

## US Qualifying System for the 2026 J/70 World Championship

In addition to the international berths described in the International Qualification document, there will be 15 available berths for US competitors to attend the 2026 World Championship to be held in Cascais, Portugal. The qualifying berths are for **boat owners** who are J/70 Class members in good standing and whose boats are in full compliance with the Class Rules.

In the case that an event has qualifying berths for both Open and Corinthian, the Open berths will be awarded to the top finishers overall and the Corinthian berths to the highest Corinthian finishers after the Open berths have been awarded. If a competitor has already qualified, the available berth will be awarded to the next competitor meeting the same criteria. All competitors (Open or Corinthian) must finish in the top 50% of the event fleet to qualify for a Worlds berth.

Note: "Corinthian Team" is defined as the entire crew, including the owner/driver, holding valid World Sailing Group 1 classifications. If a team does not provide proof of its World Sailing Group 1 classifications, it will be assumed that the team has at least one Group 3 competitor, therefore being considered a "Group 3 Team" i.e., in the "Open" category for the purpose of qualifying.

The 2026 Worlds US qualifying events are listed below. Please note that each qualification event must have 10 or more boats entered/competing to obtain the berths.

The final resolution of any discrepancy in this document, qualified competitors and/or the qualifying event schedule or criteria shall be resolved by the USJ70CA Executive Committee (USJ70EC).

US Qualifying events for the 2026 J/70 World Championship				
Majors	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2025 Midwinter Championship - Miami, FL	4	Peter Duncan John Gochberg Cate Muller-Terhune Bruce Golison	1	Dave Dennison
2025 National Championship – Minneapolis, MN	1	Joel Ronning		
2025 Mixed Plus National Championship Seattle, WA	1	Dalton Bergan		
2025 Corinthian World Championship – Marblehead, MA			3	
2025 North American Championship - Davis Island, FL	4		1	