

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA FOR THE WORLD KORFBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

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There are sixteen qualification places available for the U21 WKC 2026. The framework aims at having the maximum possible Continents represented taking in consideration the U21 Continental Championships 2025.

The U21 Continental Championships that took place in 2025 are considered the main criteria for this qualification.

Therefore, the qualification criteria are as follows:

1. Host
2. Top 8 Asian and Oceania countries from the IKF U21 Asia-Oceania Championship 2025
3. Top 7 countries from the IKF U21 European Championship 2025

Reserve countries:

1. Winner of last edition of the IKF Pan-American (senior) Championship, by invitation
2. Winner of last edition of the IKF All-African (senior) Championship South, by invitation
3. #10 U21 AOKC 2025
4. #8 U21 EKC 2025
5. Top-ranked European country based on world ranking that have not been qualified via U21 EKC 2025
6. Top-ranked Asian country based on world ranking that have not been qualified via U21 AOKC 2025
(if more teams apply, they are placed as reserve according to World Ranking)