

Qualifiers for 22nd USCCC Finals (15 or 17 player):

The 22nd US Correspondence Chess Championship (USCCC) will be a 15 or 17 player event, currently **scheduled to start mid-2020**. Qualifications for this event will be determined by players' results from any of 3 types of events:

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

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. Given that on one can hold more than one qualification, this precedence means another player may obtain that listed qualification instead.

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 22nd USCCC Finals

(1) Based on being a prior USCCC champion from any of the most recent 5 "completed" USCCCs:

16th: **Tom Biedermann**
Lawrence Coplin

17th: **Edward Duliba**

18th: **John Ballow**

19th: **Wolff Morrow**
Carl Siefring

20th: **Grayling Hill**

21st: [in progress]

= Currently there are 7 people with this qualification. The 21st USCCC Finals started on 9/20/18, such that it may or may not be "completed" in time for the registration of the 22nd USCCC.

(2) Based on being a USA player who scores within the top 5 of the two most recently "completed" USA Invitational - section As"

2015: Carl Siefring, **Jon Edwards**

2016: **Kristo Miettinen, Dan Fleetwood**, Wolff Morrow

2017: [in progress; all 5 USA players in this event are still eligible]

2018: [in progress]

2019: [starting 3/31/19]

= Currently there are tentatively 3 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification). This list may change if the top positions for the 2017 USA Invitational - A are determined prior to the beginning of registration for the 22nd USCCC.

(3) Being one of the top 3 players from each of the two most recently "completed" BITNY section As:

BITNY 2018: (currently Tom Biedermann, **Kyle Biedermann, Dan Perry**)

BITNY 2019: [in progress]

= BITNY 2018 - A is expected to be completed prior to the 22nd USCCC. The players to earn this type of qualification are yet to be determined, with the above list only tentatively accurate as of 1/22/19)

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

2016: **Thomas Williams**

2017: **Corky Schakel**

2018: [in progress; all 5 USA players in this event are still eligible]

2019: [starting 3/31/19]

= Currently there are tentatively 2 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification). This list may change if the top positions for the 2018 USA Invitational - B are determined prior to the beginning of registration for the 22nd USCCC.

(5) Being a winner in either of the two most recently "completed" BITNY section Bs

BITNY 2018: (currently **Lawrence Bonsack**)

BITNY 2019: [in progress]

= BITNY 2018 - B is expected to be completed prior to the 22nd USCCC. The player(s) to earn this type of qualification are yet to be determined, with the above list only tentatively accurate as of 1/22/19)

(6) [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]

Having placed 2nd in any of the 5 most recently "completed" USCCC finals:

21st: [in progress]

20th: **Larry Parsons**

19th: **Kenneth Holroyd**
William Fuller

18th: Tom Biedermann

17th: **Andrew Gach**
David White

16th: David White
Corky Schakel
Daniel Horwitz