

Qualifiers for 23rd USCCC Finals:

The 23rd US Correspondence Chess Championship (USCCC) will be a 15 or 17 player event, currently scheduled to start during March 2022.

Qualifications for this event will be determined by players' results from any of 4 types of events:

- (a) prior USCCC Finals,
- (b) the annual USA Invitational tournaments,
- (c) the annual Bringing in the New Year (BITNY) tournaments, and
- (d) the USCF Absolute tournament.

Details for these qualifications, including who currently has obtained such a qualification, are listed below. In all cases, tiebreaking is ignored for the purpose of determining a USCCC qualification, even if tiebreaking was used in the event itself. The word "completed" below always refers to when the relevant top positions in the event are sufficiently known, even if there are still ongoing games in the event.

KEY to the list below:

Name in **bold** = This qualification takes precedence before any duplicate that may follow.

A name not in bold = A duplicate qualification result, listed just for the sake of accuracy but is ignored as a qualification. When appropriate, another person obtains that qualification instead.

Current qualifiers for the 23rd USCCC Finals as of 7/31/2020:

I. Based on being a prior USCCC champion from any of the most recent 5 "completed" USCCCs:

- (1) 17th: **Edward Duliba** (retired)
- (2) 18th: **John Ballow**
- (3) 19th: **Wolff Morrow, Carl Siefring**
- (4) 20th: **Grayling Hill**
- (5) 21st: **Oliver Koo**
- (6) 22nd: [in progress, started 3/31/20; may be "completed" in time for registration of the 23rd USCCC] <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=84496>

Currently there are 6 people with this qualification (1 of whom has retired from CC).

II. Based on being a USA player who scores within the top 5 of the two most recently "completed" USA Invitational - section As:

(1) 2017: **Jon Ostriker, Bobby Johnson, Kenneth Reinhart, Tim Murray**

(2) 2018: **Dan Perry, Jason Bokar**, Carl Siefring

(3) 2019: [starting 3/31/19; not yet completed as of 7/31/2020]

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=79279>

Currently there are 6 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification). This list will very likely change if the top positions for the 2019 USA Invitational - A are determined prior to the beginning of registration for the 23rd USCCC.

III. Being 1 of the top 3 players from one of the two most recently "completed" BITNY section As:

(1) 2018*: **Tom Biedermann, Kyle Biedermann**, Kenneth Reinhart, Dan Perry, **Robert Fass**

(* This event is likely to drop out of qualifying by the time of the 23rd USCCC registration)

(2) 2019: so far: **Thomas Williams**, Dan Perry, with one more position yet to be determined [in progress, not completed as of 7/31/2020] <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=77347>

(3) 2020: [in progress, started 1/31/2020; not completed as of 7/31/2020]

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=83243>

Currently there are 4 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification). This list may change if BITNY 2019/A and BITNY 2020/A are completed prior to the registration for the 23rd USCCC.

IV. Being any USA player who scores within the top 2 of the two most recently "completed" USA Invitational - section Bs

(1) 2018: **Dennis Doren** (the 2018 tournament was called the Max Zavarelli Memorial – B)

(2) 2019: [in progress, not completed as of 7/31/2020] <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=77351>

(3) 2020: [not scheduled to begin until 9/30/2020; not likely to be "completed" before 23rd USCCC registration]

Currently there is 1 person with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification).

V. Being a winner in either of the two most recently "completed" BITNY section Bs

(1) 2018: **Leonid Gleyzer, Andrew Leonard**

(2) 2019: [in progress; started 1/27/19, not yet completed as of 7/31/2020]

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=77344>

(3) 2020: [in progress; started 1/31/20, not yet completed as of 7/31/2020]
<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=83244>

BITNY 2019/B is expected to be completed prior to the 23rd USCCC.

VI. Winner(s) of the USCF Absolute tournament completed since the most recent USCCC Finals.

(1) 2018: **Robert Rizzo** [qualification carried over from 22nd to 23rd USCCC]

(2) 2019: **Harry Ingersol**

(3) 2020: [in progress, started 3/1/2020, not yet completed as of 7/31/2020]
<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=84474>

Currently there are 2 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification).

VII. [This category will be used only to fill in slots if any remain after above qualifiers are offered placement into finals, to be offered in the order listed.] Placed 2nd in any of the 5 most recently "completed" USCCC finals:

(1) 21st: so far: Grayling Hill, **Daniel Woodard**, and yet possible is Wilbur Tseng [in progress, started 9/30/2018, not yet completed as of 7/31/2020] <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=75604>

(2) 20th: **Larry Parsons**

(3) 19th: **Kenneth Holroyd, William Fuller**

(4) 18th: Tom Biedermann

(5) 17th: **Andrew Gach** (retired), **David White**

(6) 16th: **David White, Corky Schakel, Daniel Horwitz**