

2017 GLBBQA TEAM of the YEAR RULES

The Great Lakes Barbecue Association (GLBBQA) recognizes competition teams that have been top performers throughout the barbecue season through the Team of the Year (TOY) program. This document outlines how the program works and the rules that apply.

1. ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS

The Board of Directors of the GLBBQA have designated only those competitions sanctioned by a recognized sanctioning body, **contested in the State of Michigan**, to be eligible for GLBBQA Team of the Year points. Current sanctioning bodies approved for 2017:

- KCBS
- SAM's CLUB Local Qualifiers ONLY - Regionals and Finals are not included.

A competition year is defined as a calendar year from January 1st through December 31st.

- *KCBS Competitor Series, and any other invitational or restricted entry events will not be awarded TOY points regardless of their physical location.*

2. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for GLBBQA TOY points a team must cook in 1/2 of all the eligible competitions in the State of Michigan. In the event that there are an odd number of competitions in the State, teams must cook a simple majority of those competitions. i.e. 7 competitions, a team must cook 4.

A team may enter as many competitions as they wish, but only their top scores from 1/2 of the eligible competitions (or those from the simple majority number) will be totaled to determine the winner.

In order for a competition team to have its scores count towards any of the GLBBQA TOY honors, the head cook that signed the contest application for the team **must be a paid member of GLBBQA** when the contest takes place and

must be present at the competition. Any scores accumulated while the listed head cook is not a member, by a vote of the Board of Directors or non-payment of dues or any other reason, will not count towards GLBBQA TOY. If the head cook who signed the contest application cannot attend the contest and a replacement head cook is needed, the head cook who signed the application may appeal to the GLBBQA Board of Directors for their team's scores to count for GLBBQA TOY.

TOY scores are tied to team names and not individual head cooks. TOY scores are not cumulative for head cooks. A head cook is only allowed to register one team name to count for GLBBQA TOY. The head cook must register their team to participate (See below).

3. ****TEAM REGISTRATION****

A head cook **must** register his or her team in order for the team scores to be included in any of the 2017 GLBBQA TOY calculations and rankings. If a head cook **does not** register their team, that team's scores **will not** count towards any GLBBQA TOY rankings. Registration is free and only takes a couple minutes. The registration deadline is July 1, 2017. Click on link to register

[**Visit here to register.**](#)

4. **SCORING**

GLBBQA Team of the Year points will be awarded in the following categories:

- Overall
- Chicken
- Pork Ribs
- Pork
- Brisket

Points for Overall Event and Meat Category Rankings

1st Place	=	20 points
2nd Place	=	18 points
3rd Place	=	17 points
4th Place	=	16 points
5th Place	=	15 points
6th Place	=	14 points
7th Place	=	13 points
8th Place	=	12 points
9th Place	=	11 points
10th Place	=	10 points
11th - 20th Place	=	5 points
21st & below	=	0 points

Example: Your team places 4th Overall with a 2nd Place call in Chicken and a 3rd Place call in Pork. Your team for that contest would receive 16 points for the Overall TOY Award and 18 points for Chicken TOY and 17 points for Pork TOY.

4. BONUS POINTS

Excellence should be rewarded. Those teams scoring a “180” score for any individual meat category and/or a “700+” overall score shall be awarded 2 bonus points according to the following:

EXAMPLE: Team XYZ scores a 180 in Brisket. They would receive 2 Bonus Points in their Brisket TOY Category.

Team ABC scores an overall score of 703.6694. They would receive 2 Bonus Points in their Overall TOY Category.

5. TIE BREAKER

In the unlikely event of a tie, the top four (4) overall scores from the eligible events will be added and then averaged. The winner will be the team with the highest average score over the four (4) eligible events. For example, if Team ABC’s average score for their top four contests was 672.3456 and Team XYZ’s average score for their top four (4) eligible contests was 670.1234, Team ABC would be declared the winner.

In the highly unlikely event that the first tiebreaker still results in a tie, the highest overall score from all four (4) eligible events will be used to break the tie. For example, Team ABC's highest overall score for any of the four (4) eligible events was 697.3579 and Team XYZ's highest overall score for their four (4) eligible events was 694.2468. Team ABC would be declared the winner.

If still tied, the winner will be decided by the highest lowest score of the teams four (4) eligible events.

6. RANKINGS & AWARDS

TOY rankings will be posted periodically on the GLBBQA Facebook page and also the GLBBQA forum. All TOY awards will be at the 2017 Annual Party in November.

1st Place GC Overall	\$ 750.00 & Trophy
2nd Place RGC Overall	\$ 350.00 & Trophy
3rd Place Overall	\$ 100.00 & Trophy
1st Place Meat Category	\$ 200.00 & Trophy

7. ANNUAL RULES REVIEW

Each year the BOD votes on any changes to the TOY program at its annual meeting. The GLBBQA welcomes and encourages feedback from its members on the TOY program, including suggestions for changes. All feedback and suggestions will be gathered throughout the year by the TOY Chairman who will present them to the Board for discussion at the annual meeting, prior to the BOD voting.

8. MID-YEAR RULES CHANGES

Mid-year rules changes are strictly prohibited without express notification of the GLBBQA members and a full vote of the BOD. In addition, mid-year rules changes are limited to necessary clarifications or simple error corrections.

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