

Explanatory Note: Format of Hockey World League 2016 / 2017

The 3rd Hockey World League will be played over 4 rounds over a 2 year period, with Round 1 of the competition taking place in 2016 and Round 2, the Semi-Finals and Finals, being played in 2017. However, if any country wishes to host a tournament outside of the identified windows, please contact FIH to discuss to any such proposal.

Format

- Teams ranked 1 – 11 in the FIH World Ranking as at 23 March 2015 will be granted a bye through to Round 3; teams ranked 12 – 20 in the FIH World Ranking as at 23 March 2015 will be granted a bye through to Round 2.

Note: All teams must enter by the closing date of Monday, 25 May 2015. This includes teams with byes into Round 2 and the Semi-Finals. If a team with a bye does not enter, it will be replaced by the next highest placed country in the FIH World Ranking as at 23 March 2015. The FIH reserves the right to accept entries after the deadline of 25 May 2015.

- World Ranking points will be awarded to teams at all levels of the FIH World League. Details of the amount of Ranking Points are available in the Hockey World League Competition Details, a copy of which is attached and which is also available on the FIH web site and will be updated from time to time.
- The number of tournaments in Round 1 will depend entirely on the number of entries. It is FIH's intention to make these tournaments as local as possible, therefore keeping costs to all participating teams down to a minimum.
- Teams winning through to Round 2 will join those ranked 12 – 20 in the FIH World Ranking and will play in 3 tournaments of 8 teams on a more regional basis, which will involve teams from more than one continent. The teams with byes into Round 2 will be placed in tournaments recognizing their World Ranking.
- At the end of Round 2, 9 teams (men) / 8 teams (women) will join those teams ranked 1 – 11 in the FIH World Ranking as at 23 March 2015, which have been granted a bye through to this round
- Semi-Finals will be played in 2 tournaments, each comprising 10 teams.
- The number of teams winning through to the Finals will depend on whether the hosts of have qualified by performance to play in it.

Men's teams ranked 1 – 11 as at 23 March 2015 and having a bye through to the Semi-Finals

Australia, Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, England, Argentina, New Zealand, Korea, India, Pakistan and Spain

Men's teams ranked 12 – 20 as at 23 March 2015 and having a bye through to Round 2

Malaysia, South Africa, Ireland, Canada, Japan, Poland, France, Russia and Egypt

Women's teams ranked 1 – 11 as at 23 March 2015 and having a bye through to the Semi-Finals

Netherlands, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand, USA, Germany, China, England, Korea, Japan and South Africa. Belgium (ranked 12) also qualify for a bye to the Semi-Finals as one of the hosts.

Women's teams ranked 13 – 20 as at 23 March 2015 and having a bye through to Round 2

India, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Scotland, Belarus, Azerbaijan and Canada

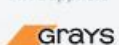
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