

## Phoenix Championships Qualifying and Seeding Scenarios

Heading into the Gold Series Chicago Open

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This is about to be a crazy amount of information. EVERY possible Phoenix Championship qualifying scenario for EVERY team in the running is in here. Trust me, it gets mind-numbing after a while. You don't need to memorize everything in here.

But when Chicago comes, keep this handy. Each match will be more than meets the eye, will have something a bit bigger on the line. Then all of the sudden, one of these ridiculous potentials will start to play out. And when your team is in a big match, you'll want to have this so you know how crucial that match really is.

Before we get into the real meat, let's start with some Phoenix Championships basics. It's an all new format created to feature the best-of-the-best at the end of Summer, where every team has a chance to earn their way into a coveted competition.

### Phoenix Championships Notes

- Two-day event on Friday and Saturday, September 23-24, 2022
- Footprint Center in Phoenix, Arizona
- 6 Men's and 6 Women's teams
- Friday night will see two matches each for the Men and Women; 3-seed vs. Wild Card and 4-seed vs. Wild Card. The winners of these matches will make it to Saturday's semifinals.
- The top 2 teams in the Road to Phoenix Standings will receive a bye into the semifinals.
- The format will be single elimination. However, 5th and 3rd place will be played out on Saturday, so all teams in Phoenix are guaranteed to play at least two matches and are guaranteed to play on Saturday.
- Only the top 4 teams in the Road to Phoenix Standings qualify (plus 2 Wild Cards)
- A team's position in the Road to Phoenix Standings is determined by the rankings points earned in their best two of three Gold Series finishes. In the case of a tie in the Standings, a team's third Gold Series finish will be the tiebreaker.

### Document Key (remember, I have a very high nerd ceiling)

- Numbers alone (1 3 5) signify Phoenix seeding
- Numbers with ordinals (1st 3rd 5th) signify Chicago finishes
- PS = Phoenix Seed. Also, a team's position in the Road to Phoenix Standings
- BPS = Best possible Phoenix Seed, or the highest a team can possibly finish in the Road to Phoenix Standings
- Top 2 PS = 1 or 2 seed in Phoenix, which would earn a bye into the Saturday semifinals
- To Improve = Minimum finish needed in Chicago to increase a team's points in the Road to Phoenix Standings

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## **Rankings Point Combinations for Gold Series Finishes**

1st/1st = 4,642  
1st/2nd = 4,526  
1st/3rd = 4,416  
2nd/2nd = 4,410  
2nd/3rd = 4,300  
1st/5th = 4,212  
3rd/3rd = 4,190  
1st/7th = 4,117  
2nd/5th = 4,096  
1st/9th = 4,027  
2nd/7th = 4,001  
3rd/5th = 3,986  
2nd/9th = 3,911  
3rd/7th = 3,891  
1st/13th = 3,861  
3rd/9th = 3,801  
5th/5th = 3,782  
2nd/13th = 3,745  
5th/7th = 3,687  
3rd/13th = 3,635  
5th/9th = 3,597  
7th/7th = 3,592

Teams are presented below in order of the Road to Phoenix Standings and projecting a minimum 13th place finish in Chicago. One Women's team (Hildreth/Marciniak) and three Men's teams (Dalhausser/Patterson, Benesh/Evans, Dietrich/Smith) are ranked above others who have more points than they do. This is because they have only played one Gold Series event as of yet. These four teams will automatically gain points for 13th place by starting their first match in Chicago, which will slot them into the Standings as presented.

Teams that are playing either their 2nd or 3rd Gold Series event together in Chicago but are mathematically unable to get inside the top 4 PS are not included in the Standings below.

### **Women**

Out of the 16 Chicago teams, 9 have a shot at getting inside the top 4 PS. One team in the Standings, Zana Muno & Brandie Wilkerson, aren't playing together in Chicago. But they are still looking strong as the 3 PS; while not fully safe, only one combination of results would prevent them from booking their ticket to Phoenix.

After their win in Manhattan Beach, Sara Hughes & Kelley Kolinske are the only team, Women or Men, to have secured a top 2 PS and a bye into the Championships semifinals. Terese Cannon & Sarah Sponcil have also claimed a spot in Phoenix, but they aren't guaranteed a bye.

A team you may be surprised to learn does *not* have a chance to qualify outright for Phoenix are the Atlanta winners, Julia Scoles & Geena Urango. They finished with a 13th in Manhattan Beach and are not playing together in Chicago. This leaves them as the current 5 PS and unable to improve their position. I've left them in the Standings for reference and clarity.

Below are the qualifying scenarios for all of our Women's teams still in contention for Phoenix. I've also included each team's path (if they have one) to enter Phoenix as the 1 or 2 seed, which would earn them a bye into those precious Saturday semifinals.

**1. Sara Hughes & Kelley Kolinske (4,416) – Secured a Spot in Phoenix & Top 2 PS, BPS 1**  
To Improve: 2nd

**2. Terese Cannon & Sarah Sponcil (4,300) – Secured a Spot in Phoenix, BPS 1**  
To Improve: 2nd

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

- 1st
- 2nd AND the following does not happen:
  - 1st from Cheng/Flint

*To Lose a Top 2 PS*

- 3rd or 5th AND the following happens:
  - 1st or 2nd from Cheng/Flint
- 7th AND the above or the following happens:
  - 3rd from Cheng/Flint (would fully tie them for the 2 PS)
- 9th or 13th AND any of the above happen

**3. Zana Munoz & Brandie Wilkerson (4,190) – BPS 3**

To Improve: Not Playing Chicago

*To Lose a Spot in Phoenix*

- both of the following happen:
  - 2nd or 3rd from Cheng/Flint
  - 1st from Kloth/Nuss, Quiggle/Schermerhorn or Kraft/Stockman

**4. Kelly Cheng & Betsi Flint (4,001) – BPS 1**

To Improve: 5th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 3rd or better
- 5th AND none of the following happen:
  - 1st or 2nd from Kloth/Nuss
  - 1st from Quiggle/Schermerhorn, Kraft/Stockman or Hildreth/Marciniak

*To Lose a Spot in Phoenix*

- 7th or worse AND at least one of the following happens:
  - 1st or 2nd from Kloth/Nuss, Quiggle/Schermerhorn or Kraft/Stockman
  - 1st from Hildreth/Marciniak, Day/Simo or Maestrini/Maestrini

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

- 1st
- 2nd AND the following does not happen:
  - 1st from Cannon/Sponcil
- 3rd AND the following does not happen:
  - 5th or better from Cannon/Sponcil (7th would fully tie them for the 2 PS)

**5. Julia Scoles & Geena Urango (3,861) – BPS 5**

To Improve: Not Playing Chicago

**6. Taryn Kloth & Kristen Nuss (3,782) – BPS 3**

To Improve: 3rd

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st
- 2nd AND neither of the following happen:
  - 1st or 3rd from Cheng/Flint
  - 1st from Hildreth/Marciniak

**7. Corinne Quiggle & Sarah Schermerhorn (3,597) – BPS 3**

To Improve: 7th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st
- 2nd AND neither of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Cheng/Flint
  - 1st from Hildreth/Marciniak

**8. Megan Kraft & Emily Stockman (3,431) – BPS 3**

To Improve: 9th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st
- 2nd AND neither of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Cheng/Flint
  - 1st from Hildreth/Marciniak

**9. Kimberly Hildreth & Karolina Marciniak (1,796) – BPS 4**

To Improve: 13th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st AND the following does not happen:
  - 2nd or 3rd from Cheng/Flint

**10. Emily Day & Savvy Simo (3,412) – BPS 4**

To Improve: 7th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st AND neither of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Cheng/Flint
  - 2nd from Kloth/Nuss, Quiggle/Schermerhorn or Kraft/Stockman

**11. Larissa Maestrini & Liliane Maestrini (3,412) – BPS 4**

To Improve: 7th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st AND neither of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Cheng/Flint
  - 2nd from Kloth/Nuss, Quiggle/Schermerhorn or Kraft/Stockman

## Men

Out of the 16 teams playing in Chicago, there are 12 teams with an opportunity to lock in their place to the Phoenix Championships. Only one team is secured already: Theo Brunner & Chaim Schalk. Despite not having a Gold Series victory, their two 2nd place finishes make it impossible for four teams to jump them in Chicago.

Compared to the Women, the Men's side is quite a bit more convoluted. Below are the qualifying scenarios for all 12 of our potential Phoenix Men's teams, all of whom are competing in Chicago.

### **1. Theo Brunner & Chaim Schalk (4,410) – Secured a Spot in Phoenix, BPS 1**

To Improve: 1st

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

– 1st

*To Lose a Top 2 PS*

– 2nd or worse AND both of the following happen:

– 1st from Lotman/Partain, Bourne/Crabb, Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans

– 2nd or 3rd from Lotman/Partain or Bourne/Crabb

### **2. Paul Lotman & Miles Partain (4,212) – BPS 1**

To Improve: 3rd

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

– 3rd or better

*To Lose a Spot in Phoenix*

– 5th or worse AND all of the following happen:

– 1st from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans

– 2nd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans

– 3rd from Bourne/Crabb

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

– 1st or 2nd

– 3rd AND no more than one of the following happens:

– 1st from Brunner/Schalk

– 2nd from Bourne/Crabb

*To Lose a Top 2 PS*

– 5th or 7th AND at least one of the following happens:

– 3rd or better from Bourne/Crabb

– 1st or 2nd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans

– 9th AND at least one of the above happens, with one addition to the list:

– 5th from Bourne/Crabb (would fully tie them for the 2 PS)

– 13th AND at least one of the above happens, with one addition to the list:

– 1st from Allen/Casebeer (would fully tie them for the 2 PS)

### **3. Tri Bourne & Trevor Crabb (4,027) – BPS 1**

To Improve: 7th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

– 3rd or better

- 5th AND no more than two of the following happen:
  - 7th or better from Lotman/Partain (9th would fully tie them in PS)
  - 1st from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, or Benesh/Evans
  - 2nd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, or Benesh/Evans
- 7th AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 3rd or better from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, or Benesh/Evans
  - 1st from Allen/Casebeer

*To Lose a Spot in Phoenix*

- 9th AND at least two of the following happen:
  - 3rd or better from Crabb/Sander
  - 3rd or better from Budinger/Field
  - 3rd or better from Dalhausser/Patterson
  - 3rd or better from Benesh/Evans
  - 2nd or better from Allen/Casebeer
  - 1st from Brewster/Friend or Dietrich/Smith
- 13th AND at least two of the above happen, with one addition to the list:
  - 1st from Hyden/Webber (would fully tie them in PS)

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

- 1st or 2nd
- 3rd AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 1st from Brunner/Schalk, Crabb/Sander or Budinger/Field (would fully tie them in PS)
  - 3rd or better from Lotman/Partain
- 5th AND none of the following happen:
  - 7th or better from Lotman/Partain (9th would fully tie them in PS)
  - 1st or 2nd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans

**4. Taylor Crabb & Taylor Sander (3,891) – BPS 1**

To Improve: 5th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st
- 2nd AND no more than two of the following happen:
  - 3rd from Lotman/Partain
  - 3rd from Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st from Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans
- 3rd AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 5th or better from Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st or 2nd from Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, Benesh/Evans
  - 1st from Allen/Casebeer
- 5th AND none of the following happen:
  - 3rd or better from Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans
  - 2nd or better from Allen/Casebeer, Brewster/Friend or Dietrich/Smith
  - 1st from Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman

*To Lose a Spot in Phoenix*

- 7th AND at least one of the following happens:
  - 5th or better from Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans
  - 3rd or better from Allen/Casebeer
  - 2nd or better from Brewster/Friend, Dietrich/Smith, Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman

- 9th AND at least one of the above happens, with one addition to the list:
  - 7th from Budinger/Field (would fully tie them in PS)
- 13th AND at least one of the above happens

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

- 1st AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 3rd from Lotman/Partain
  - 2nd from Bourne/Crabb
- 2nd AND none of the following happen:
  - 1st or 3rd from Lotman/Partain or Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st from Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans

## **5. Chase Budinger & Troy Field (3,801) – BPS 1**

To Improve: 7th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st
- 2nd AND no more than two of the following happen:
  - 3rd from Lotman/Partain
  - 3rd from Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st from Crabb/Sander, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans
- 3rd AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 5th or better from Bourne/Crabb
  - 3rd or better from Crabb/Sander
  - 2nd or better from Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans
  - 1st from Allen/Casebeer
- 5th AND none of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Crabb/Sander
  - 3rd or better from Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans
  - 2nd or better from Allen/Casebeer, Brewster/Friend or Dietrich/Smith
  - 1st from Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman
- 7th AND none of the following happen:
  - 7th or better from Crabb/Sander (9th would fully tie them in PS)
  - 5th or better from Dalhausser/Patterson and Benesh/Evans
  - 3rd or better from Allen/Casebeer
  - 1st or 2nd from Brewster/Friend, Dietrich/Smith, Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

- 1st AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 2nd or 3rd from Lotman/Partain
  - 2nd from Bourne/Crabb (3rd would fully tie them in PS)
- 2nd AND none of the following happen:
  - 1st or 3rd from Lotman/Partain or Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st from Crabb/Sander, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans

## **T6. Phil Dalhausser & Casey Patterson (2,095) – BPS 1**

To Improve: 13th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st
- 2nd AND no more than two of the following happen:
  - 3rd from Lotman/Partain
  - 3rd from Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field or Benesh/Evans
- 3rd AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 5th or better from Bourne/Crabb

- 3rd or better from Crabb/Sander or Budinger/Field
- 2nd or better from Benesh/Evans (3rd would fully tie them in PS)
- 1st from Allen/Casebeer
- 5th AND none of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Crabb/Sander or Budinger/Field
  - 3rd or better from Allen/Casebeer or Benesh/Evans (5th would fully tie them in PS)
  - 2nd or better from Brewster/Friend or Dietrich/Smith
  - 1st from Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

- 1st AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 2nd or 3rd from Lotman/Partain
  - 2nd or 3rd from Bourne/Crabb
- 2nd AND none of the following happen:
  - 1st or 3rd from Lotman/Partain or Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field or Benesh/Evans

#### **T6. Andy Benesh & Miles Evans (2,095) – BPS 1**

To Improve: 13th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st
- 2nd AND no more than two of the following happen:
  - 3rd from Lotman/Partain
  - 3rd from Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field or Dalhausser/Patterson
- 3rd AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 5th or better from Bourne/Crabb
  - 3rd or better from Crabb/Sander or Budinger/Field
  - 2nd or better from Dalhausser/Patterson (3rd would fully tie them in PS)
  - 1st from Allen/Casebeer
- 5th AND none of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Crabb/Sander or Budinger/Field
  - 3rd or better from Allen/Casebeer or Dalhausser/Patterson (5th would fully tie them in PS)
  - 2nd or better from Brewster/Friend or Dietrich/Smith
  - 1st from Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman

*To Secure a Top 2 PS*

- 1st AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 2nd or 3rd from Lotman/Partain
  - 2nd or 3rd from Bourne/Crabb
- 2nd AND none of the following happen:
  - 1st or 3rd from Lotman/Partain or Bourne/Crabb
  - 1st from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field or Dalhausser/Patterson

#### **8. Billy Allen & Jeremy Casebeer (3,431) – BPS 2**

To Improve: 9th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 3rd or 5th from Bourne/Crabb
  - 2nd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans
  - (if both of the above happen and Lotman/Partain get 13th, then they would be fully tied for the 4 PS)



- 2nd AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 7th or better from Bourne/Crabb
  - 3rd or better from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, Benesh/Evans
  - 1st from Brewster/Friend or Dietrich/Smith
- 3rd AND none of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Crabb/Sander or Budinger/Field
  - 3rd or better from Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans
  - 1st or 2nd from Brewster/Friend or Dietrich/Smith
  - 1st from Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman

*To Tie a Top 2 PS with Lotman/Partain*

- 1st AND none of the following happen:
  - 9th or better from Lotman/Partain
  - 3rd or 5th from Bourne/Crabb
  - 2nd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson or Benesh/Evans

### **9. Timothy Brewster & Kyle Friend (2,928) – BPS 3**

To Improve: 13th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 7th or better from Bourne/Crabb
  - 2nd or 3rd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, Benesh/Evans
- 2nd AND none of the following happen
  - 1st or 3rd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, or Benesh/Evans
  - 1st from Allen/Casebeer, Dietrich/Smith, Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman

### **10. Jake Dietrich & Hagen Smith (1,796) – BPS 3**

To Improve: 13th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 7th or better from Bourne/Crabb
  - 2nd or 3rd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, Benesh/Evans
- 2nd AND none of the following happen
  - 1st or 3rd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, or Benesh/Evans
  - 1st from Allen/Casebeer, Brewster/Friend, Hyden/Webber or Drost/Frushman

### **11. John Hyden & Logan Webber (3,246) – BPS 3**

To Improve: 9th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

- 1st AND no more than one of the following happens:
  - 9th or better from Bourne/Crabb (13th would fully tie them in PS)
  - 2nd or 3rd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, Benesh/Evans
  - 2nd from Allen/Casebeer
- 2nd AND none of the following happen:
  - 5th or better from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, or Benesh/Evans
  - 1st or 3rd from Allen/Casebeer

– 1st from Brewster/Friend, Dietrich/Smith or Drost/Frishman

**12. Avery Drost & Chase Frishman (1,706) – BPS 4**

To Improve: 13th

*To Secure a Spot in Phoenix*

– 1st AND none of the following happen:

– 2nd or 3rd from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, Benesh/  
Evans

– 2nd from Allen/Casebeer

– 2nd AND none of the following happen:

– 5th or better from Crabb/Sander, Budinger/Field, Dalhausser/Patterson, or  
Benesh/Evans

– 1st or 3rd from Allen/Casebeer

– 1st from Brewster/Friend, Dietrich/Smith or Hyden/Webber