

US Qualifying System for the 2023 J/70 World Championship

The International J/70 Class Association (IJ70CA) has established the criteria for the World Championship qualification. As part of the process, they have established the following perpetual berths for winners of past events:

- **All past World Champions**
- **All past Corinthian World Champions**
- **European Champion of preceding three years**
- **North American Champion of preceding three years**
- **South American Champion of preceding three years**
- **Copyright Holder**
- **IJ70CA Chairman**

All qualifying will be in the calendar year preceding the World Championship year.

2022 Events

- Top 3 (Other than winner) from the 2022 World Championship
- Top 3 (Other than winner) Corinthian from the 2022 World Championship
- Top 2 (Other than winner) from 2022 European Championship
- Top 3 Corinthian from 2022 European Championship
- Top 2 (Other than winner) from 2022 South American Championship
- Top 3 Corinthian from 2022 South American Championship
- Top 2 (Other than winner) from 2022 North American Championship
- Top 3 Corinthian from 2022 North American Championship

- The World Championship Host NCA will receive berths equivalent to 5% of their NCA members or a minimum of 4, plus 2 berths for the host club/fleet to use at their discretion (6 minimum distributed evenly between Open and Corinthian at discretion of the NCA).
- Each member NCA will receive berths equivalent to 3% of their NCA members or a minimum of 2 (distributed evenly between Open and Corinthian at the discretion of the NCA).
- Each NCA bordering the World Championship host NCA will receive berths equivalent to 4% of their NCA members or a minimum of 4 (distributed evenly between Open and Corinthian at the discretion of the NCA).

Based on the criteria set forth by the IJ70CA, there will be 16 available berths for US competitors at the 2023 World Championship to be held at St Petersburg YC, St Petersburg Florida USA. 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.** If an owner has someone other than him/herself drive the boat for the qualifying event, it is that combination of owner/driver who must compete in the Worlds. If an owner/driver qualifies as a Corinthian Team, they shall compete in the World Championship as a Corinthian Team.

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 2023 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).

The following list contains US Class members who have qualified for the 2023 World Championship because of perpetual berths as past winners of World or Continental Championships:

Tim Healy - 2014 World Champion, Heather Gregg - 2014 Corinthian World Champion, Joel Ronning - 2016 World Champion, Shawn Bennett - 2016 Corinthian World Champion, Peter Duncan - 2017, 2021 World Champion, Jud Smith - 2018 World Champion, Oivind Lorentzen - 2019 North American Champion

US Qualifying events for the 2023 J/70 World Championship				
Majors	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2022 Midwinter Championship – Tampa, FL	1	Brian Keane	1	Bob Willis
2022 Corinthian National Championship – Cleveland, OH			2	Lee Sackett/Dave Kerr, Tod Sackett
Standing	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2022 Annapolis NOOD	1	Ian Hill/Terry Hutchinson	1	David Schoene
REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Open	Qualified	Corinthian	Qualified
2022 East Coast Championship – Fall Brawl	1		1	
2022 Great Lakes Championship – Verve Inshore	1		1	
2022 New England Championship – Marblehead HHWS	1	John Heaton	1	Charlie Pendleton
2022 Southwest Championship – J/Fest	1			
2022 West Coast Championship – Long Beach Race Week	1	Bruce Golison	1	Ryan Cox
2022 Pacific Coast Championship - PITCH Regatta	1			
Total	8		8	

*** Did not meet qualification threshold for boats participating in this event. Open berths have been passed on to later events on this list.