

2009 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship – guide to the teams



Group A

CANADA

World ranking: 1

Medals: 24 gold, 12 silver, 9 bronze

2008 finish: Silver medal



SLOVAKIA

World ranking: 8

Medals: 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze

2008 finish: 13th place



BELARUS

World ranking: 9

Best finish: 6th place (2006)

2008 finish: 9th place



HUNGARY

World ranking: 20

Best finish: 5th place (1937)

2008 finish: 18th place



Group B

RUSSIA

World ranking: 2

Medals: 24 gold, 8 silver, 7 bronze*

2008 finish: Gold medal



SWITZERLAND

World ranking: 7

Medals: 1 silver, 8 bronze

2008 finish: 7th place



GERMANY

World ranking: 10

Medals: 2 silver, 2 bronze**

2008 finish: 10th place



FRANCE

World ranking: 18

Best finish: 5th place (1920, 1924)

2008 finish: 14th place



Group C

SWEDEN

World ranking: 3

Medals: 8 gold, 18 silver, 14 bronze

2008 finish: 4th place



UNITED STATES

World ranking: 6

Medals: 2 gold, 9 silver, 5 bronze

2008 finish: 6th place



LATVIA

World ranking: 11

Best finish: 7th place (1997, 2004)

2008 finish: 11th place



AUSTRIA

World ranking: 16

Medals: 2 bronze (1931, 1947)

2008 finish: 17th place



Group D

FINLAND

World ranking: 4

Medals: 1 gold, 6 silver, 3 bronze

2008 finish: Bronze medal



CZECH REPUBLIC

World ranking: 5

Medals: 11 gold, 13 silver, 19 bronze***

2008 finish: 5th place



NORWAY

World ranking: 12

Best finish: 4th place (1951)

2008 finish: 8th place



DENMARK

World ranking: 13

Best finish: 10th place (1949, 2007)

2008 finish: 12th place