

World Championship Qualification System

Philosophy

The J/70 Open World Championship aims to bring together the best J/70 sailors from around the World at an exceptional venue to compete for the title of World Champion.

In order for it to be a World Championship, the World has to be represented. Every country must have the opportunity to participate, regardless of how good they are or their chance of winning.

For this reason, every NCA receives an initial allocation of berths that is related to their boat numbers. Based on a 100 boat event capacity, this “**NCA Base Allocation**” constitutes 60% of the berths.

The success of international class events depends upon both participation and on hosting at great locations. We recognise this by awarding the **host** NCA and club with berths that amount to 8% of capacity.

Feedback from the World Council strongly supports maximising berth allocation through NCA's, allowing them to not only determine their best sailors, but to design national Class racing series/qualification to promote and grow the Class.

Accordingly, we have substantially reduced the number of **legacy/qualifier** berths and now set aside a total of 18 berths to be allocated to top finishers at the Continental Championships, to the prior 2 year's Champion and Top Corinthian at the Open World Championships. Of these 18 berths, 10 are reserved for Corinthian teams.

The remaining berths are to be allocated amongst NCA's. World Council feedback has supported the concept that we recognise the differing levels of **demonstrated participation** between NCA's in the allocation process. Since the initial NCA Base Allocation does not consider the varying levels of international Class participation, a mechanism has been developed to distribute the remaining berths in a fair and transparent method.

Each NCA is assigned a “**Target Allocation**”, based on participation at the most recent World Championship within the same continent, adjusted for prior host or border status. NCA's are then ranked, based on their **Target to Total Allocation ratio**. The Total Allocation is the Base Allocation plus additional berths awarded in this allocation process. Each additional berth is then iteratively awarded to the NCA with the highest Target to Total Allocation ratio until Event Capacity or parity is met. Additional spare berths that become available can also be allocated in this way.

No system is perfect and to ensure that no NCA is disadvantaged by this process, a pool of **NCA Reserved Berths** is set aside for allocation by the IJCA, or assigned sub-committee, to NCA's that can claim changing circumstances, that are **not covered** by the Allocation Methodology. Examples of such claims could be newly formed NCA's, significant NCA growth in numbers, demonstrable increase in Class participation levels and other extraordinary circumstances. If unused, these Reserve Berths are released into the general NCA Berth Allocation.

Summary

This system empowers NCA's. Every country has the opportunity to attend, whilst also recognising the different levels of participation. The top talent from the Continental Championships and past World Champions are recognised with berths, with a strong emphasis on Corinthian teams. It is not easy to please everyone, and the Executive Committee thoroughly debated and refined this system through multiple iterations and several meetings. The final version was unanimously approved at the Executive Committee in which all members attended, on February 18, 2025, and is now, hereby, submitted for World Council approval.