

## Qualifiers for 23<sup>rd</sup> USCCC Finals:

Updated as of 9/20/2021

The 23<sup>rd</sup> US Correspondence Chess Championship (USCCC) will be a 15 or 17 player event, currently scheduled to start during March 2022. Qualification determinations (as listed below) will close at the end of the day on 1/15/22.

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 unless the earlier listing is deleted prior to the qualification deadline.

## Current qualifiers for the 23<sup>rd</sup> USCCC Finals as of 9/20/2021:

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

- (1) 18<sup>th</sup>: **John Ballow**
- (2) 19<sup>th</sup>: **Wolff Morrow, Carl Siefring**
- (3) 20<sup>th</sup>: **Grayling Hill**
- (4) 21<sup>st</sup>: **Oliver Koo**
- (5) 22<sup>nd</sup>: **Thomas Biedermann** [in progress, started 3/31/20; may be "completed" in time for registration of the 23<sup>rd</sup> USCCC; the remaining 2 players with possible qualification are Kenneth Reinhart and Kyle Biedermann] <https://www.iccf.com/event?id=84496>

Currently there are 6 people with this qualification, with another 1-2 possible from the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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) 2018: **Dan Perry, Jason Bokar**, Carl Siefring

(2) 2019: Tom Biedermann, [Kurt Stein (deceased)]

(3) 2020: [started 9/30/20; not yet completed as of 9/20/2021]

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=87635>

(4) 2021: [started 6/30/21, not yet completed as of 9/20/2021] [Cross Table \(iccf.com\)](#)

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

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 23<sup>rd</sup> USCCC registration)

(2) 2019: **Thomas Williams**, Dan Perry, **Neil Kulick**

(3) 2020: [in progress, started 1/31/2020; not completed as of 9/20/2021]

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

(4) 2021: [in progress, started 1/31/2021; not yet completed as of 9/20/2021]

[Cross Table \(iccf.com\)](#)

Currently there are 5 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification). This list may change if BITNY 2020/A is completed prior to the registration for the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Zavanelli Memorial – B)

(2) 2019: **Neil Kulick**, Dennis Doren, Thomas Williams

(3) 2020: [started 9/30/2020; not likely to be "completed" before 23<sup>rd</sup> USCCC registration]

<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=87636>

(4) 2021: [started 6/30/2021; not yet completed as of 9/20/2021] [Cross Table \(iccf.com\)](#)

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) 2019: **Kristo Miettinen**

(2) 2020: **Daniel Nenneman, Leonid Korogodski**

(3) 2021: [Started 1/31/2021; not yet completed as of 9/20/2021] [Cross Table \(iccf.com\)](#)

Currently there are 3 people with this qualification (and without a previously listed qualification).

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

(a) 2018: **Robert Rizzo** [qualification carried over from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> USCCC]

(1) 2019: **Harry Ingersol**

(2) 2020: **Mark Stephenson, Andrew Leonard** (and still a possible Robert Rizzo)

(3) 2021: [Started 3/1/2021; not yet completed as of 9/20/2021] [Cross Table \(iccf.com\)](#)

Currently there are 4 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 2<sup>nd</sup> in any of the 5 most recently "completed" USCCC finals:

(1) 22<sup>nd</sup>: Still not yet determined as of 9/20/2021: possible candidates include Larry Parsons, Thomas Williams, Andrew Leonard, Kenneth Reinhart, & Kyle Biedermann [Cross Table \(iccf.com\)](#)

(2) 21<sup>st</sup>: **Grayling Hill, Daniel Woodard**

(3) 20<sup>th</sup>: **Larry Parsons**

(4) 19<sup>th</sup>: **Kenneth Holroyd, William Fuller**

(5) 18<sup>th</sup>: Tom Biedermann

(6) 17<sup>th</sup>: **Andrew Gach** (retired), **David White**