

India open against Russia in Olympic hockey qualifier

India will meet Russia in their opening league fixture in the men's 2008 Olympic hockey qualifying tournament in Santiago, Chile, starting March 1, according to the revised schedule released by the organisers.

Russia replace Bangladesh, who withdrew from the tournament for reasons yet to be specified, according to information received here.

Austria, Chile, Great Britain and Mexico along with India and Russia complete the six-team line-up from which the tournament winner will qualify for the Beijing Olympics in August.

Revised schedule:

March 1:

Great Britain vs Mexico

India vs Russia

Chile vs Austria.

March 2:

Great Britain vs Russia

India vs Austria

Chile vs Mexico

March 3:

Rest Day

March 4:

India vs Mexico

Austria vs Russia

Chile vs Great Britain

March 5: Rest Day

March 6:

India vs Great Britain

Austria vs Mexico

Chile vs Russia

March 7: Rest day.

March 8:

Great Britain vs Austria

Russia vs Mexico

India vs Chile

March 9:

For 5th-6th positions

For 3rd-4th positions

For 1st-2nd positions

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