

J/70 World Championship (WC) Qualification and Entry System

2027 World Championship Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD USA

Objectives:

1. Bring together the world's best J/70 teams while ensuring that every country (NCA) has the opportunity to send teams
2. Maximise and prioritise berth allocations via NCA's to empower NCA's to derive maximum value from the berths:-
 - a. to promote racing within their own fleets throughout 2026
 - b. and to promote the event
3. Maximise event success:
 - a. Give Class members a transparent and easy pathway to confirmed entry in due time to plan attendance
 - b. Give the OA (Annapolis YC) early certainty on numbers to support financial planning and budgets.

Timings on NCA Berth Allocation and Entry Process:

1. **1 January 2027** – Initial Berth Allocation to NCA's
2. **29 January 2027**- Deadline for NCA's to submit names of their nominated entrants
 - i.) At this point, berths that are unused by NCA's who do not have enough demand to use their Initial Allocation, are recycled pro-rata to the "high-demand" NCA's whose list of entrants exceeds their Initial Berth allocation
 - ii.) The High Demand NCA's are therefore able to secure a second round of berths to meet their demand.
3. **12 March 2027**: Deadline for NCA and Event Qualified Entrants to complete their priority entry
4. **15 March 2027**: Online Entry Opened for any remaining berths or to establish waitlist

NCA and Qualifier Berths

The IJ70CA has established the following criteria for the 2027 World Championship (WC) berths:

1. Unless otherwise stated below, all qualifying will be in the calendar year preceding the WC year.
2. The J/70 Constitution 5.7.1 states that a country must have “*a minimum of ten (10) registered boats whose owners are active Members*” to be recognized as a National Class Association (NCA) by the IJ70CA. Membership numbers are based on the number of IJ70CA paid Members as of December 31 of the year prior to the WC, not to exceed one Member per registered boat. Percentage calculations in this document are rounded up from .5 to the nearest whole number.
3. The helmsperson(s) must be nominated by their NCA and be either a national or resident, and a registered member of the NCA of the country they represent.
4. In addition to the requirements of CR 3.2, if a single helmsperson is designated at the qualifying event, then that helmsperson must be the only helmsperson designated for the World Championship. Likewise, if two helmspersons are designated at the qualifying event, then those same two helmspersons must be designated for the World Championship.
5. If a team qualifies or is nominated by their NCA in a recognized configuration (ex: Corinthian, Mixed-Plus), they shall compete in the World Championship in the same configuration. NCAs are encouraged to support the recognized configurations.
6. **Event Berths:**
 - a) World Championship: Champion of the preceding two years.
 - b) World Championship: Top Corinthian of the preceding two years.
 - c) Open Continental Championships: Champion and top finisher from Continent (if not the same) and top Corinthian (preceding year, not previously qualified).

7. NCA Berths

- a) Each NCA that has been established for at least three consecutive years is entitled to the following number of berths in a World Championship based upon the number of NCA paid members as of December 31, 2025 as follows:

Paid IJ70CA Members	Worlds Berths
10 - 19	2
20 - 39	3
40 - 59	4
60 - 79	5
80 - 99	6
100 +	6% of total NCA Membership

- b) NCAs that have not been established for three consecutive years will receive one berth to the World Championship.
- c) North American and South American NCA's will receive berths equivalent to 12% of their NCA members, or a minimum of 4 berths, plus 2 berths for the host club to use at their discretion.