

2020 GLBBQA Competitor Series Team of the Year Rules

The Great Lakes BBQ Association (GLBBQA) recognizes competition teams that have been top performers throughout the barbecue season through the Competitor Series 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 (BOD) of the GLBBQA have designated only the following competitions below as eligible for GLBBQA Competitor Series 2020 Team of the Year points.

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| July 17th | Bordertown BBQ Brawl | Sault St. Marie |
| August 7th | Westland Area Jaycees All American BBQ Throwdown | Westland |
| September 12th | Ovid Carriage Days | Ovid |
| October 3rd | Four Flags Area Apple Festival | Niles |
| October 17th | Woodpile's Fall Rack Attack Rib Burn Battle | TBD |

Note: At the time of BOD approval, these are the known dates and locations for each contest. Events without a determined date and/or are listed as "TBD". Teams and head cooks **must** contact the event organizers directly to confirm final event details and to be made aware of changes etc.

2. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for the GLBBQA Competitor Series TOY points program, a team must cook a minimum of eligible competitions in the State of Michigan during the competition year. This number is set by the BOD based on the number of overall available competitions. A competition year is defined as a calendar year from January 1st through December 31st.

For the 2020 program, the BOD has determined that a team must cook in a minimum of THREE (3) eligible competitions to be included in the TOY program. A team may enter as many competitions as they wish, but only the scores from the team's top three (3) eligible competitions will be used to determine their placing in the TOY series.

In order for a competition team to have its scores count towards the GLBBQA Competitor Series TOY, the head cook that signed the contest application 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 the GLBBQA Competitor Series TOY.

If the head cook who signed the contest application cannot attend the contest and a replacement head cook is utilized, the head cook who signed the application may appeal to the GLBBQA BOD for the scores to count towards the 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 the GLBBQA Competitor Series TOY. The head cook must register their team to participate.

3. TEAM REGISTRATION

A head cook must register their team with the GLBBQA **before their first cook** in an eligible competition for the scores to be included in the GLBBQA Competitor Series TOY calculations and rankings. If a head cook does not register their team, that team's scores will not count towards any GLBBQA Competitor Series TOY rankings. Registration is free.

How to register:

1. Send an email to gldbqacompservices@gmail.com with the subject line; "Competitor Series Entry 2020".
2. Once it's verified that dues are up to date a confirmation email will be sent to the email address used to register.

Teams may only be entered into one GLBBQA TOY program. Teams signed up for the GLBBQA Professional Team of the Year are not eligible for the GLBBQA Competitor Series Team of the Year

An entrant may sign-up at any time during the competition year providing that there are enough competitions remaining for Team Eligibility (see 2). The entrant will not be awarded any points for any events prior to signing up. The date and time of the confirmation email sent from gldbqacompservices@gmail.com is the official entry date and time into the TOY series.

4. SCORING

Only **PORK RIB** scores will be counted in the TOY program. If the competition is a multi-meat competition, scores in the other categories will not gain points towards TOY.

Points are awarded for overall Pork Rib Finish:

1st Place = 20 points

7th Place = 13 points

2nd Place = 18 points

8th Place = 12 points

3rd Place = 17 points

9th Place = 11 points

4th Place = 16 points

10th Place = 10 points

5th Place = 15 points

11th - 20th Place = 5 points

6th Place = 14 points

21st & below = 0 points

Example: An overall 2nd place finish in pork ribs (in the overall final standings for all entrants in that competition), 18 points for GLBBQA Competitors Series TOY would be recorded.

4. TIE BREAKER

If there is a tie after scoring all teams' top **THREE (3)** contests. The BOD will consider the 4th contest finish, 5th contest finish and so on. If still tied **OR** there are no more contests to consider, results will be determined in a manner designated by the BOD (Ex. additional contest, coin-flip, etc).

5. Prize Pool:

At the time of rules approval, the prize pool is TBD.

In addition to cash prize and trophy, the overall winner of the 2020 Competitors Series will receive a free entry in the 2021 GLBBQA Comp 101 class

6. RANKINGS & AWARDS

TOY rankings will be posted periodically on the GLBBQA Facebook page, the GLBBQA Facebook Members Only Group and/or the GLBBQA Web site. All TOY awards will be presented at the 2020 Award Banquet and Annual Meeting designated by the BOD

1st Place Grand Champion Overall \$ TBD by the BOD & Trophy

2nd Place Reserve Grand Champion Overall \$ TBD by the BOD & Trophy

3rd Place Overall \$ TBD by the BOD & Trophy

7. ANNUAL RULES REVIEW

Each year the BOD votes on any changes to the TOY program. The GLBBQA welcomes and encourages feedback from members on the TOY program, including suggestions for changes. All feedback and suggestions gathered throughout the year by the TOY Chairperson(s), will be to the BOD for discussion at the annual meeting, prior to the BOD voting.

8. MID-YEAR RULES CHANGES

Mid-year rule 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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