

# Ice Hockey World Championship – guide to the teams

Group A	<b>Sweden</b> <b>World Ranking: 1</b>  <b>Medals: 40</b> (8 gold) <b>2007 finish</b> 4th place	<b>Switzerland</b> <b>World Ranking: 8</b>  <b>Medals: 9</b> (1 silver) <b>2007</b> 8th place	<b>Belarus</b> <b>World Ranking: 9</b>  <b>Best finish</b> 6th place <b>2007 finish</b> 11th place	<b>France</b> <b>World Ranking: 19</b>  <b>Best finish</b> 5th place <b>2007 finish</b> 18th place
	<b>Canada</b> <b>World Ranking: 2</b>  <b>Medals: 44</b> (24 gold) <b>2007 finish</b> Champions	<b>United States</b> <b>World Ranking: 7</b>  <b>Medals: 16</b> (2 gold) <b>2007 finish</b> 5th place	<b>Latvia</b> <b>World Ranking: 10</b>  <b>Best finish</b> 7th place <b>2007 finish</b> 13th place	<b>Slovenia</b> <b>World Ranking: 18</b>  <b>Best finish</b> 13th place <b>2007 finish</b> 17th place
	<b>Finland</b> <b>World Ranking: 3</b>  <b>Medals: 9</b> (1 gold) <b>2007 finish</b> Runners-up	<b>Slovakia</b> <b>World Ranking: 6</b>  <b>Medals: 3</b> (1 gold) <b>2007 finish</b> 6th place	<b>Germany</b> <b>World Ranking: 11</b>  <b>Medals: 4</b> (2 silver)* <b>2007 finish</b> 9th place	<b>Norway</b> <b>World Ranking: 14</b>  <b>Best finish</b> 4th place <b>2007 finish</b> 14th place
	<b>Czech Rep.</b> <b>World Ranking: 4</b>  <b>Medals: 43</b> (11 gold)** <b>2007 finish</b> 7th place	<b>Russia</b> <b>World Ranking: 5</b>  <b>Medals: 38</b> (23 gold)*** <b>2007 finish</b> 3rd place	<b>Denmark</b> <b>World Ranking: 12</b>  <b>Best finish</b> 10th place <b>2007 finish</b> 10th place	<b>Italy</b> <b>World Ranking: 13</b>  <b>Best finish</b> 6th place <b>2007 finish</b> 12th place