

IISHF Regulations §18.5 (2015 version)

The IISHF Presidium shall determine the final number of teams participating in an European Cup. Each vacant place (which means without automatic qualification according to article 18.2 IISHF Regulations) in an European Cup will be transferred to the National Member Associations as follows:

- All vacant places in the sequence of the final ranking of the last European Championship of this Age Group.
- For the younger age groups (U13, U16) in the sequence of the final ranking of the last Junior European Championship will be binding.
- In the event of a qualified (transferred) Team having declined the vacant place, the place will be automatically given to that National Member Associations next qualified team if they do not already have a place. If this next qualified team is not a team according to article 18.1 IISHF Regulations, this team can confirm its participation within 8 days after the offer has been given to the relevant NMA. If no confirmation is given within this 8 days deadline to IISHF, the vacant place will be offered to another National Member Association in the sequence of the final ranking of the last Men/Junior European Championship.