

Hockey Asia Cup Winners List: Year-by-Year Champions

The **Hockey Asia Cup** is one of the most prestigious tournaments in Asian hockey, bringing together top teams from the continent to battle for supremacy. Since its inception in 1982, the competition has not only showcased thrilling matches but also highlighted the rise of Asian hockey powerhouses. Over the years, nations like India, Pakistan, and South Korea have dominated the tournament, leaving behind a rich legacy of champions.



A Brief History

The Asia Cup was launched to provide Asian teams with a platform to compete at a high level and to secure qualification for the Hockey World Cup. With fast-paced games and

passionate rivalries, the tournament quickly became a fan favorite. Pakistan won the inaugural edition in 1982, setting the tone for decades of fierce competition.

Year-by-Year Champions

- **1982 (Karachi):** Pakistan
- **1985 (Dhaka):** Pakistan
- **1989 (New Delhi):** Pakistan
- **1993 (Hiroshima):** South Korea
- **1999 (Kuala Lumpur):** South Korea
- **2003 (Kuala Lumpur):** India
- **2007 (Chennai):** India
- **2009 (Kuantan):** South Korea
- **2013 (Ipoh):** South Korea
- **2017 (Dhaka):** India
- **2022 (Jakarta):** South Korea

Dominant Nations

- **South Korea** leads the chart with **five titles**, showcasing their consistency and tactical strength in Asian hockey.
- **India** and **Pakistan** have each won **three titles**, with Pakistan dominating the early years and India making their mark in the modern era.

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Why It Matters

The Hockey Asia Cup has been more than just a continental championship—it has been a proving ground for talent and a stage for some of the greatest rivalries in the sport. The

dominance of South Korea, the resurgence of India, and the proud history of Pakistan make this tournament one of the most exciting in the hockey calendar.

Final Word

As we look ahead to the next edition, the Hockey Asia Cup promises to deliver more high-intensity action and perhaps a new name on the winners' list. For now, the year-by-year champions remind us of the glorious history and the evolving landscape of Asian hockey.

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