

**FIH Release**

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**Men and women's inaugural Indoor World Rankings announced**

The FIH has today revealed the first Indoor World Rankings for both men and women's indoor hockey. The new rankings will allow for a transparent way of allocating teams to pools for International FIH events and will be updated at the completion of every FIH Indoor World Cup, and each year's Indoor Continental Championships.

The Rankings were developed using the last three Indoor World Cups and Indoor Continental Championships as the basis for the assessment. Previous Indoor World Cups have shown that Europe is the powerhouse of Indoor Hockey and this is reflected in the rankings, however it is pleasing to see countries from across the globe breaking into the top 10. It proves that hockey is truly represented at the highest level across the world.

The women's rankings are dominated by European nations, with Germany, Netherlands and Belarus making up the top three. Australia is the highest ranked country from Oceania in 9<sup>th</sup>, with Argentina and Uruguay from Pan America joint 10<sup>th</sup>.

| Rank | Country        | Continent | Points | Goals | Assists | Points | Goals | Assists | Points | Goals | Assists | Points | Goals | Assists |      |
|------|----------------|-----------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| 1    | Germany        | EUR       | 1      | 1000  | 1000    | 3      | 750   | 375     | 1      | 500   | 125     | EUR    | 1     | 750     | 2250 |
| 2    | Netherlands    | EUR       | 2      | 800   | 800     | 1      | 1000  | 500     | 2      | 400   | 100     | EUR    | 4     | 600     | 2000 |
| 3    | Belarus        | EUR       | 4      | 700   | 700     | 5      | 650   | 325     | 5      | 325   | 81      | EUR    | 2     | 700     | 1806 |
| 4    | Ukraine        | EUR       | 3      | 750   | 750     | 4      | 700   | 350     | 4      | 350   | 88      | EUR    | 6     | 500     | 1605 |
| 5    | Czech Republic | EUR       | 6      | 600   | 600     | 11     | 350   | 175     | 4      | 350   | 88      | EUR    | 7     | 450     | 1313 |
| 6    | Poland         | EUR       | 5      | 650   | 650     | 7      | 550   | 275     | 7      | 275   | 69      | EUR    | 3     | 550     | 1395 |
| 7    | Austria        | EUR       | 7      | 550   | 550     | 2      | 800   | 400     | 2      | 800   | 400     | EUR    | 8     | 400     | 1294 |
| 8    | Spain          | EUR       | 8      | 500   | 500     | 6      | 600   | 300     | 9      | 225   | 56      | OCE    | 5     | 550     | 950  |
| 9    | Australia      | OCE       | 8      | 500   | 500     | 6      | 600   | 300     | 9      | 225   | 56      | OCE    | 5     | 550     | 856  |
| 10   | Argentina      | PANF      | 9      | 450   | 450     | 3      | 750   | 375     | 1      | 500   | 125     | PANF   | 1     | 325     | 775  |

The men's rankings follow a similar suit, with European nations taking up the first six places, with Germany again ranking number 1 in the world. Canada and Australia are the only non-European countries in the top 10 in 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place respectively.

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|------|----------------|-----------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|---------|--------|-------|---------|------|
| 1    | Germany        | EUR       | 1      | 1000  | 1000    | 1      | 1000  | 500     | 1      | 1000  | 250     | EUR    | 1     | 750     | 2590 |
| 2    | Poland         | EUR       | 2      | 800   | 800     | 2      | 800   | 400     | 2      | 800   | 200     | EUR    | 9     | 375     | 1775 |
| 3    | Austria        | EUR       | 3      | 750   | 750     | 6      | 600   | 300     | 6      | 600   | 113     | EUR    | 2     | 700     | 1750 |
| 4    | Russia         | EUR       | 4      | 700   | 700     | 5      | 650   | 325     | 5      | 650   | 113     | EUR    | 6     | 500     | 1638 |
| 5    | Czech Republic | EUR       | 5      | 650   | 650     | 4      | 700   | 350     | 8      | 500   | 125     | EUR    | 3     | 600     | 1625 |
| 6    | Netherlands    | EUR       | 6      | 600   | 600     | 5      | 600   | 300     | 5      | 600   | 163     | EUR    | 4     | 600     | 1413 |
| 7    | Canada         | PANF      | 10     | 400   | 400     | 7      | 550   | 275     | 6      | 600   | 150     | PANF   | 1     | 325     | 1150 |
| 8    | England        | EUR       | 6      | 600   | 600     | 3      | 750   | 375     | 7      | 550   | 138     | EUR    | 7     | 450     | 1600 |
| 9    | Australia      | OCE       | 7      | 550   | 550     | 8      | 500   | 250     | 7      | 550   | 138     | OCE    | 7     | 450     | 938  |
| 10   | Spain          | EUR       | 7      | 550   | 550     | 3      | 750   | 375     | 3      | 750   | 188     | EUR    | 5     | 550     | 925  |

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