

# The 2009 MCC Club and Class Championships

The 2009 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship (for U2000 players) will be held in April 2009 as separate 6-player 5-RR events run in parallel with the regular monthly sections.

Qualification for the 2009 MCC championships is based on performance in MCC regular time control events during 2008. 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 2008 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 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Open section and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2008 and must be a member of the club on December 31, 2008.

## Championship Qualification Points List for 2009 - Final Standings

Player's Name	USCF Rating	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Point Total	Tmt Req	Ranking by Club/Class
IM Igor Foygel	2476	80		10	2		52	25	4	80	36	80	80	449	Met	1
Lior Rozhansky	2040	4	40	40	38	40				65	36			263	Met	2
NM Denys Shmelov	2426	34			80	80		65						259	Met	3
IM David Vigorito	2429			80	63							40	40	223	Met	4
Ilya Krasik	2171		64	40	30	40			43					217	Met	5
FM John Curdo	2250	34		10	20	14	8		43		36	14	7	186	Met	6
NM Charles Riordan	2383				50		8	65	43					166	Met	7
Mika Brattain	1850	40		4			6			16	8	40		114	Met	8
Edward Astrachan	1946				40		8			16			40	104	Met	9
Greg Kaden	2170	34	47											81	Met	10
David Harris	2065		16	10	25	14	8						7	80	Met	11
Jeffrey Hall	1814		6		4		6				32		27	75	Met	12
Winston Huang	1969				2	14	8				36	14		74	Met	13
Jesse Nicholas	1833	4			40							14	15	73	Met	14
Neil Cousin	1986				25			40						65	Met	15
Derek Slater	2107						52		4					56	Met	16
Mark McMahon	1816		20				6		3				27	56	Met	17
Danny Angermeier	1736		20						26					46	Met	18
Vikas Shiva	1844				15					16	8			39	Met	19
Jacob Fauman	1761					3	6			16		11		36	Met	20
Henry Clark	1572				10	16					8			34	Met	21
James Williams	1606									14	20			34	Met	22
Ames Abbot	1816			20	2							11		33	Met	23
Milad Afdasta	1187										8		25	33	Met	24
Shrirangnath Havale	1798									17			15	32	Met	25
Bennet Pellows	2106		32											32	2-X	###
Tim Bromley	1835						32							32	Met	26
Alexander Hu	1806				20							11		31	Met	27
Charlie Fauman	1606						7	4	6	14				31	Met	28
David Plotkin	2082							25	4					29	Met	29
Larry Eldridge	1816		6		4	11					8			29	Met	30
Siddharth Arun	1415							16				13		29	Met	31
Mark Fins	1717												27	27	Met	32
Steve Eddins	1613									14		13		27	Met	33

Leonard Gruenberg	1485	12			15								27	Met	34	23	
Bill Michael	1742								26				26	Met	35	24	
Katharine Gasser	1824							25					25	Met	36	25	
Alexander Paphitis	1679	25											25	Met	37	26	
Alan Moyer	1547	3	4			7						8	22	Met	38	27	
Jeffrey Yao	1706	20											20	Met	39	28	
<del>Tian Rossi</del>	1550								20				20	2-X	###	###	
Robert Holmgren	1711						3		16				19	Met	40	29	
Mark Kaprielian	1807	4					3	3		8			18	Met	41	30	
Mark LaRocca	2126								17				17	Met	42		
Michael Kaye	1894								17				17	1-X	###	###	
Walt Champion	1620		8	4		3						2	17	Met	43	31	
Stasik Popov	1636			4	2	3	7						16	Met	44	32	
George Goulding	1700								16				16	Met	45	33	
Larry Zhu	1650			16									16	Met	46	34	
<del>Gabriel Friedan</del>	1875								15				15	1-X	###	###	
Eric Sonnenstuhl	1529											2	12	14	Met	47	35
Robert Vesely	1593			10		3							13	Met	48	36	
Michael Wang	1635		8	4									12	Met	49	37	
Doug Thompson	1419					3	7					2	12	Met	50	38	
Michael Barry	1751	4			4				3				11	Met	51	39	
Alfred Ward	1803					11							11	Met	52	40	
<del>Nikita Konovalchuk</del>	1801					11							11	3-X	###	###	
Rolf Wetzell	2001				2								7	9	Met	53	
Thomas (TJ) Martin	1605	3		4	2								9	Met	54	41	
Warren Newland	1526					3			4				7	Met	55	42	
Warner Smith	1471						7						7	Met	56	43	
Michelle Chen	1854						6						6	Met	57	44	
<del>Paul Felker</del>	1820								3	3			6	2-X	###	###	
Matt Phelps	1689						6						6	Met	58	45	
Dave Rivera	1618			4								2	6	Met	59	46	
<del>Luke Lung</del>	1586								6				6	2-X	###	###	
Jenshiang Hong	1495								6				6	Met	60	47	
Homer Franck	1500	3			2								5	Met	61	48	
Andrew Tichenor	2144									4			4	Met	62		
Robert Harvey	1882									4			4	Met	63	49	
Anirudh Arun	1666			4									4	Met	64	50	
<del>James Lung</del>	1959								3				3	2-X	###	###	
Larry Pratt	1801								3				3	Met	65	51	
Calvin Hori	1692									3			3	Met	66	52	
Edward Epp	2000				2								2	Met	67		
Paul Mishkin	1885				2								2	Met	68	53	
<del>Seth Lieberman</del>	1539				2								2	2-X	###	###	
Alexander Jones	1496p											2	2	Met	69	54	

**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 is identified by “-D” after the ranking.

**Point Allocation Rules:**

- Points are given for placing 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Open section and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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

However, during the month in which the Championships are held in parallel to the regular sections the allocation is less:

>> For 5-round event in championship month: 50 - 30 - 20 - 10 / 30 - 20 - 10 / 15 - 10 - 5

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 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> in the Club Championship and 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 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. For example, if there is a 3-way tie for 1<sup>st</sup> in the Open section of a 5-round event, each player receives 54 points based on  $(80 + 50 + 30) / 3 = 160 / 3 = 53.33$  which is 54 when 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. For example, a player who scores 4-0 in the Upper section of a 4-round event would earn  $1.25 * 32 = 40$  points.

- 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 2009 by Tournament in 2008

2007 Events	Open Section	Upper Section	Middle Section
<b>January 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I.Foygel (80) 2. D.Shmelov (34), J.Curdo (34), G.Kaden (34)	1. M.Brattain (40) 2. A.Paphitis (25) 3. L.Rozhansky (4), M.Barry (4), J.Nicholas (4), M.Kaprielian (4)	1. J.Yao (20) 2. L.Gruenberg (12) 3. T.Martin (3), H.Franck (3), A.Moyer (3)
<b>February 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I.Krasik (64) 2. B.Pellows (32), G.Kaden (32+15 UWB) 4. D.Harris (16)	1. L.Rozhansky (32+8 PSB) 2. M.McMahon (20) 3. L.Eldridge (6), J.Hall (6)	1. D.Angermeier (16+4 PSB) 2. W.Champion (8), M.Wang (8)
<b>March 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Vigorito (64+16 PSB) 2. I.Krasik (40) 3. I.Foygel (10), J.Curdo (10), D.Harris (10), R.Vesely (10)	1. L.Rozhansky (32+8 PSB) 2. A.Abbot (20) 3. M.Brattain (4), A.Arun (4), W.Champion (4)	1. L.Zhu (16) 2. D.Rivera (4), T.Martin (4), S.Popov (4), A.Moyer (4), M.Wang (4)
<b>Club and Class Championships 5-RR</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 40-25-15	1. D.Shmelov (80) 2. C.Riordan (50) 3. D.Harris (25), E.Astrachan (25+15 UWB)	1. J.Nicholas (40) 2. N.Cousin (25) 3. V.Shiva (15)	
<b>April 5-SS</b> ChPts: 50-30-20-10 / 30-20-10 / 15-10-5	1. D.Vigorito (50+13 PSB) 2. I.Krasik (30) 3. J.Curdo (20) 4. I.Foygel (2), R.Wetzell (2), E.Epp (2), P.Mishkin (2), W.Huang (2), A.Abbot (2)	1. L.Rozhansky (30+8 PSB) 2. A.Hu (20) 3. L.Eldridge (4), M.Barry (4), J.Hall (4)	1. L.Gruenberg (15) 2. H.Clark (10) 3. S.Popov (2), H.Franck (2), T.Martin (2) S.Leiberman (2)
<b>May 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. D.Shmelov (64+16 PSB) 2. I.Krasik (40) 3. J.Curdo (14), D.Harris (14), W.Huang (14)	1. L.Rozhansky (32+8 PSB) 2. N.Konovvalchuk (11), A.Ward (11), L.Eldridge (11)	1. H.Clark (16) 2. W.Champion (3), S.Popov (3), J.Fauman (3), D.Thompson (3), R.Vesely (3), W.Newland (3)
<b>June 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I.Foygel (52), D.Slater (52) 3. C.Riordan (8), J.Curdo (8), D.Harris (8), E.Astrachan (8), W.Huang (8)	1. T.Bromley (32) 2. M.Brattain (6), M.McMahon (6), M.Chen (6), J.Hall (6), M.Phelps (6), J.Fauman (6)	1. S.Popov (7), D.Thompson (7), A.Moyer (7), W.Smith (7), C.Fauman (7)
<b>July 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. D.Shmelov (65), C.Riordan (65) 3. I.Foygel (25), D.Plotkin (25) + G.Friedan (15 UWB)	1. N.Cousin (40) 2. K.Gasser (25) 3. J.Lung (3), M.Barry (3), L.Pratt (3), P.Felker (3), R.Holmgren (3), M.Kaprielian (3)	1. G.Goulding (16), S.Arun (16) 3. W.Newland (4), C.Fauman (4)
<b>August 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. C.Riordan (43), J.Curdo (43), I.Krasik (43) 4. I.Foygel (4), A.Tichenor (4), D.Slater (4), D.Plotkin (4), R.Harvey (4)	1. D.Angermeier (26), B.Michael (26) 3. M.McMahon (3), P.Felker (3), C.Hori (3), M.Kaprielian (3)	1. Tian Rossi (16 +4 PSB) 2. C.Fauman (6), J.Hong (6), L.Lung (6)
<b>September 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I.Foygel (80) 2. L.Rozhansky (50+15 UWB) 3. M.LaRocca (17), S.Havale (17), M.Kaye (17)	1. E.Astrachan (16), V.Shiva (16), M.Brattain (16), R.Holmgren (16), J.Fauman (16)	1. S.Eddins (14), C.Fauman (14), J.Williams (14)

<b>October 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I.Foygel (36), J.Curdo (36), W.Huang (36), L.Rozhansky (36)	1. J.Hall (32) 2. V.Shiva (8), M.Brattain (8), L.Eldridge (8), M.Kaprielian (8)	1. J.Williams (16+4 PSB) 2. H.Clark (8), M.Afdasta (8)
<b>November 4-SS</b> ChPts: 64-40-24-16 / 32-20-12 / 16-10-6	1. I.Foygel (64+16 PSB) 2. D.Vigorito (40) 3. J.Curdo (14), W.Huang (14). J.Nicholas (14)	1. M.Brattain (32+8 PSB) 2. A.Abbot (11), A.Hu (11), J.Fauman (11)	1. S.Eddins (13), S.Arun (13) 3. W.Champion (2), D.Rivera (2), E.Sonnenstuhl (2), A.Jones (2), D.Thompson (2)
<b>December 5-SS</b> ChPts: 80-50-30-20 / 40-25-15 / 20-12-8	1. I.Foygel (80) 2. D.Vigorito (40) E.Astrachan (40) 4. J.Curdo (7), D.Harris (7), R.Wetzell (7) + J.Nicholas (15 UWB) + S.Havale (15 UDB)	1. M.McMahon (27), J.Hall (27), M.Fins (27)	1. M.Afdasta (20+5 PSB) 2. E.Sonnenstuhl (12) 3. A.Moyer (8)

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