



2024 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.glbba.com.

Teams **MUST** register (link in rules) prior to their first contest. If you have any questions, please contact 2024 TOY Chairperson Jim Yates by email at bigjimbo6@hotmail.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 2024.

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.

*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 (**see new wild card rule**) With this example Rib scoring would stop. Scoring for the other three categories would continue*



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until the team reached 6 competitions for those categories at which time scoring would stop for the team.

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

The four (4) highest scores from the first six (6) contests will be tallied for scoring. Teams may keep cooking and cook as many contests as they would like but will not garner any additional TOY points except for a WILD CARD selection.

A. Wild Card

After teams are finished competing for the year, they are allowed to make a wild card selection. They may select 1 score from contests 7-18 to replace the lowest of their 4 best already scored. The wild card score can be Overall, Chicken, Ribs, Pork, or Brisket.

The head cook must submit their Wild Card selection to the TOY Chairperson by email prior to October 31st, 2024, indicating which score they would like to eliminate and which score (category and contest) they would like used as their wild card selection. The Chairperson will not reach out and ask for wild card selections. **It is the responsibility of the head cook to make the selection and send the selection by email.** If no wildcard selection is submitted by October 31st the scores are final.

Since KCBS One Meat Competitions are being scored for TOY in each category teams are allowed to select a One Meat Competition score to replace one of their lower scores for that category.

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.

Visit here to register - <https://form.jotform.com/222925496629065>



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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 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



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21st- 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. 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.

6. 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

7. 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.



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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.

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.

Submitted to the Board of Directors by the 2024 Rules Committee on March 22, 2024

Approved by the Board of Directors: 3/22/2023.