



2023 GLBBQA Troy Conner Memorial TEAM OF THE YEAR RULES

TOY RULES COMMITTEE

The GLBBQA TOY Rules Committee is comprised of 3 Great Lakes Barbecue Association Board of Directors along with two general members of the GLBBQA. This committee has been established to look at past practices and rules for GLBBQA TOY recognition program, study the feedback given to the BOD at the Annual Meeting of the Association as well as any correspondence from the prior year about TOY rules and work as a team to lay out the rules for TOY program. After the committee has a draft of the rules, the rules are then presented to the GLBBQA BOD for approval and adoption for that competition year. The draft of the rules is submitted as a recommendation by the TOY Rules Committee. The GLBBQA BOD as the governing body will analyze the draft rules, make final changes if need then vote on the adoption and approval of the finalized rules.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND THE 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.

The GLBBQA Troy Conner Memorial Team of the Year (TOY) contest is open to any competition BBQ team, whose head cook is a Great Lakes Barbecue Association Member in good standing. Teams may cook any contest in the states listed in the rules. Membership is available on our website, www.glbbsqa.com.

Teams **MUST** register (link in rules) prior to their first contest. If you have any questions, please contact TOY Chairperson Jim Miller (president@glbbqa.com).

1. ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS

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

Only contests recommended by the TOY committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors (BOD) of the GLBBQA will be eligible for the GLBBQA Troy Conner Memorial 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 2023. The 2023 GLBBQA Spring Fling will also be included as an eligible competition.

KCBS One Meat Competitions **will be** awarded TOY points for their respective meat categories. Only your best scores will be tracked as outlined by the respective division you are in. Single meat and 4 meat competitions are counted for the number of competitions cooked.

Example- for Division II, If you cook 6 KCBS master series contests and 4 KCBS single meat rib contests, only your 4 best rib scores from your first 6 contests will be counted. No matter what type of contest is cooked for that category, the scoring stops after the first 6. With this example Rib scoring would stop. Scoring for the other three categories would continue until the team reached 6 competitions for those categories at which time scoring would stop for the team.



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2. COMPETITION LIMITS, NUMBER OF CONTESTS THAT WILL BE COUNTED AND BREAKDOWN OF DIVISIONS

A. COMPETITION LIMITS AND NUMBER TO BE COUNTED FOR SCORING

Division II

Setting the number of comps is done by using 25% of the eligible contests as listed on the KCBS Website as of March 15, 2023 in the states listed above for a given contest year. Points counted and totaled for a final score will be limited to 2/3 of the 25% of the eligible contests.

Example, if 25% of all eligible contests equals 6 contests, 2/3 of those contests would equal 4. So, the 4 best scores from the 6 contests cooked would be counted for scoring.

Division I

Setting the number of comps is done by adding 1 to the Division II criteria for contests allowed to cook and number of scores to be counted.

Example, If Division II contests are 6 and number of scores to be counted is 4, Division I would be 7 contests and the 5 best scores would be counted for scoring.

B. BREAKDOWN OF DIVISIONS

Division I

Shall consist of eligible teams that cook seven (7) or more eligible competitions as outlined in *these TOY rules*. A team may enter as many competitions as they wish, but only their 5 best scores will be totaled to determine the winner.

Division II

Shall consist of eligible teams that cook six (6) or less eligible competitions as outlined in these TOY rules. Only their 4 best scores will be totaled to determine the winner. A Division II team may cook more than 6 contests (*we still want as many competitors as possible to compete and support all contests. We do not want to eliminate a team from supporting a contest because of being moved up a division*)

If a team chooses to cook more than 6 contests, they have two options.

- **Remain in Division II** - If this option is chosen, their TOY cumulative scores will be determined by totaling their 4 best scores from their first 6 contests. No scoring will take place after the 6th contest.
- **Move up to Division I** – The team can choose to move up to Division I and continue garnering points for that division.

Please See Section 3 Paragraph 3 for rules regarding Division Changes.

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



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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.

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 for the team scores to be included in any of the 2023 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. Only scores after registering for the 2023 GLBBQA TOY will be counted. 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. At any time during the comp season a team may contact the TOY Committee by email prior to their 7th contest and request they be moved up to DIVISION 1 from DIVISION 2. However, moving down from Division I down to Division II is prohibited under these rules. A team cannot move up to Division I from Division II in a single category. If a move is made it is made for all four categories.

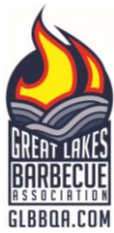
Visit here to register - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TQTQW7>

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



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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 Place	=	9 points
12th Place	=	8 points
13th Place	=	7 points
14th Place	=	6 points
15th Place	=	5 points
16th Place	=	4 points
17th Place	=	3 points
18th Place	=	2 points
19th Place	=	1 point
20th - Place	=	1 point
21 st - up	=	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, 18 points for Chicken TOY, and 17 points for Pork TOY.

5. BONUS POINTS

There will be no bonus points awarded for 2023.

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.



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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 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
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.

Submitted to the Board of Directors by the 2023 Rules Committee on March 13, 2023

Approved by the Board of Directors: 4/14/2023.