

Qualifiers for 22nd USCCC Finals:

The 22nd US Correspondence Chess Championship (USCCC) will be a 15 or 17 player event, currently scheduled to start March 31, 2020.

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 22nd USCCC Finals as of 10/30/19:

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

- (1) 16th: **Tom Biedermann, Lawrence Coplin**
- (2) 17th: **Edward Duliba**
- (3) 18th: **John Ballow**
- (4) 19th: **Wolff Morrow, Carl Siefring**
- (5) 20th: **Grayling Hill**
- (6) 21st: [in progress – not yet completed as of 10/30/19]
<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=75604>

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.

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 10/30/19]

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

Currently there are 6 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification). This list may change if the top positions for the 2019 USA Invitational - A are determined prior to the beginning of registration for the 22nd 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**

(2) 2019: [in progress, not completed as of 10/30/19] <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=77347>

Currently there are 2 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification). This list may change if BITNY 2019/A is completed prior to the registration for the 22nd USCCC.

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

(1) 2017: **Corky Schakel**

(2) 2018: **Dennis Doren**

(3) 2019: [started 3/31/19; not yet completed as of 10/30/19]

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

Currently there are 2 people 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: [started 1/31/18; not yet completed as of 10/30/19]

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=72852>

(2) 2019: [in progress; started 1/27/19, not yet completed as of 10/30/19]

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

BITNY 2018/B is expected to be completed prior to the 22nd USCCC. The players to earn this qualification are yet to be determined (from among Leonid Gleyzer, Andrew Leonard, and/or Paul Muljadi). If this

event is not completed prior to the registration for the 22nd USCCC, there will be no qualifications for the 22nd USCCC stemming from this category.

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

- (1) 2018: **Robert Rizzo**
- (2) 2019: [in progress; started 3/15/19, not yet completed as of 10/30/19]
<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=79354>

Currently there is 1 person 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: [in progress] <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, David White**
- (6) 16th: David White, Corky Schakel, **Daniel Horwitz**