.”

One to watch: Arthur Van Doren. A key figure in the Red Lions team that claimed the World and European titles in recent years, defender Arthur Van Doren is a two-time winner of the FIH Player of the Year award and one of the true superstars of the game.

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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
4	van DOREN Arthur	26	197
7	DOHMEN John-John	33	408
8	van AUBEL Florent	29	246
9	DOCKIER Sébastien	31	208
10	CHARLIER Cédric	33	328
12	BOCCARD Gauthier	29	233
13	de KERPEL Nicolas	28	72
14	MEURMANS Augustin	24	71
16	HENDRICKX Alexander	27	139
17	BRIELS Thomas	33	352
19	DENAYER Felix (C)	31	334
21	VANASCH Vincent (GK)	33	244
22	GOUGNARD Simon	30	292
23	de SLOOVER Arthur	24	96
24	KINA Antoine	25	80
25	LUYPAERT Loïck	29	254
26	WEGNEZ Victor	25	101
27	BOON Tom	31	304
Manager: PIRENNE Eric			
Stand-In Managers: FULTON Craig & BEUNEN Mick			
Coach: McLEOD Shane			
Assistant Coaches: van den HEUVEL Michel & BEYER Steve			
Medical Doctor: van OOSTVELDT Katja			
Physiotherapist: RYSMAN Julien			

**at start of competition.*



Netherlands



Nickname: The Oranje

How they qualified: 2019 FIH Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: 2x Olympic gold medallists (1996, 2000), 3x FIH Men's World Cup winners (1973, 1990, 1998), FIH Hockey Pro League bronze medallists (2019), 8x FIH Champions Trophy winners (1981, 1982, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2006), Hockey World League winners (2012-14 Edition), 6x European champions (1983, 1987, 2007, 2015, 2017, 2021).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1928 – 2nd, 1936 – 3rd, 1948 – 3rd, 1952 – 2nd, 1960 – 9th, 1964 – 7th, 1968 – 5th, 1972 – 4th, 1976 – 4th, 1984 – 6th, 1988 – 3rd, 1992 – 4th, 1996 – 1st, 2000 – 1st, 2004 – 2nd, 2008 – 4th, 2012 – 2nd, 2016 – 4th

About the team: Led by globally respected head coach Max Caldas, the former Argentina international who coached the Netherlands women to Olympic and World Cup glory, the Netherlands are a phenomenally talented team capable of beating anyone on their day. Their sensational run to the final of the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018 ended in defeat to Belgium, but reconfirmed their status as one of the very best hockey teams on the planet. The Netherlands – who recently became European champions for a sixth time, defeating Germany in the competition final – reached Tokyo through the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, battling powering to a 6-1 win over Pakistan in Match 2 after the first game in Amstelveen finished 4-4. Tokyo 2020 will be Caldas's final competition in charge of the Oranje, who is moving on to pastures new by working with the Spanish men's team.

Player perspective – Jorrit Croon: "I think in our pool and the other pool, all of the opponents are really good teams. Internationally, all the teams are really close and play at such a high level, like we saw at the last Euros. We drew with Germany and Belgium and then drew with Germany again [in the final], so I think that shows how close teams are. I think it will depend on the shape of the day, and maybe if some player will stand up [and perform]. It is all about the details, I think. We are going to try to manage that as good as possible. Of course, the confidence boost of the Euros will help us a lot. But when we are in Tokyo, the Euros won't count anymore. We will have to prove again that we are in a good way, show a good game and the best of ourselves. I think it will be a really nice Olympics because of how close the teams are."

One to watch: Billy Bakker. The creative heartbeat of the current Netherlands team, the brilliant Billy Bakker is a player capable of dominating



matches from any position he plays. Although he is primarily a midfielder who regularly creates goals thanks to his driving runs into the circle, his tireless running often sees him making crucial defensive interceptions, making him a vital component in the Dutch machine assembled by Max Caldas.

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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
2	HERTZBERGER Jeroen	35	259
4	BALK Lars	25	71
6	de GEUS Jonas	23	87
7	van DAM Thijs	24	54
8	BAKKER Billy (C)	32	228
9	van ASS Seve	29	182
10	CROON Jorrit	22	85
11	SCHUURMAN Glenn	30	151
12	de WIJN Sander	31	154
14	KEMPERMAN Robbert	31	220
16	PRUIJSER Mirco	31	134
17	BOVENDEERT Roel	29	31
23	de MOL Joep	25	87
25	BRINKMAN Thierry	26	111
26	BLAAK Pirmin (GK)	33	106
27	JANSSEN Jip	23	43
30	van der WEERDEN Mink	32	183
32	BLOK Justen	20	11
Manager: VERHEES Joof			
Stand-In Manager: van den HONERT Taco			
Coach: CALDAS Max			
Assistant Coach: MATHIJSEN Rick			
Medical Doctor: van BENTUM Conny			
Physiotherapists: VERMEIJS Mischa & van der POLS Bas			
Physical Trainer: KLARENBECK Auke			

**at start of competition.*



Germany



Nickname: Die Honamas

How they qualified: 2019 FIH Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: 4x Olympic gold medallists (1972, 1992, 2008, 2012), 2x FIH Men's World Cup winners (2002, 2006), 9x Champions Trophy winners (1986, 1987, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2007, 2014), 8x European champions (1970, 1978, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2011, 2013)

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1908 – 5th, 1928 – 3rd, 1936 – 2nd, 1956* – 3rd, 1960* – 7th, 1964* – 5th, 1968* – 4th, 1972* – 1st, 1976* – 5th, 1984* – 2nd, 1988* – 2nd, 1992 – 1st, 1996 – 4th, 2000 – 5th, 2004 – 3rd, 2008 – 1st, 2012 – 1st, 2016 – 3rd

About the team: The trophy haul achieved by Germany's men's team – known as 'Die Honamas' – down the years is intimidatingly impressive. Their four Olympic gold medals, two World Cups, eight European Championships and nine Champions Trophy titles provides clear evidence of their consistently excellent performances at the highest levels of international hockey. Having medalled at the previous four Olympic Games competitions (including gold at Beijing 2008 and London 2012), they also have a habit of peaking just at the right time. Germany – silver medallists at June's EuroHockey Championships in Amstelveen, NED – were comprehensive winners against neighbours Austria in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, winning 5-0 and 5-3 in Mönchengladbach.

Player perspective – Florian Fuchs: "It is a tough pool I guess, but every team is super-fit at the Olympics. Every team is determined to make it to the knock-out stages. I think it is pretty cool that we can play Belgium, the Netherlands and England [Great Britain], all teams that we played at the Euros, again. I think that is nice. [Regarding] being ranked high in the group phase, we were ranked first in 2016 and then we played New Zealand [who finished fourth in their pool]. You might think it is easier to play New Zealand, but it wasn't that way, and we scored a last second goal [to win]."

One to watch: Christopher Rühr. A central figure in Germany's Olympic bronze medal winning performance at Rio 2016, Christopher Rühr is a sensational attacker blessed with speed, skill, guile and supreme confidence. Named FIH Rising Star of the Year both in 2013 and 2015.

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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	STADLER Alexander (GK)	21	10
3	GRAMBUSCH Mats	28	154
4	WINDFEDER Lukas	26	124
5	MÜLLER Linus	21	19
6	HÄNER Martin	32	264
8	KAUFMANN Paul-Philipp	25	18
9	WELLEN Niklas	26	151
10	GROßE Johannes	24	67
11	STAIB Constantin	25	81
12	HERZBRUCH Timm	24	86
13	HAUKE Tobias (C)	33	326
17	RÜHR Christopher	27	153
19	WEIGAND Justus	21	11
20	ZWICKER Martin	34	249
23	FUCHS Florian	29	231
24	FÜRK Benedikt	32	178
26	BOSSERHOFF Niklas	23	33
27	ORUZ Timur	26	88
Manager: LANGNER Eric			
Coach: AL SAADI Kais			
Assistant Coach: HENKEL Class			
Medical Doctors: IBE Philip & MANDRYKA Boris			
Physiotherapists: FETZER Johannes & KAUBE Anne			
Psychologist: WEIDIG Thorsten			

*at start of competition.



Great Britain



Nickname: Team GB

How they qualified: 2019 FIH Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: 2x Olympic gold medallists (1920, 1988), Olympic silver medallists (1948), 2x Olympic bronze medallists (1952, 1984), FIH Champions Trophy silver medallists (1985), 2x FIH Champions Trophy bronze medallists (1978, 1984)

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1920 – 1st, 1948 – 2nd, 1952 – 3rd, 1956 – 4th, 1960 – 4th, 1964 – 9th, 1968 – 12th, 1972 – 6th, 1984 – 3rd, 1988 – 1st, 1992 – 6th, 1996 – 7th, 2000 – 6th, 2004 – 9th, 2008 – 5th, 2012 – 4th, 2016 – 9th

About the team: It has been 33 years since Great Britain's men famously claimed the gold medal at the Seoul 1988 Olympic Games. With the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 on the horizon and Danny Kerry – the man who coach GB's women to Olympic gold at Rio 2016 – in charge of capable group of players, could another success be just around the corner? GB have produced some fine performances in the FIH Hockey Pro League, and on their day are capable of competing against the very best in the world. GB overcame Malaysia in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, beating the Speedy Tigers 4-1 and 5-2 at the Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre.

Captain's comment – Adam Dixon: "It goes without saying that we are there to win gold. I think we'd be foolish to downplay ourselves by setting any other goal. I think first and foremost, we have to target getting out of the pool to play those cross-over games. From there, just take each game as it comes. The pool stage is going to be very important for us. I honestly believe the playing field has been slightly flattened with the preparations, covid and everything else that has been going on. There are no certainties. The preparations of some nations will be slightly damaged by the travel restrictions, so I think the playing field is wide open. We are really looking forward to Tokyo."

One to watch: Zach Wallace. Nominated for the 2019 FIH Rising Star of the Year Award, Zach Wallace is a wonderfully gifted, energetic and versatile player who looks to have a long international future ahead of him.

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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
5	AMES David	32	164 (ENG 50, GBR 51, IRL 63)
6	DRAPER Jacob	23	66 (GBR 16, WAL 50)
7	FORSYTH Alan	29	189 (GBR 51, SCO 138)
8	SHIPPERLEY Rupert	28	87 (GBR 12, WAL 75)
9	MARTIN Harry	28	238 (ENG 133, GBR 105)
10	GRIFFITHS Christopher	30	112 (ENG 66, GBR 46)
11	SLOAN Ian	27	131 (ENG 58, GBR 54, IRL 19)
13	WARD Sam	30	135 (ENG 64, GBR 71)
15	ROPER Phil	29	155 (ENG 92, GBR 63)
16	DIXON Adam (C)	34	284 (ENG 179, GBR 105)
18	CREED Brendan	28	87 (ENG 50, GBR 37)
20	PAYNE Oliver (GK)	22	11 (ENG 5, GBR 6)
21	ANSELL Liam	27	54 (ENG 34, GBR 20)
25	WALLER Jack	24	55 (ENG 23, GBR 32)
26	GALL James	26	88 (ENG 47, GBR 41)
27	SANFORD Liam	25	69 (ENG 47, GBR 22)
29	SORSBY Thomas	24	39 (ENG 13, GBR 26)
32	WALLACE Zachary	21	55 (ENG 24, GBR 31)
Manager: HALLIDAY Andy			
Coach: KERRY Danny			
Assistant Coaches: JONES Zak & BROWNE Kwan			
Medical Doctor: MOGHAL Moiz			
Physiotherapist: WEAVER Sophie			

*at start of competition.



Canada



Nickname: The Red Caribou

How they qualified: 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: 4x Pan American Games gold medallists (1983, 1987, 1999, 2007), Pan American Cup gold medallists (2009), FIH Champions Challenge 1 silver medallists (2014).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1964 – 13th, 1976 – 10th, 1984 – 12th, 1988 – 11th, 2000 – 10th, 2008 – 10th, 2016 – 11th

About the team: Canada will make their eighth Olympic appearance in the same city they made their first, with the Red Caribou debuting at the Tokyo 1964 Games. The team have long been one of the giants of Pan American hockey, becoming continental champions on no less than five occasions. They have yet to achieve an Olympic finish higher than tenth, but will be aiming to change that in Tokyo, having qualified by battling past Ireland in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.

Captain's comment – Scott Tupper: "Our best placement at an Olympic Games is tenth position, so if we can get into a quarter-final it would be the best performance by the Canadian men's team ever, and we would love to do that. But I do really think it is one game at a time, and not letting say a tough match at the start of the tournament roll into the next game. Ultimately, it is possible that you could get through with two good results. We'd love to have more than two, but we really need to make sure that whether the previous game has gone well or not so well, we put it to bed and have a good game plan ready to go in order to be ready to seize any opportunity that might present itself."

One to watch: Scott Tupper. Canada's captain and talisman is a rock-solid defender who leads by example. Committed in the tackle and blessed with great vision, Tupper has a habit of controlling games from the back line and also getting on the scoresheet with crucial goals.

Field Hockey Canada website: www.fieldhockey.ca

Twitter: [@FieldHockeyCan](https://twitter.com/FieldHockeyCan) **Facebook:** [FHCanada](https://www.facebook.com/FHCanada) **Instagram:** [FieldHockeyCan](https://www.instagram.com/FieldHockeyCan)



Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	van SON Floris	29	35
3	PEREIRA Brandon	25	61
4	TUPPER Scott (C)	34	315
7	HO-GARCIA Gabriel	28	133
8	SCHOLFIELD Oliver	27	71
10	PEREIRA Keegan	29	182
13	GURALIUK Brendan	21	7
16	JOHNSTON Gordon	28	179
17	BISSETT Brenden	28	139
18	WALLACE James	21	46
19	PEARSON Mark	34	277
20	BOOTHROYD Fin	22	23
21	SARMENTO Matthew	30	121
22	SMYTHE John	31	121
24	KIRKPATRICK James	30	100
27	PANESAR Sukhi	27	151
29	CURRAN Taylor	29	185
31	KINDLER Antoni (GK)	33	98
Manager: VANRY Kelly			
Stand-In Manager: SIEBEN Craig & JANSSEN Adam			
Coach: GADEMAN Pasha			
Assistant Coach: HENNING André			
Medical Doctor: PRASAD Navin			
Physiotherapist: AU Edison			

**at start of competition.*



South Africa



How they qualified: Continental champions of Africa (2019)

Notable honours: 7x Africa Cup for Nations gold medallists (1993, 1996, 2000, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017), 2x All-Africa Games gold medallists (1995, 1999), 4x African Olympic Qualifier champions (2007, 2011, 2015, 2019), 10th Place – Hockey World Cup (2010), 10th Place – Olympic Games (1996, 2004). FIH Champions Challenge silver medallists (2001).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1996 – 10th, 2004 – 10th, 2008 – 12th, 2012 – 11th

About the team: South Africa sealed their ticket to Tokyo by becoming African continental champions in 2019, with veteran defender Austin Smith playing a huge role in the success by finishing as competition top scorer with ten goals in five matches. The team has long been the dominant force in African hockey and will be determined to make a big impression in Tokyo.

Coach Quote – Garreth Ewing: “It’s definitely been an interesting 12 months. I think we have taken the positive in growing in maturity and culture over the past year. It is a great opportunity to make an improvement in the world rankings, but that is something we want to do over a sustainable period. I am very pleased with the squad we have put together. It was a difficult process, but I am certain we have the team that can go to games and meet our objectives.”

One to watch: Tim Drummond. South Africa’s captain is an influential midfielder who has plied his trade arguably the toughest club league in the world, representing Klein Zwitserland and SCHC in the Dutch Hoofdklasse. Tokyo 2020 will be his second Olympics, having also been part of the squad that competed at the London 2012 Games.

South African Hockey Association website: <https://www.sahockey.co.za>

Twitter: [@SA_Hockey_Men](#) **Facebook:** [SA Hockey Men](#) **Instagram:** [sa_hockey_men](#)



Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
2	CASSIEM Mustaphaa	19	8
3	DLUNGWANA Tyson	24	46
5	SMITH Austin	36	178
7	DRUMMOND Tim (C)	33	145
8	LEMBETHE Nduduza	25	33
10	HORNE Keenan	29	64
13	GUISE-BROWN Matthew	29	35
15	CASSIEM Dayaan	22	38
17	JULIUS Ryan	26	41
18	PATON Taine	32	115
19	MEA Mohamed	29	30
20	KOK Tevin	24	35
21	EUSTICE Jethro	31	128
23	PIETERSE Rassie (GK)	37	161
24	SPOONER Nicholas	29	26
27	NTULI Nqobile	25	58
29	MVIMBI Samkelo	22	14
31	PANTHER Clinton	30	111
Manager: van STADEN Martin			
Coach: EWING Garreth			
Assistant Coaches: GIE Cheslyn & NTULI Sihle			
Medical Doctors: THOMPSON Craig, SHANG Gavin, GAETSWE Tshegofatso, ZONDI Phathokuhle & NGWENYA Thulani			
Physiotherapist: NETSHIVHANGANI Khuliso			

**at start of competition.*



| Women's Competition

Pool A – Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, India, South Africa

Netherlands



Nickname: The Oranje

How they qualified: Continental Champions of Europe (2019)

Notable honours: 3x Olympic gold medallists (1984, 2008, 2012), 2x Olympic silver medallists (2004, 2016), 3x Olympic bronze medallists (1988, 1996, 2000), 8x World Cup winners (1974, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1990, 2006, 2014, 2018), FIH Hockey Pro League champions (2019, 2021), 2x Hockey World League champions (2012-14, 2016-17), 7x Champions Trophy winners (1987, 2000, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2018), 11x European champions (1984, 1987, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2017, 2019, 2021).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1984 – 1st, 1988 – 3rd, 1992 – 6th, 1996 – 3rd, 2000 – 3rd, 2004 – 2nd, 2008 – 1st, 2012 – 1st, 2016 – 2nd

About the team: They may not be the reigning Olympic champions, but the Netherlands are without question the team to beat at Tokyo 2020. Head coach Alyson Annan, the legendary former Australia international, double Olympic gold medallist and two-time FIH Player of the Year, has created a team very much in her own image: a perfect balance of outrageous talent, discipline and an unbreakable winning mentality. The team has been almost unstoppable in recent years, claiming the 2018 Women's World Cup before becoming both FIH Hockey Pro League and European champions in 2019 and 2021. Can anyone stop the dazzling Dutch from reclaiming their Olympic crown?



Player perspective – Lauren Stam: “It is a tough pool, but the other pool is also tough. All the opponents are great opponents. Of course, we are going for first place and to do our best in the pool. That is the goal in the first phase of the tournament. It will be my first Olympics, so a gold medal would be amazing. Of course, a few of the girls already have one gold medal [from London 2012]. I’ve asked them many questions about what the Olympics are like, and what can I expect. But to win an Olympic gold medal, that would be amazing.”

One to watch: Eva de Goede. In team full of superstars, it takes a player of rare quality to shine, but Netherlands captain Eva de Goede does just that. A defensive minded midfielder with a flawless skillset, de Goede’s ball running, tacking and visionary passes are a joy to behold. Named FIH Player of the Year both in 2018 and 2019.

Website: www.knhb.nl **Twitter:** OranjeHockey **Facebook:** OranjeHockey **Instagram:** OranjeHockey

Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
3	KOOLEN Sanne	25	49
4	MOES Freeke	22	7
5	PHENINCKX Malou	30	100
6	LEURINK Laurien	26	113
7	de WAARD Xan	25	156
8	KEETELS Marloes	28	157
10	ALBERS Felice	21	10
11	VERSCHOOR Maria	27	144
12	WELTEN Lidewij	31	217
13	van MAASAKKER Caia	32	204
15	MATLA Frédérique	24	82
18	SANDERS Pien	23	63
20	NUNNINK Laura	26	131
21	STAM Lauren	27	97
22	KONING Josine (GK)	25	78
23	van GEFFEN Margot	31	210
24	de GOEDE Eva (C)	32	241
29	VAN GILS Stella	21	6
Manager: KOOJMAN Femke			
Coach: ANNAN Alyson			
Medical Doctor: van der POL Carmen			
Physiotherapist: DIRKSE van den HEUVEL Carlien			
Physiotherapist / Stand-In Manager: BACKELANDT Franc			

*at start of competition.



Germany



Nickname: Die Danas

How they qualified: 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2004), 2x Olympic silver medallists (1984, 1992), Olympic bronze medallists (2016), 2x World champions (1976, 1981), 2x European champions (2007, 2013), FIH Hockey Pro League bronze medallists (2019), 7x European silver medallists (1991, 1999, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2019, 2021), Champions Trophy gold medallists (2006)

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1984* - 2nd, 1988* - 5th, 1992 - 2nd, 1996 - 6th, 2000 - 7th, 2004 - 1st, 2008 - 4th, 2012 - 7th, 2016 - 3rd

About the team: Following their wonderful Olympic bronze medal success at Rio 2016, Germany have continued to look like a team that can challenge the very best in the world. A bronze medal in the inaugural FIH Hockey Pro League and silver medals at the two most recent European Championship events prove that Die Danas – coached by former Belgian international Xavier Reckinger – really are a class act, and they will be looking to get amongst the medals in Japan. Germany faced against Italy in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, comfortably winning both matches to create an emphatic 9-0 aggregate score-line to reach Tokyo 2020.

Player perspective – Charlotte Stapenhorst: “We have a really good pool! Obviously being one of the first four is important, to make the quarter-finals. We know that we must look at ourselves and make sure that every pool game, we come out a little better. We need to make sure that we build up a good tournament, so if the start doesn’t go well, we don’t have to be frustrated as it is a long journey and I hope we will have eight games.”

One to watch: Charlotte Stapenhorst. This lively attacker is always an impressive performer, with her magical 3D skills and creativity being a constant scourge to opposition defences.

Website: www.hockey.de

Twitter: @diedanas **Facebook:** diedanas **Instagram:** diedanas



Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
2	HORN Kira	26	36
3	WORTMANN Amelie (C)	24	63
4	LORENZ Nike	24	120
5	ORUZ Selin	24	104
8	SCHRÖDER Anne	26	146
11	MICHEEL Lena	23	58
12	STAPENHORST Charlotte	26	111
16	ZIMMERMANN Sonja	22	38
17	HEINZ Pauline	20	13
18	ALTENBURG Lisa	31	132
19	SCHAUNIG Maïke	25	49
20	SONNTAG Julia (GK)	29	61
21	HAUKE Franzisca	31	189
22	PIEPER Cecile	26	123
24	MAERTENS Pia	22	42
25	HUSE Viktoria	25	64
28	FLESchÜTZ Jette	18	11
30	GRANITZKI Hanna	23	62
Manager: SCHULER Fabian			
Coach: RECKINGER Xavier			
Assistant Coaches: de NOOIJER Teun & KELLER Florian			
Medical Doctors: MANDRYKA Boris & IBE Philip			
Physiotherapists: KAUBE Anne & FETZER Johannes			
Psychologist: SZIGETI Anett			

*at start of competition.



Great Britain



Nickname: Team GB

How they qualified: FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (2016), 2x Olympic bronze medallists (1992, 2012), FIH Champions Trophy silver medallists (2012).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1988 – 4th, 1992 – 3rd, 1996 – 4th, 2000 – 8th, 2008 – 6th, 2012 – 3rd, 2016 – 1st

About the team: Having stunned the world by winning Olympic gold at Rio 2016, where they defeated the Netherlands in a thrilling shoot-out thanks to a sensational goalkeeping display from Maddie Hinch, Great Britain will be determined to defend their title at Tokyo 2020. Following Olympic gold medal-winning head coach Danny Kerry's switch to the England and Great Britain men's programme in 2018, the responsibility for preparing GB for Tokyo is now in the hands of former Australian international striker Mark Hager, a man who worked wonders in New Zealand with the women's Black Sticks team. Hager successfully guided his team to a place at Tokyo 2020 by defeating Chile in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, claiming 3-0 and 2-1 victories over Las Diablas at the Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre in London.

Captain's comment – Hollie Pearne-Webb: "I think from our point of view as a squad, we definitely don't see it as trying to defend the title. We are a completely new group of players with a completely new coaching structure and a completely different way of playing. Our aim for our squad is to go and win a gold medal, and it would be the first time as our squad. That is what we are aiming to do and that is how we are looking at it. Of course, we are going there with the ambition to be at the top of the podium, but I think it is very much a case of focusing on one game at a time. Right now, our focus is Germany, and that is all we are thinking about. Once that one is done, it will be onto the next one. That is how the team in Rio did it. I think it was a huge benefit to us as a group, to not get too far ahead of ourselves. I think that is how we will go about it this time."

One to watch: Lily Owsley. Blisteringly quick with an eye for goal, attacking star Lily Owsley is blessed with all the attributes that keep defenders awake at night. She made her senior international debut in 2013 at the age of 18 and within three years was a European and Olympic champion, with England and Great Britain respectively.



Website: www.greatbritainhockey.co.uk

Twitter: @GBHockey **Facebook:** @GBHockey **Instagram:** gbhockey

Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	HINCH Maddie (GK)	32	158 (ENG 98, GBR 60)
4	UNSWORTH Laura	33	276 (ENG 150, GBR 126)
5	EVANS Sarah	30	122 (ENG 73, GBR 49)
6	TOMAN Anna	28	91 (ENG 46, GBR 45)
7	MARTIN Hannah	26	77 (ENG 40, GBR 37)
8	JONES Sarah	31	129 (GBR 33, WAL 96)
9	TOWNSEND Susannah	31	180 (ENG 98, GBR 82)
10	ROBERTSON Sarah	27	158 (GBR 54, SCO 104)
13	RAYER Elena	24	58 (ENG 35, GBR 23)
16	PETTER Isabelle	21	33 (ENG 10, GBR 23)
17	WILKINSON Leah	34	182 (GBR 13, WAL 169)
18	ANSLEY Giselle	29	165 (ENG 95, GBR 70)
20	PEARNE-WEBB Hollie (C)	30	191 (ENG 103, GBR 88)
21	CRACKLES Fiona	21	13 (ENG 5, GBR 8)
24	McCALLIN Shona	29	93 (ENG 39, GBR 54)
26	OWSLEY Lily	26	164 (ENG 88, GBR 76)
31	BALSDON Grace	28	81 (ENG 41, GBR 40)
32	COSTELLO Amy	23	88 (GBR 32, SCO 56)
Manager: BEVERIDGE Samantha			
Coach: HAGER Mark			
Assistant Coaches: GLYNN Katie & RALPH David			
Medical Doctor: MOGHAL Moiz			
Physiotherapist: BATCHELOR Emma			

**at start of competition.*



Ireland



Nickname: The Green Army

How they qualified: FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.

Notable honours: 2nd Place – FIH Women's World Cup (2018), 11th Place – Hockey World Cup (1994), 6th Place – EuroHockey Nations Championship (2017)

Rank in previous Olympic editions: Debuting at Tokyo 2020

About the team: Ireland's women secured a first ever Olympic qualification for the first time in their history in dramatic style, edging Canada 4-3 in a shoot-out in front of 6000 enthralled fans at Dublin's Energia Park, also known as the Donnybrook Stadium. The Green Army – surprise silver medallists at the Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup London 2018, despite starting the event as the second lowest ranked of the 16 competing teams – trailed 3-1 in the shoot-out before staging a remarkable comeback, eventually winning in sudden-death. Ireland have been both authors and protagonists of an astounding story in recent years. Will they add another fascinating chapter in Tokyo?

Player Perspective – Anna O'Flanagan: "I think our pool is extremely difficult. It is a pool that we can set our sights on doing well in, and I think there are some key games in there that we really need to win. We've targeted some key games that we really need to win if we want to progress in the tournament. We've played South Africa over the past couple of years and had good results against them, and India we have some experience of at a major tournament, beating them. There are obviously some games that we have targeted quite heavily, and they won't be easy, by any stretch of the imagination. Games in the past against India have been very tight. We just need to focus on those games and take each game as it comes."

One to watch: Anna O'Flanagan. Strong, fast and a great finisher, Anna O'Flanagan is a central figure in Ireland's attacking line-up who was instrumental in the Green Army's incredible silver medal finish at the 2018 Women's World Cup. As Ireland's all-time record goal-scorer, expect her to be a real goal threat in Tokyo.



Website: www.hockey.ie

Twitter: @irishhockey **Facebook:** @IrishHockeyAssociation **Instagram:** hockey_ireland

Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	McFERRAN Ayeisha (GK)	25	105
2	WATKINS Chloe	29	229
3	MATTHEWS Hannah	30	152
4	TORRANS Sarah	22	26
5	DALY Nicola	33	196
6	UPTON Roisin	27	81
7	McLOUGHLIN Hannah	21	19
8	DUKE Deirdre	29	146
9	MULLAN Kathryn (C)	27	198
10	McCAY Shirley	33	311
11	HAWKSHAW Sarah	25	38
12	TICE Elena	23	114
13	CARROLL Naomi	28	115
14	HOLDEN Lizzie	31	201
15	MCAULEY Sarah	19	1
16	O'FLANAGAN Anna	31	212
17	CAREY Michelle	22	5
18	MALSEED Zara	24	2
Manager: JACOB Lisa			
Coach: DANCER Sean			
Assistant Coach: GRUNDIE Gareth & McKINNON Mick			
Medical Doctor: O'CONNELL Louise			
Physiotherapist: MURPHY Roisin			

**at start of competition.*



India



Nickname: The Eves.

How they qualified: FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.

Notable honours: FIH Champions Challenge bronze medallists (2002), Commonwealth Games gold medallists (2002), Commonwealth Games silver medallists (2006), Asian Games gold medallists (1982), Asian Games silver medallists (1998, 2018), 3x Asian Games bronze medallists (1986, 2006, 2014), 2x Asia Cup gold medallists (2004, 2017), 2x Asia Cup silver medallists (1999, 2009), 2x Asia Cup bronze medallists (1993, 2013).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1980 – 4th, 2016 – 12th

About the team: India women, coached by Dutchman Sjoerd Marijne, have been making steady progress in the past few years, moving up the FIH World Rankings as well as making the cut for the major events. Rio 2016 was India's first Olympic appearance since 1980, and The Eves are back again for a second successive Games here at Tokyo 2020. They earned their place in dramatic fashion through the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, claiming a thrilling 6-5 aggregate victory over USA in Bhubaneswar. Having won the opening game 5-1, India found themselves 4-0 down to the Americans in Match 2 before team captain Rani fired home a stunning fourth quarter strike to secure that all important ticket to Tokyo.

Coach Quote – Sjoerd Marijne: "This team has worked very hard over the last few years and has made progress consistently. There's a good mix of experienced players and new talent, which is excellent. We look forward to taking on the best in the world in Tokyo. This is a team with a lot of potential and drive which we hope to channelise to our best performance yet."

One to watch: Rani. India's captain has a reputation for scoring important goals, a fact proven by netting the decisive strike against USA in the 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers.

Hockey India website: www.hockeyindia.org

Twitter: [@thehockeyindia](https://twitter.com/thehockeyindia) **Facebook:** [TheHockeyIndia](https://www.facebook.com/TheHockeyIndia) **Instagram:** [hockeyindia](https://www.instagram.com/hockeyindia)



Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	KAUR Navjot	26	172
2	KAUR Gurjit	25	87
3	EKKA Deep Grace	27	202
4	MONIKA	27	150
6	KHOKHAR Reena	28	45
7	DEVI Sharmila	19	9
8	PRADHAN Nikki	27	104
11	SAVITA (GK)	31	202
15	NISHA	26	9
16	KATARIYA Vandana	29	240
18	UDITA	23	32
19	TOPPO Namita	26	165
20	LALREMSIAMI	21	64
25	KAUR Navneet	25	79
27	PUKHRAMBAM Sushila Chanu	29	181
28	RANI (C)	26	241
30	TETE Salima	19	29
32	NEHA	24	75
Managers: BILLAVA SURESH Ankitha & LOMBARD Wayne			
Coach: MARIJNE Sjoerd			
Assistant Coach: SCHOPMAN Janneke			
Physiotherapist: CHOPRA Nivedita			
Physical Trainer: CHAUDHARI RADHIKA			

**at start of competition.*



South Africa



How they qualified: Continental Champions of Africa (2019)

Notable honours: 6x African Cup for Nations gold medallists (1994, 1998, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017). All Africa Games gold medallists (1995, 1999, 2003), 4x African Olympic Qualifier champions (2007, 2011, 2015, 2019), 7th Place – Hockey World Cup (1998), 9th Place – Olympic Games (2004).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 2000 – 10th, 2004 – 9th, 2008 – 11th, 2012 – 10th

About the team: South Africa have long been the dominant force in African hockey, a fact perfectly highlighted by their staggering record in the Africa Cup of Nations continental championship. Following Zimbabwe's title success at the inaugural event in 1990, South Africa have won six successive Africa Cup of Nations events, their most recent being in Ismailia, Egypt in 2017. Additionally, they have also won all four of the African Olympic Qualifier competitions played since 2007, with the most recent being the 2019 competition on home soil in Stellenbosch to earn their ticket to Tokyo 2020.

Coach Quote - Robin van Ginkel: "The year that we have had extra as a result of the postponement, has been a massive positive for us in growth. Our energy has been revived and I truly believe we are in a better position than we would have been a year ago. We went through a rigorous selection process and came across the team that is what we believe is the right combination to make South Africa proud."

One to watch: Erin Hunter. South Africa's captain is calm and inspirational defender who will be determined to play an influential role for her team at the world's greatest sporting spectacle.

Website: <https://www.sahockey.co.za>

Twitter: @SA_Hockey **Facebook:** @SAWomensHockey **Instagram:** sawhockey



Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	MBANDE Phumelela (GK)	28	47
3	SEERANE Celia	31	163
4	WALRAVEN Nicole	26	48
5	MOLIKOE Edith	21	0
6	MALLET Taryn	29	5
7	MARAIS Marizen	25	27
8	PATON Kristen	24	33
9	JOHNSON Robyn	30	18
10	ZULU Onthatile	21	10
13	DEETLEFS Lisa-Marie	33	267
14	VETO Nomnikelo	24	18
16	HUNTER Erin (C)	29	59
17	MADDOCKS Charne	33	0
19	du PLESSIS Lilian	28	135
22	MAHOLE Lerato	21	0
28	BOBBS Quanita	27	132
29	GLASBY Tarryn	26	42
30	MARKS Toni	27	16
Manager: DOIG Gill			
Coach: van GINKEL Robin			
Assistant Coach: ZONDI Inky			
Medical Doctors: THOMPSON Craig, SHANG Gavin, GAETSWE Tshegofatso, ZONDI Phathokuhle & NGWENYA Thulani			
Physiotherapist: MUNEZERO Daniella			
Physical Trainer: NAIDOO Taren			

*at start of competition.



Pool B – Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, China, Japan

Argentina



Nickname: Las Leonas

How they qualified: Continental Champions of Pan America

Notable honours: 2x World Cup winners (2002, 2010), 2x Olympic silver medallists (2000, 2012), 2x Olympic bronze medallists (2004, 2008), Hockey World League champions (2015), 7x Champions Trophy winners (2001, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016), 7x Pan-American Games gold medallists (1987, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2019), 5x Pan-American Cup winners (2001, 2004, 2009, 2013, 2017).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1988 – 7th, 1996 – 7th, 2000 – 2nd, 2004 – 3rd, 2008 – 3rd, 2012 – 2nd, 2016 – 7th

About the team: 'Las Leonas' (The Lionesses) have long been considered as one of the world's most fearsome attacking teams and are undisputedly a true powerhouse of the game. Since the 2014 retirement of eight times FIH Player of the Year Luciana Aymar – unquestionably one of the greatest players in the history of the sport – Argentina have claimed numerous titles, including the 2016 Champions Trophy, the 2017 Pan-American Cup and the 2019 Pan American Games, with the latter sealing their spot at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Player perspective – Delfina Merino: "It has been really hard for all the players, but also for everyone, because no-one saw Covid coming, and our lives changed for a whole year. Knowing that Tokyo will take place is really fantastic. We are training lots, which has been tough as there haven't been any matches. It will be a special Olympics, it will be emotional I think."

One to watch: Delfina Merino. 'Delfi' is Argentina's creative mastermind. She



has a reputation for scoring spectacular goals, regularly delivering when her team need it most. Named FIH Hockey Stars Player of the Year for 2017.

Website: www.cahockey.org.ar

Twitter: @ArgFieldHockey **Facebook:** ArgFieldHockey **Instagram:** arg_fieldhockey

Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	SUCCI Belen (GK)	35	240
2	TOCCALINO Sofia	24	95
3	GORZELANY Agustina	25	55
4	RAPOSO Valentina	18	2
5	ALONSO Agostina	25	89
7	ALBERTARRIO Agustina	28	168
10	GRANATTO Maria	26	134
12	MERINO Delfina	31	296
17	SANCHEZ Rocio	32	247
18	SAUZE Victoria	30	83
21	GRANATTO Victoria	30	26
22	TRINCHINETTI Eugenia	24	103
23	RETEGUI Micaela	25	40
24	FORCHERIO Maria	26	5
26	MACCARI Sofia	37	59
27	BARRIONUEVO Noel (C)	37	337
28	JANKUNAS Julieta	22	102
32	COSTA Valentina	25	38
Manager: SUPPA Silvia			
Coach: RETEGUI Carlos			
Assistant Coaches: PATTYN Juan, DOHERTY Alejandro & ALMADA Mario			
Medical Doctor: FEIJOO Pablo			
Physiotherapist: FIORONI Patricia			
Physical Trainer: LANZONI Remo			

**at start of competition.*



Australia



Nickname: The Hockeyroos

How they qualified: 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: 3x Olympic gold medallists (1988, 1996, 2000), 2x World Cup winners (1994, 1998), 3x World Cup silver medallists (1990, 2006, 2014), FIH Pro League silver medallists (2019), Hockey World League silver medallists (2012-13 Edition), 6x FIH Champions Trophy gold medallists (1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2003), 4x Oceania champions (1999, 2001, 2005, 2013, 2015), 4x Commonwealth Games gold medallists (1998, 2006, 2010, 2014)

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1984 – 4th, 1988 – 1st, 1992 – 5th, 1996 – 1st, 2000 – 1st, 2004 – 5th, 2008 – 5th, 2012 – 5th, 2016 – 6th

About the team: Between 1994 and 2000, Australia were by far and away the best team on the planet, claiming two Olympic gold medals and two World Cups as the team coached by Ric Charlesworth – and inspired by the attacking brilliance of current Netherlands women's head coach Alyson Annan and Katrina Powell, the current Hockeyroos head coach – ruled the hockey world. Now back high in the FIH World Rankings, Australia are once again a genuine powerhouse of the global game. The team secured their place at Tokyo 2020 via the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, defeating Russia 4-2 and 5-0 in Perth.

Player Perspective – Jane Claxton: “I think that for anyone who enters a sport, at any age or when you go into the junior or senior ranks, [the Olympic Games] is the pinnacle of our sport. Not just attending an Olympic Games, but also doing extremely well at those Games. Coming from a sporting nation like Australia, the focus is medals. That is the expectation. I think the Olympic Games is the pinnacle for hockey, and that is the biggest accolade you can get in our sport.”

One to watch: Rachael Lynch. A goalkeeper of the highest calibre, Rachael Lynch has been an outstanding performer for the Hockeyroos for many years, making over 220 international appearances and being named FIH Goalkeeper of the Year in 2019.

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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
2	MALONE Ambrosia	23	56
3	PERIS Brooke (C)	28	176
4	LAWTON Amy	19	19
6	SQUIBB Penny	28	14
10	FITZPATRICK Maddy	24	80
12	HAYES Greta	24	14
13	BONE Edwina (C)	33	206
14	KERSHAW Stephanie	26	69
15	NOBBS Kaitlin	23	86
18	CLAXTON Jane (C)	28	186
20	SOMERVILLE Karri	22	7
21	TAYLOR Renee	24	87
22	JENNER Kate	31	132
24	WILLIAMS Mariah	26	88
26	CHALKER Emily	28	249
27	LYNCH Rachael (GK)	35	227
30	STEWART Grace	24	86
32	FITZPATRICK Savannah	26	66
Manager: GREY Melissa			
Coach: POWELL Katrina			
Assistant Coaches: ALLEN Katie & DAVY Jeremy			
Medical Doctor: CLAYDON Gary			
Physiotherapist: ALLAN Steve			
Physical Trainer: VELI David			

**at start of competition.*



New Zealand



Nickname: The Black Sticks

How they qualified: Continental Champions of Oceania

Notable honours: 4x Oceania Cup gold medallists (2007, 2009, 2011, 2019), Hockey World League silver medallists (2015), 7x Oceania Cup silver medallists (1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2013, 2015, 2017), FIH Champions Trophy bronze medallists (2011), 2x FIH Champions Challenge gold medallists (2005, 2009), Commonwealth Games gold medallists (2018), Commonwealth Games silver medallists (2010), 2x Commonwealth Games bronze medallists (1998, 2014), 4th place at London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1984 – 6th, 1992 – 8th, 2000 – 6th, 2004 – 6th, 2008 – 12th, 2012 – 4th, 2016 – 4th

About the team: The Black Sticks have been outstanding performers over the last decade, regularly getting themselves in contention for podium finishes. Fourth place finishes at the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games split by a fifth-place finish at the 2014 Hockey World Cup has proven something of a frustration, but their gold medal success at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games showed that they are more than capable of winning titles. The team once again found themselves sitting top of the podium in 2019, defeating host nation Australia at the Oceania Cup to guarantee their participation in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

Coach quote – Graham Shaw: “With the lack of opportunities we’ve had it was a difficult squad to select. It’s certainly been very unusual circumstances, but I think we’ve got a balanced squad that poses a massive threat on attack alongside a strong defensive unit. We have some exciting young talent in our ranks especially Olivia (Shannon), Katie (Doar) and Hope (Ralph) who have stood up in recent years and all have huge futures in the black dress.”

One to watch: Stacey Michelsen. Widely regarded as one of the world’s most skillful players, Stacey Michelsen – who was nominated for the 2019 FIH Player of the Year Award alongside team-mate and prolific striker Olivia Merry - has effortlessly transitioned from a defender into a midfielder in recent years and is very much the creative heartbeat of the Black Sticks team.



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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	DAVEY Tarryn	25	68
2	SHANNON Olivia	20	31
4	MERRY Olivia	29	238
5	DAVIES Frances	24	83
6	RALPH Hope	21	13
8	KING Julia	28	127
12	GUNSON Ella	32	226
13	CHARLTON Samantha	29	257
15	O'HANLON Grace (GK)	28	65
16	THOMPSON Liz	26	193
17	DICKINS Stephanie	26	29
19	JOPP Tessa	26	26
20	HULL Megan	25	37
22	DOAR Katie	19	19
24	KEDDELL Rose	27	213
25	SMITH Kelsey	26	101
27	PEARSON Holly	22	24
31	MICHELSSEN Stacey (C)	30	292
Manager: LEGGAT Denise			
Stand-In Manager: KISSLING Lorenz			
Coach: SHAW Graham			
Assistant Coaches: MENEZES Jude & STEWART Colin			
Medical Doctors: BAKER Simon & SPARROW Sonja			
Physiotherapist: MCCULLOUGH Gabrielle			

**at start of competition.*



Spain



Nickname: The Red Sticks

How they qualified: FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: Olympic gold medallists (1992), FIH Women's World Cup bronze medallists (2018), 2x EuroHockey Nations Championships silver medallists (1995, 2003), Champions Challenge 1 silver medallists (2003).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 1992 – 1st, 1996 – 8th, 2000 – 4th, 2004 – 10th, 2008 – 7th, 2016 – 8th

About the team: There can be no doubt that under the guidance of head coach Adrian Lock, 1992 Olympic gold medallists Spain have undergone an impressive revival. The Englishman – a former U-21 international – has been getting the best out of an extremely talented group of players that managed to reach the quarter-finals of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games before suffering defeat at the hands of eventual gold medal winners Great Britain. However, it was their performance at the Vitality Hockey Women's World Cup London 2018 that really highlighted their progress, with the Red Sticks storming to the bronze medal by defeating Australia in the 3-4 place play-off, giving Spain their highest ever finish at a women's World Cup. The team secured their place at Tokyo 2020 through the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers, defeating Korea 2-1 and 2-0 in Valencia.

Player perspective – Berta Bonastre: "In the Olympics, every game is a challenge and I think all the teams play differently, in a competition like that. As a team, what we expect is to play game by game, not thinking about the final objective. Every game is a war. You have to analyse and study every team, because each team is there [at the Olympics] because they are strong, intelligent and technical."

One to watch: Georgina Oliva. Spain's vastly experienced captain is capable of having an influence in both defence and midfield. She is the sister of men's international Roc Oliva.

Website: www.rfeh.es

Twitter: @rfe_hockey **Facebook:** RFEH Hockey **Instagram:** absolutafemenino



Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	RUIZ Maria (GK)	31	161
2	BARRIOS Laura	20	5
4	YCART Clara	22	54
7	PETCHAME Carlota	31	204
9	LOPEZ Maria	31	198
10	BONASTRE Berta	29	197
12	CANO Carmen	28	81
13	IGLESIAS Belen	25	58
16	MEJÍAS Candela	24	27
17	RIERA Lola	30	189
18	PONS Julia	26	174
19	GARCIA Begoña	26	140
20	GINE Xantal	28	157
21	PEREZ Beatriz	30	211
23	OLIVA Georgina (C)	31	240
24	TORRES-QUEVEDO Alejandra	21	48
25	MAGAZ Alicia	27	110
29	JIMENEZ Lucia	24	130
Manager: GOMEZ Raul			
Stand-In Manager: MORENCOS Esther			
Coach: LOCK Adrian			
Assistant Coach: RUIZ Alberto & MONDO Andrés			
Medical Doctor: MUNOZ Silvia			
Physiotherapist: MORENO Berta			

**at start of competition.*



China



How they qualified: 2019 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers

Notable honours: Olympic silver medallists (2008), World Cup bronze medallists (2002), Champions Trophy gold medallists (2002), 2x Champions Trophy silver medallists (2003, 2006), Champions Trophy bronze medallists (2005), 3x Asian Games gold medallists (2002, 2006, 2010), 2x Asia Cup gold medallists (1989, 2009), 2x Asia Cup silver medallists (1993, 2017), 3x Asia Cup bronze medallists (1999, 2004, 2007).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 2000 – 5th, 2004 – 4th, 2008 – 2nd, 2012 – 6th, 2016 – 9th

About the team: China Head coach Yang Wang has every reason to believe that this rapidly improving team can outperform expectations in Japan. There is certainly plenty of quality players to call upon, including Cui Qiuxia, a hugely experienced defender with a reputation for being utterly fearless. The team also has a world class shot stopper in Li Dongxiao (nominee: FIH Goalkeeper of the Year 2015), while outfield player Zhong Jiaqi was nominated for the 2019 FIH Rising Star of the Year award. China secured qualification for Tokyo 2020 with a dramatic shoot-out victory over Belgium in the FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers in 2019.

Captain's Comment – Cui Qiuxia: "If we win a medal at the Olympics, I think it would be amazing. I really want to know what it feels like to win a medal in field hockey. [If we win a medal] we will have more support and have positive plans here in China. It will hugely help the sporting level [of hockey] in China."

One to watch: Cui Qiuxia. Having represented her country at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games as well as the Hockey World Cups in both 2014 and 2018, defender Cui is one of the most experienced players in the China team and has a reputation for putting her body on the line.



Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	LI Dongxiao (GK)	33	151
2	GU Bingfeng	27	100
5	LI Jiaqi	26	101
6	ZHANG Ying	22	17
7	CUI Qiuxia (C)	30	182
9	XU Wenyu	25	75
10	PENG Yang (C)	29	198
11	LIANG Meiyu	27	181
13	LI Hong	22	67
15	ZHANG Jinrong	24	129
16	OU Zixia	25	107
19	ZHANG Xiaoxue	28	154
21	LIU Meng	25	30
24	WANG Na	26	95
26	CHEN Yang	24	52
28	LUO Tiantian	26	12
29	CHEN Yi	24	38
31	ZHONG Jiaqi	21	53
Manager: LIU Yuxiang			
Coach: WANG Yang			
Assistant Coaches: BONNET Giles & LIU Shuangquan			
Medical Doctor: WEN Jiang			
Physiotherapist / Stand-In Manager: ZHAO Xiaoyu			

**at start of competition.*



Japan



Nickname: The Cherry Blossoms

How they qualified: Host nation / Continental champions of Asia (2018).

Notable honours: 9th place – Olympic Games (2012), 10th place – Olympic Games (2016), 10th place – Rabobank Hockey World Cup (2014), 8th place – FIH Champions Trophy (2014), FIH Champions Challenge 1 gold medallists (2011), Asian Games gold medallists (2018), 3x Asian Games silver medallists (1986, 1994, 2006), 2x Asia Cup gold medallists (2007, 2013).

Rank in previous Olympic editions: 2004 – 8th, 2008 – 10th, 2012 – 9th, 2016 – 10th

About the team: Japan claimed a remarkable gold medal success at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia, meaning that the Cherry Blossoms had effectively qualified for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 twice over, adding to the ticket already awarded as the host nation. The Asian Games victory – where they defeated higher-ranked India in the competition final – will have given the Cherry Blossoms a real taste for success, something they will be determined to replicate on home soil in Tokyo. The team are coached by former Spanish international Xavi Arnau, who as a player won Olympic silver at the Atlanta 1996 Games.

Captain's comment – Yukari Mano: "Our goal is to leave behind a positive legacy for all the people who have supported us. As for the Olympics being held in Japan, I hope to take this opportunity to spread an awareness of the beauty of Hockey that I have given 16 years of my life to."

One to watch: Shihori Oikawa. A tenacious, brave defender with an eye for a pass and the ability to contribute to the score-sheet from penalty corner situations.

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Shirt #	Player	Age *	Current Caps
1	ASAI Yu	25	78
3	HOSHI Kimika	25	46
6	NISHIKORI Emi	28	73
7	NOMURA Kana	31	128
8	MANO Yukari (C)	27	124
9	NAGAI Yuri	29	179
10	NAGAI Hazuki	26	173
11	OIKAWA Shihori	32	133
13	KOZUKA Miki	25	65
14	SEGAWA Maho	25	46
15	TORIYAMA Mai	26	15
16	MATSUMOTO Natsuha	25	43
17	YAMADA Aki	28	27
18	MITSUHASHI Aki	31	137
19	MORI Kanon	25	28
25	TANAKA Kaho	23	0
29	OMOTO Sakurako	23	31
32	ASANO Sakiyo (GK)	34	111
Manager: SHEAHAN John			
Coach: ARNAU Xavi			
Assistant Coach: MIURA Keiko			
Physiotherapists: MOGI Jun & HATTORI Jun			
Physical Trainer: OKANO Kenichi			

**at start of competition.*



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Men

Men's Olympic Hockey Medal Winners

EDITION	VENUE	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
2016	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Argentina (ARG)	Belgium (BEL)	Germany (GER)
2012	London (GBR)	Germany (GER)	Netherlands (NED)	Australia (AUS)
2008	Beijing (CHN)	Germany (GER)	Spain (ESP)	Australia (AUS)
2004	Athens (GRE)	Australia (AUS)	Netherlands (NED)	Germany (GER)
2000	Sydney (AUS)	Netherlands (NED)	Korea (KOR)	Australia (AUS)
1996	Atlanta, GA (USA)	Netherlands (NED)	Spain (ESP)	Australia (AUS)
1992	Barcelona (ESP)	Germany (GER)	Australia (AUS)	Pakistan (PAK)
1988	Seoul (KOR)	Great Britain (GBR)	West Germany (FRG)	Netherlands (NED)
1984	Los Angeles, CA (USA)	Pakistan (PAK)	West Germany (FRG)	Great Britain (GBR)
1980	Moscow (URS)	India (IND)	Spain (ESP)	Soviet Union (URS)
1976	Montreal, QC (CAN)	New Zealand (NZL)	Australia (AUS)	Pakistan (PAK)
1972	Munich (FRG)	West Germany (FRG)	Pakistan (PAK)	India (IND)
1968	Mexico City (MEX)	Pakistan (PAK)	Australia (AUS)	India (IND)
1964	Tokyo (JPN)	India (IND)	Pakistan (PAK)	Australia (AUS)
1960	Rome (ITA)	Pakistan (PAK)	India (IND)	Spain (ESP)
1956	Melbourne (AUS)	India (IND)	Pakistan (PAK)	Germany (GER)
1952	Helsinki (FIN)	India (IND)	Netherlands (NED)	Great Britain (GBR)
1948	London (GBR)	India (IND)	Great Britain (GBR)	Netherlands (NED)
1936	Berlin (GER)	India (IND)	Germany (GER)	Netherlands (NED)
1932	Los Angeles, CA (USA)	India (IND)	Japan (JPN)	United States (USA)
1928	Amsterdam (NED)	India (IND)	Netherlands (NED)	Germany (GER)
1920	Antwerp (BEL)	Great Britain (GBR)	Denmark (DEN)	Belgium (BEL)
1908	London (GBR)	Great Britain (ENG)	Great Britain (IRL)	Great Britain (SCO) Great Britain (WAL)



All-time Men's Olympic Placements

2016: 1: Argentina, 2: Belgium, 3: Germany, 4: Netherlands, 5: Spain, 6: Australia, 7: New Zealand, 8: India, 9: Great Britain, 10: Ireland, 11: Canada, 12: Brazil

2012: 1. Germany, 2. Netherlands, 3. Australia, 4. Great Britain, 5. Belgium, 6. Spain, 7. Pakistan, 8. Korea, 9. New Zealand, 10. Argentina, 11. South Africa, 12. India

2008: 1. Germany, 2. Spain, 3. Australia, 4. Netherlands, 5. Great Britain, 6. Korea, 7. New Zealand, 8. Pakistan, 9. Belgium, 10. Canada, 11. China, 12. South Africa

2004: 1. Australia, 2. Netherlands, 3. Germany, 4. Spain, 5. Pakistan, 6. New Zealand, 7. India, 8. Korea, 9. Great Britain, 10. South Africa, 11. Argentina, 12. Egypt

2000: 1. Netherlands, 2. Korea, 3. Australia, 4. Pakistan, 5. Germany, 6. Great Britain, 7. India, 8. Argentina, 9. Spain, 10. Canada, 11. Malaysia, 12. Poland

1996: 1. Netherlands, 2. Spain, 3. Australia, 4. Germany, 5. Korea, 6. Pakistan, 7. Great Britain, 8. India, 9. Argentina, 10. South Africa, 11. Malaysia, 12. United States

1992: 1. Germany, 2. Australia, 3. Pakistan, 4. Netherlands, 5. Spain, 6. Great Britain, 7. India, 8. New Zealand, 9. Malaysia, 10. CIS (Russia), 11. Argentina, 12. Egypt

1988: 1. Great Britain, 2. W. Germany, 3. Netherlands, 4. Australia, 5. Pakistan, 6. India, 7. Soviet Union, 8. Argentina, 9. Spain, 10. Korea, 11. Canada, 12. Kenya

1984: 1. Pakistan, 2. W. Germany, 3. Great Britain, 4. Australia, 5. India, 6. Netherlands, 7. New Zealand, 8. Spain, 9. Kenya, 10. Malaysia, 11. United States

1980: 1. India, 2. Spain, 3. Soviet Union, 4. Poland, 5. Cuba, 6. Tanzania

1976: 1. New Zealand, 2. Australia, 3. Pakistan, 4. Netherlands, 5. W. Germany, 6. Spain, 7. India, 8. Malaysia, 9. Belgium, 10. Canada, 11. Argentina

1972: 1. W. Germany, 2. Pakistan, 3. India, 4. Netherlands, 5. Australia, 6. Great Britain, 7. Spain, 8. Malaysia, 9. New Zealand, 10. Belgium, 11. Poland, 12. France, 13. Kenya, 14. Argentina, 15. Uganda, 16. Mexico

1968: 1. Pakistan, 2. Australia, 3. India, 4. W. Germany, 5. Netherlands, 6. Spain, 7. New Zealand, 8. Kenya, 9. Belgium, 10. France, 11. E. Germany, 12. Great Britain, 13. Japan, 14. Argentina, 15. Malaysia, 16. Mexico

1964: 1. India, 2. Pakistan, 3. Australia, 4. Spain, 5. E. Germany, 6. Kenya

1960: 1. Pakistan, 2. India, 3. Spain, 4. Great Britain, 5. New Zealand, 6. Australia, 7. W. Germany, 8. Kenya, 9. Netherlands, 10. France, 11. Belgium, 12. Poland, 13. Italy, 14. Japan, 15. Switzerland, 16. Denmark

1956: 1. India, 2. Pakistan, 3. W. Germany, 4. Great Britain, 5. Australia, 6. New Zealand, 7. Belgium, 8. Singapore, 9. Malaysia, 10. Kenya, 11. Afghanistan, 12. United States

1952: 1. India, 2. Netherlands, 3. Great Britain, 4. Pakistan, 5. W. Germany, 6. Poland, 7. Austria, 8. Switzerland

1948: 1. India, 2. Great Britain, 3. Netherlands, 4. Pakistan



1936: 1. India, 2. Germany, 3. Netherlands, 4. France, 5. Switzerland, 6. Afghanistan, 7. Japan, 8. Hungary, 9. Belgium, 10. Denmark, 11. United States

1932: 1. India, 2. Japan, 3. United States

1928: 1. India, 2. Netherlands, 3. Germany, 4. Belgium

1920: 1. England, 2. Denmark, 3. Belgium, 4. France

1908: 1. England, 2. Ireland, 3. Wales, 4. Scotland 5. Germany, 6. France

All-time Men's Olympic Medallists by Team

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	First medal	Last medal
1	India	8	1	2	11	1928	1980
2	Great Britain	3	2	4	9	1908	1988
3	Pakistan	3	3	2	8	1956	1992
4	Germany	3	1	4	8	1928	2016
5	Netherlands	2	4	3	9	1928	2012
6	Australia	1	3	5	9	1964	2012
7	W. Germany	1	2	0	3	1972	1988
8	Argentina	1	0	0	1	2016	2016
8	New Zealand	1	0	0	1	1976	1976
10	Spain	0	3	1	4	1960	2008
11	Belgium	0	1	1	2	1920	2016
12	Denmark	0	1	0	1	1920	1920
12	Japan	0	1	0	1	1932	1932
12	Korea	0	1	0	1	2000	2000
15	Soviet Union	0	0	1	1	1980	1980
15	United States	0	0	1	1	1932	1932
	TOTAL	23	23	24	70	1908	2016

Note: England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales took part as four separate British teams at the 1908 Olympic Games, finishing first, second, third and third in exact order – on that occasion, bronze medals were given to both Scotland and Wales. These statistics above include these four separate medals in the tally of Great Britain.

All-Time Men's Olympic Finals

Rio de Janeiro 2016: Belgium 2-4 Argentina

London 2012: Germany 2-1 Netherlands

Beijing 2008: Germany 1-0 Spain

Athens 2004: Netherlands 1-2 Australia (aet)

Sydney 2000: Korea 3-3 Netherlands (aps 4-5)

Atlanta 1996: Spain 1-3 Netherlands

Barcelona 1992: Germany 2-1 Australia



Seoul 1988: Great Britain 3-1 West Germany
Los Angeles 1984: Pakistan 2-1 West Germany (aet)
Moscow 1980: India 4-3 Spain
Montreal 1976: New Zealand 1-0 Australia
Munich 1972: West Germany 1-0 Pakistan
Mexico City 1968: Pakistan 2-1 Australia
Tokyo 1964: Pakistan 0-1 India
Rome 1960: Pakistan 1-0 India
Melbourne 1956: India 1-0 Pakistan
Helsinki 1952: India 6-1 Netherlands
London 1948: India 4-0 Great Britain
Berlin 1936: India 8-1 Germany
Los Angeles 1932: No final – Round Robin
Amsterdam 1928: India 3-0 Netherlands
Antwerp 1920: No final – Round Robin
London 1908: Great Britain (ENG) 8-1 Great Britain (IRL)

Legend: *aps* - after penalty strokes. *aet* - after extra time

Women

Women's Olympic Hockey Medal Winners

Edition	Venue	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2016	Rio de Janeiro (BRA)	Great Britain (GBR)	Netherlands (NED)	Germany (GER)
2012	London (GBR)	Netherlands (NED)	Argentina (ARG)	Great Britain (GBR)
2008	Beijing (CHN)	Netherlands (NED)	China (CHN)	Argentina (ARG)
2004	Athens (GRE)	Germany (GER)	Netherlands (NED)	Argentina (ARG)
2000	Sydney (AUS)	Australia (AUS)	Argentina (ARG)	Netherlands (NED)
1996	Atlanta, GA (USA)	Australia (AUS)	Korea (KOR)	Netherlands (NED)
1992	Barcelona (ESP)	Spain (ESP)	Germany (GER)	Great Britain (GBR)
1988	Seoul (KOR)	Australia (AUS)	Korea (KOR)	Netherlands (NED)
1984	Los Angeles, CA (USA)	Netherlands (NED)	West Germany (FRG)	United States (USA)
1980	Moscow (URS)	Zimbabwe (ZIM)	Czechoslovakia (TCH)	Soviet Union (URS)



All-time Women's Olympic Placements

2016: 1: Great Britain, 2: Netherlands, 3: Germany, 4: New Zealand, 5: United States, 6: Australia, 7: Argentina, 8: Spain, 9: China, 10: Japan, 11: Korea, 12: India

2012: 1: Netherlands, 2: Argentina, 3: Great Britain, 4: New Zealand, 5: Australia, 6: China, 7: Germany, 8: Korea, 9: Japan, 10: South Africa, 11: Belgium, 12: United States

2008: 1: Netherlands, 2: China, 3: Argentina, 4: Germany, 5: Australia, 6: Great Britain, 7: Spain, 8: United States, 9: Korea, 10: Japan, 11: South Africa, 12: New Zealand

2004: 1: Germany, 2: Netherlands, 3: Argentina, 4: China, 5: Australia, 6: New Zealand, 7: Korea, 8: Japan, 9: South Africa, 10: Spain

2000: 1: Australia, 2: Argentina, 3: Netherlands, 4: Spain, 5: China, 6: New Zealand, 7: Germany, 8: Great Britain, 9: Korea, 10: South Africa

1996: 1: Australia, 2: Korea, 3: Netherlands, 4: Great Britain, 5: United States, 6: Germany, 7: Argentina, 8: Spain

1992: 1: Spain, 2: Germany, 3: Great Britain, 4: Korea, 5: Australia, 6: Netherlands, 7: Canada, 8: New Zealand

1988: 1: Australia, 2: Korea, 3: Netherlands, 4: Great Britain, 5: West Germany, 6: Canada, 7: Argentina, 8: United States

1984: 1: Netherlands, 2: West Germany, 3: United States, 4: Australia, 5: Canada, 6: New Zealand

1980: 1: Zimbabwe, 2: Czechoslovakia, 3: Soviet Union, 4: India, 5: Austria, 6: Poland

All Time Women's Olympic Medallists By Team

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total	First medal	Last medal
Netherlands	3	2	3	8	1984	2016
Australia	3	0	0	3	1988	2000
Germany	1	1	1	3	1992	2016
Great Britain	1	0	2	3	1992	2016
Spain	1	0	0	1	1992	1992
Zimbabwe	1	0	0	1	1980	1980
Argentina	0	2	2	4	2000	2012
Korea	0	2	0	2	1988	1996
China	0	1	0	1	2008	2008
Czechoslovakia	0	1	0	1	1980	1980
W. Germany	0	1	0	1	1984	1984
Soviet Union	0	0	1	1	1980	1980
USA	0	0	1	1	1984	1984
Totals	10	10	10	30	1980	2016

All-Time Women's Olympic Finals

2016: Netherlands 3-3 Great Britain (aso 0-2)



2012: Netherlands 2-0 Argentina

2008: China 0-2 Netherlands

2004: Netherlands 1-2 Germany

2000: Argentina 1-3 Australia

1996: Australia 3-1 Korea

1992: Spain 2-1 Germany (aet)

1988: Australia 2-0 Korea

1984: No final – Round Robin

1980: No final – Round robin

Legend: aps - after penalty strokes. aet - after extra time. aso – after shoot-out.



| Rules and Competition Regulations

Players

At the Tokyo Olympic Games, a matchday squad is made up of a maximum of 16 players, composed of 11 players on the field and up to five substitutes. The matchday squad is selected for each match from the larger squad of 18 athletes (who have accreditation known as Aa and Ap), with changes from match to match freely able to be made.

Unlike in previous Olympic Games when alternate athletes could only become competing athletes as permanent changes due to an injury or illness within the squad, the IOC have granted increased flexibility due to the unique circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. As well as the 18 athletes available for selection for each match, the IOC is allowing teams to replace a goalkeeper, if they are injured and unable to continue playing.

The Reserve goalkeeper can only be brought into the squad as per the conditions outlined in the 'Late Athlete Replacement policy' which can be found in Appendix 6 of the FIH Competition Regulations for Tokyo 2020. The use of this facility is optional, with teams being able to use one of the alternate athlete accreditations for a second goalkeeper within the squad of 18 should they wish.

Substitutions

There are no limits on the number of substitutions, apart from during a penalty corner or video referral when substitutions are not allowed.

Match periods

Matches consist of four periods of 15 minutes.

Green and yellow cards

If a player is shown a green card by the umpire, he or she has a temporary suspension lasting two minutes. This means the team plays with one fewer player during this period. The time penalty kicks in when the suspended player sits on a chair next to the technical table. After the two minutes are up, the player can return to the pitch. If a player is shown a yellow card, the suspension shall be a minimum of five minutes. The Technical Officer on duty is responsible for timing the temporary suspension. Once the suspension is over, the player (or a substitute) can return to the pitch unless this occurs during the taking of a penalty corner, in which case the player cannot return until the penalty corner has been completed or another penalty corner is awarded.

Penalty corner countdown clock

When a penalty corner is awarded, time is stopped for 40 seconds, except in the case of re-awards or penalty corners awarded after a Video Umpire referral. In the case of a re-awarded penalty corner time will be immediately stopped but the teams will not be allowed an additional 40 seconds. The umpire will re-start play at the earliest possible opportunity, ensuring that any delay is kept to a minimum. Matches are also stopped for 40 seconds after a goal is scored, except in the case of goals awarded after a Video Umpire Referral and a Penalty Stroke.

Video umpire

Each team is allowed one video umpire team referral during the regulation time. Team referrals are restricted to decisions within the 23 metre areas relating to the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes and penalty corners. The on-pitch umpires will ask the video umpire to study the relevant images and for his or her advice and recommendation. If the referral is successful, the team retains the right to make another team referral. If the referral is unsuccessful, the team loses the



right to use the video umpire for the rest of the game. The umpires may also consult the video umpire, using their own umpire referral, if they have doubts about whether or not to award a goal.

If during the knock-out classification phase, a match ends in a draw a shoot-out competition will take place to determine the winner. In the shoot-out competition each team has the right to one team referral for the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes and whether a shoot-out should be re-taken or not. Referrals remaining at the end of regulation time are not carried over into the shoot-out competition. The umpires may still also consult the video umpire, using their own referral, if they have doubts about whether or not to award a goal.

Shoot-outs

During the classification phase, a shoot-out competition will be used if the scores are equal at full time. Each team picks five players who will each take one shoot-out. If the teams are tied after a series of shoot-outs, the winner will be decided by sudden death, ie when one team has scored one more goal than the opposing team after an equal number of shoot-outs have been taken. The process will be repeated in series of five shoot-outs for each team until a winner has been decided.

More information on the current rules of hockey and tournament regulations can be found at the below links:

Rules of Hockey 2020: [Click here.](#)

Tokyo 2020 Tournament Regulations: [Click here.](#)



| FIH World Rankings

After a long period of testing, a new World Ranking model took effect from January 1, 2020 after approval by the FIH Executive Board.

Moving away from the previous tournament based ranking system, this new match based system involves an exchange of points between the 2 teams competing in each match played. The number of points exchanged depends on the result of the match, the relative ranking of the teams and the importance of the match.

To see the official FIH World Rankings, [click here](#).

