

The 2008 MCC Club and Class Championships

The 2008 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship (for U2000 players) will be held in April 2008 as separate 6-player 5-RR events run in parallel with the regular monthly sections.

Qualification for the 2008 MCC championships is based on performance in MCC regular time control events during 2007. The top 6 players from the Championship Points List (who accept the invitation) compete for the Club Championship. The remaining top 6 players rated U2000 (who accept the invitation) play for the Class Championship. The 2007 USCF Annual Rating List (published in December) is used to determine whether or not a player is eligible for the Class Championship.

Championship points are earned by placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Open section and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections during the year. Points are awarded on a graduated scale. Also, a perfect score bonus is given for all wins and an upset bonus is granted for scoring a very large upset. In addition, to qualify for the championships a player must compete in at least 4 MCC regular time control tournaments during 2007 and must be a member of the club on December 31, 2007.

Championship Qualification Points List for 2008 - Final Standings

Player's Name	USCF Rating	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Point Total	Tmt Req	Ranking by Club/Class
IM Igor Foygel	2510	54		36	52	20		45	20			96	323	Met	1
FM John Curdo	2289	5		36			36		20	64	80	40	281	Met	2
NM Charles Riordan	2336	54	52	36		20		45	64				271	Met	3
FM Chris Chase	2278	54		36		50		45		8	10		203	Met	4
NM Denys Shmelov	2393	5	24		52	80	36						197	Met	5
NM Vadim Martirosov	2255		52			50	36						138	Met	6
Edward Astrachan	1983						26	40	20	40	10		136	Met	7
David Harris	2097								20	55	10	40	125	Met	8
Bennet Pellows	2120	30						45			50		125	Met	9
Neil Cousin	1920		22		32	33							87	Met	10
Ilya Krasik	2137		6			30	36						72	Met	11
Elizabeth Kellner	1907			40		30							70	2-X	###
Ethan Thompson	1730					33	26		8				67	Met	12
Bill Stein	1727	10	16		20	15							61	Met	13
Mika Brattain	1710				16						40		56	Met	14
Vikas Shiva	1763									16	7	32	55	Met	15
Doug Thompson	1513					15	10				8	16	49	Met	16
Bill Michael	1783							8	40				48	Met	17
Jesse Nicholas	1757	10					3					32	45	Met	18
James Williams	1669								16	20	8		44	Met	19
Tim Bromley	1702			20		15			8				43	Met	20
Mark Kaprielian	1703	38					3						41	Met	21
Nathan Ruthramoorthy	2041											40	40	Met	22
James Lung	1899		15					25					40	Met	23
Robert Harvey	1793					8						32	40	3-X	###
Paul Mishkin	1804		22		16								38	Met	24
Dan Lang	1686						20			16			36	3-X	###
Greg Kaden	2091					35							35	Met	25
Calvin Hori	1704				10			25					35	Met	26
Michael Barry	1735		22	12									34	Met	27
Mark LaRocca	2100		6							24			30	Met	28
Alexander Hu	1714		4	20	2								26	Met	29
David Plotkin	2056				24								24	Met	30
Plamen Krastev	1685	10				5		8					23	Met	31

IM James Rizzitano	2338					20						20	1-X	###	
Stasik Popov	1522								4		16	20	3-X	###	###
Leonard Gruenberg	1528	19										19	Met	32	19
Winston Huang	1884								8	10		18	Met	33	20
Lior Rozhansky	1823				16							16	Met	34	21
Nikolay Popov	1544										16	16	3-X	###	###
Winber Xu	1715								8	7		15	Met	35	22
Jenshiang Hong	1496								3	4	8	15	Met	36	23
Dave Rivera	1627						7				8	15	Met	37	24
Thomas Simon	1481	10	4									14	Met	38	25
IM David Vigerite	2433	5	6									11	2-X	###	
Michael Zhang	1445			3							8	11	Met	39	26
Edward Epp	2004										10	10	Met	40	
Vishrut Gupta	1463			10								10	Met	41	27
Steve Wollkind	1488		4			2	3					9	Met	42	28
Larry Eldridge	1700				8							8	Met	43	29
George Goulding	1659								8			8	3-X	###	###
John Bottini	1437				5			3				8	Met	44	30
Katharine Gasser	1747										7	7	Met	45	31
Michelle Chen	1724										7	7	Met	46	32
Genesis Lung	1716										7	7	Met	47	33
Mark McMahon	1696										7	7	3-X	###	###
Steve Eddins	1654						7					7	Met	48	34
Timothy Lung	1458						7					7	Met	49	35
Christopher Bird	2083	5										5	2-X	###	
Larry Zhu	1508				5							5	Met	50	36
Matt Phelps	1634		4									4	Met	51	37
Alan Moyer	1559								4			4	3-X	###	###
Ralph Scully	1510		4									4	Met	52	38
Robert Matthews	1410								4			4	Met	53	39
Joshua Haunstrup	1834					3						3	Met	54	40
Larry Pratt	1802					3						3	Met	55	41
Alan Schaefer	1424	1				2						3	Met	56	42
James Klinkenberg	1490							3				3	Met	57	43
Yutaka Seki	1479								3			3	2-X	###	###
Stephen Schnair	1458			3								3	Met	58	44
Nicholas Zhang	1363								3			3	Met	59	45
David Harrington	1539					2						2	Met	60	46
Jeffrey Yao	1483				2							2	Met	61	47
Michael Wang	1464				2							2	Met	62	48
John McLaughlin	1298					2						2	Met	63	49
William Luff	1419	1										1	1-X	###	###
Edward Lafferty	1376	1										1	Met	64	50
Venkata Vutukuri	1254	1										1	3-X	###	###
George Callahan	1150	1										1	Met	65	51

Column Notes:

- Column **Tmt Req** states the number of tournaments played as “1”, “2”, “3”, or “Met” (for 4 or more). If the 4-tournament requirement has not been met at year’s end, the player is disqualified and “-X” is placed after the tournament count.
- Column **Ranking by Club/Class** gives players’ current rankings for the Club Championship and the Class Championship (if eligible). An U2000 player who qualifies for both championships can choose to play in either championship event. If a player qualifies but declines to play, the players ranked below are promoted. A player who accepts an invitation is identified by “-A” after the ranking and a player who declines an invitation (or cannot be reached) is identified by “-D” after the ranking.

Point Allocation Rules:

- Points are given for placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Open section and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Upper and Middle Unnnn sections:

>> For 3-round events the usual allocation is: 48 - 30 - 18 - 12 / 24 - 15 - 9 / 12 - 8 - 4

>> For 4-round events the usual allocation is: 64 - 40 - 24 - 16 / 32 - 20 - 12 / 16 - 10 - 6

>> For 5-round events the usual allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15 / 20 - 12 - 8

>> For 6-round events the usual allocation is: 96 - 60 - 36 - 24 / 48 - 30 - 18 / 24 - 15 - 9

The allocation may be different to accommodate special circumstances or it may be reduced if one or more rounds is cancelled (e.g., bad weather). Championship points are awarded only for events where 3 or more rounds are played.

- Points are given for placing 1st-2nd-3rd-4th in the Club Championship and 1st-2nd-3rd in the Class Championship:

>> For MCC Championship events the allocation is: 80 - 50 - 30 - 20 / 40 - 25 - 15

- For a placement tie, the available points are divided equally among the players and rounded up to the next whole number.
- In addition, a perfect score bonus of 25% of the points earned is awarded to any player who posts a win in each round. Note that forfeit wins and full point byes do not count; a player must play a game in each round and win each game.
- Also, an upset bonus of 15 points is awarded for a win against an 1800 or higher rated player where the winner is rated at least 300 points lower (or at least 600 points lower for a draw). Both players must be fully rated at the start of the event.

Tie Break Rules:

1. Most points earned in the Open and Club Championship sections combined.
2. Most points earned in the Upper and Class Championship sections combined.
3. Most events in which points were awarded.
4. Highest rating from the December USCF Annual Rating List; a full rating takes precedence over a provisional rating.
5. Coin toss.

Championship Points Earned for 2008 by Tournament in 2007

2007 Events	Open Section	Upper Section	Middle Section
January 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5	1. I.Foygel (54), C.Chase (54), C.Riordan (54) 4. D.Vigorito (5), D.Shmelov (5), J.Curdo (5), C.Bird (5) + B.Pellows(15 UWB+15 UWB)	1. M.Kaprielian (30+8 PSB) 2. J.Nicholas (10), B.Stein (10), P.Krastev (10)	1. L.Gruenberg (15+4 PSB) 2. T.Simon (10) 3. A.Schaefer (1), E.Lafferty (1), W.Luff (1), G.Callahan (1), V.Vutukuri (1)
February 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. C.Riordan (52), V.Martirosov (52) 3. D.Shmelov (24) 4. D.Vigorito (6), I.Krasik (6), M.LaRocca (6) + J.Lung (15 UDB)	1. N.Cousin (22), P.Mishkin (22), M.Barry (22)	1. B.Stein (16) 2. M.Phelps (4), R.Scully (4), A.Hu (4), T.Simon (4), S.Wollkind (4)
March 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I.Foygel (36), C.Riordan (36), C.Chase (36), J.Curdo (36)	1. E.Kellner (32+8 PSB) 2. T.Bromley (20) 3. M.Barry (12)	1. A.Hu (16+4 PSB) 2. V.Gupta (10) 3. S.Schnair (3), M.Zhang (3)
April 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I.Foygel (52), D.Shmelov (52) 3. D.Plotkin (24) 4. L.Rozhansky (16)	1. N.Cousin (32) 2. P.Mishkin (16), M.Brattain (16)	1. B.Stein (16+4 PSB) 2. C.Hori (10) 3. A.Hu (2), M.Wang (2), J.Yao (2)
Club & Class (U2000) Championships 5-RR ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15	1. D.Shmelov (80) 2. C.Chase (50) 3. I.Krasik (30) 4. I.Foygel (20)	1. N.Cousin (33), E.Thompson (33) 3. R.Harvey (8), L.Eldridge (8)	
May 5-SS ChPts: 50-30-20-10 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5	1. V.Martirosov (50) 2. C.Riordan (20), J.Rizzitano (20), G.Kaden (20+15 UWB)	1. E.Kellner (30) 2. T.Bromley (15), B.Stein (15)	1. D.Thompson (15) 2. P.Krastev (5), L.Zhu (5), J.Bottini (5)
June 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Shmelov (36), J.Curdo (36), V.Martirosov (36), I.Krasik (36)	1. E.Astrachan (26), E.Thompson (26) 3. J.Haunstrup (3), L.Pratt (3), J.Nicholas (3), M.Kaprielian (3)	1. D.Lang (16+4 PSB) 2. D.Thompson (10) 3. D.Harrington (2), J.McLaughlin (2), S.Wollkind (2), A.Schaefer (2)
July 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I.Foygel (45), C.Chase (45), C.Riordan (45), B.Pellows (45)	1. E.Astrachan (40) 2. J.Lung (25) 3. B.Michael (8), P.Krastev (8)	1. C.Hori (20+5 PSB) 2. S.Eddins (7), D.Rivera (7), T.Lung (7)
August 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. C.Riordan (64) 2. I.Foygel (20), J.Curdo (20), D.Harris (20), E.Astrachan (20)	1. B.Michael (32+8 PSB) 2. E.Thompson (8), T.Bromley (8), G.Goulding (8), W.Xu (8)	1. J.Williams (16) 2. Y.Seki (3), J.Hong (3), S.Wollkind (3), J.Bottini (3), J.Klinkenberg (3), N.Zhang (3)
September 4-SS ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. J.Curdo (64) 2. D.Harris (40+15 UWB) 3. M.LaRocca (24) 4. C.Chase (8), W.Huang (8)	1. E.Astrachan (32+8 PSB) 2. D.Lang (16), V.Shiva (16)	1. J.Williams (16+4 PSB) 2. A.Moyer (4), S.Popov (4), R.Matthews (4), J.Hong (4)
October 5-SS ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. J.Curdo (80) 2. B.Pellows (50) 3. C.Chase (10), D.Harris (10), E.Epp (10), E.Astrachan (10), W.Huang (10)	1. M.Brattain (40) 2. G.Lung (7), K.Gasser (7), M.Chen (7), W.Xu (7), V.Shiva (7), M.McMahon (7)	1. D.Rivera (8), J.Williams (8), D.Thompson (8), J.Hong (8), M.Zhang (8)
November - Dec 6-SS ChPts: 96-60-36-24 / 48-30-18 / 24-15-9	1. I.Foygel (96) 2. J.Curdo (40), D.Harris (40), N.Ruthramoorthy (40)	1. R.Harvey (32), J.Nicholas (32), V.Shiva (32)	1. N.Popov (16), S.Popov (16), D.Thompson (16)

Where: PSB = 25% perfect score bonus; UWB = upset win bonus (rating diff 300+); UDB = upset draw bonus (rating diff 600+)