



2021 GLBBQA TEAM OF THE YEAR RULES

The GLBBQA Team of the Year (TOY) contest is open to any competition BBQ team, provided they are a member of the Great Lakes Barbecue Association; it is not limited to only Michigan teams. Teams may cook any KCBS sanctioned contest in any of the states listed in the rules. Membership is available on our website, www.glbbqa.com.

The 2021 GLBBQA Team of the Year Rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors and changes in these rules have been highlighted in RED ITALIC. Teams **MUST** register (link in rules) prior to their first contest. If you have any questions please contact TOY Chairperson Bruce Bissonnette (bruceglbbqa@gmail.com).

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

Only contests determined by the Board of Directors (BOD) of the GLBBQA will be eligible for the GLBBQA Team of the Year points. Any four meat competitions sanctioned by Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS), a recognized sanctioning body, *contested in the States of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, are deemed eligible for 2021. KCBS Competitor Series, One Meat Challenge or any other invitational event will not be awarded TOY points regardless of their physical location.*

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

2. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

The GLBBQA has established a two tiered Team Of The Year structure for 2021.

DIVISION 1:

Shall consist of eligible teams that cook six (6) or more eligible competitions as outlined in these TOY rules. A team may enter as many competitions as they wish, but only their top scores from 6 of those competitions will be totaled to determine the winner.

DIVISION 2:

Shall consist of eligible teams that cook five (5) or less eligible competitions as outlined in these TOY rules. A team may enter up to five (5) eligible, sanctioned competitions in the listed states. The best 4 of their scores 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 BOD 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 BOD for their team's scores to count for GLBBQA TOY.



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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 ****

The head cook MUST register his/her team prior to cooking any eligible competition by 12:00 NOON the day before the competition. This is a one-time registration, once registered for TOY, the team does not have to register for any subsequent competition.

A head cook **MUST** register his or her team before their first cook in an eligible competition in order for the team scores to be included in any of the 2021 GLBBQA TOY calculations and rankings. If a head cook **does not** register their team, that team's scores **will not** count towards any GLBBQA PRO TOY rankings. Registration is **FREE** and only takes a couple minutes.

*When registering a team **must designate** if they are a **DIVISION 1** or **DIVISION 2** team. During the course of the comp season, if a team's circumstances change relative to which division they registered in, they can contact the TOY Chairman and request they be moved up to **DIVISION 1** or moved down to **DIVISION 2**.*

Visit here to register - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RKJQKTS>

4. **SCORING**

Scores are compiled by the Great Lakes Barbecue Association using official contest scoring information provided KCBS.

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



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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, 18 points for Chicken TOY, and 17 points for Pork TOY.

5. 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 for each category, according to the following:

EXAMPLES:

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.

Team LMNO scores a 180 in Ribs. They would receive 2 Bonus Points in their Ribs TOY Category. If they also have an Overall score above 700.0000, they would also receive 2 Bonus Points in their Overall TOY Category.

6. TIE BREAKER

In the unlikely event of a tie for GC and/or RGC Overall, or for first place in any of the meat categories. The top overall scores from the eligible events will be added and then averaged. The winner will be the team with the highest average score of the eligible events.

Example: Team ABC’s average score for their top contests was 672.3456 and Team XYZ’s average score for their top 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 eligible events will be used to break the tie.

Example: Team ABC’s highest overall score for any of the eligible events was 697.3579 and Team XYZ’s highest overall score for their 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 eligible events.

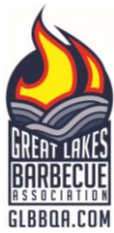
In the event of a tie for First Place in any of the individual meat categories, the tied teams total scores for that meat category from their eligible events will be added and then averaged. The winner will be the team with the highest average score of their eligible contests.

7. RANKINGS & AWARDS

TOY rankings will be posted periodically on the GLBBQA Facebook page and also the GLBBQA Members Only Facebook Group. All TOY awards will be at the Annual Award Banquet or at a location designated by the BOD.

Awards will be given out as follows:

1st Place GC Overall \$ To Be Determined by the Board & Trophy



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2nd Place RGC Overall	\$ To Be Determined by the Board & Trophy
3rd Place Overall	\$ To Be Determined by the Board & Trophy
1st Place Meat Category	\$ To Be Determined by the Board & Trophy

8. ANNUAL RULES REVIEW

Each year the BOD shall vote to approve the TOY Program during the first quarter of the year. 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 and will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Membership. The TOY Chairman will take all suggestions under advisement and present accordingly to the board for discussion prior to the end of the first quarter of the year.

9. 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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