



Northeast Barbecue Society 2017 Team of the Year

The Northeast Barbecue Society (NEBS) recognizes competition teams that have been top performers throughout the barbecue season via the Team of the Year (TOY) program. This document outlines how the program works and the rules that apply.

General Requirements

In order for a competition team to have its scores count towards any of the NEBS TOY honors, the chief cook that signed the contest application for the team must be a paid member of NEBS when the contest takes place and must be present at the competition. Any scores accumulated while the listed chief cook is not a member, by a vote of the board of directors for non-payment of dues or any other reason, will not count towards NEBS TOY. If the chief cook who signed the contest application cannot attend the contest and a replacement chief cook is needed, the chief cook who signed the application may appeal to the NEBS Board of Directors for their team's scores to count for NEBS TOY.

TOY scores are tied to team names and not individual chief cooks. TOY scores are not cumulative for chief cooks. A chief cook is only allowed to register one team name to count for NEBS TOY.

A chief cook must register his or her team for the team scores to be included in any of the 2017 NEBS TOY calculations and rankings. If a chief cook does not register their team, that team's scores will not count towards any NEBS TOY rankings. Registration is free and only takes a couple minutes. Visit here to register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7MZPK3P> The registration deadline is September 1, 2017.

Start of the 2017 TOY Season: January 1, 2017.

End of the 2017 TOY Season: December 31, 2017.

Awards will be issued by NEBS for the following: Classic TOY, Rookie TOY, The Ken Dakai Cup, and Tailgate TOY. The awards will take place at the 2018 NEBS Annual Meeting.

Classic TOY (KCBS)

The Empire State BBQ Championship scoring system formula will be used for the 2017 Classic TOY season. This system will be used to calculate the overall Classic TOY scores, which includes all TOY approved KCBS competitions, as well as scores for the KCBS Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork, and Brisket categories for which trophies are also awarded. The Classic TOY program tracks the top five (5) scores that a team accumulates over the course of the NEBS Barbecue Season. When six (6) or more contests

are completed, the lower scores are dropped. The “total number of teams” used in the TOY calculation is based on the number of teams that pass meat inspection at the competition. The scoring system is as follows:

$$\left(\frac{\text{TotalNumberofTeams} - \text{FinishPosition} + 1}{\text{TotalNumberofTeams}} \right) * 100$$

Example of Scoring in a 20 Team Field BBQ Competition

Team	Final Place	Points Awarded
Rhode Hog BBQ	1	100
Stubborn Bull BBQ	2	95
Blazin Buttz BBQ	3	90
Can U Smell My Pits	4	85
Q Haven BBQ	5	80
Smokin Hoggz BBQ	6	75
The 5 th Artery	7	70
Meat @ Slim's	8	65
IQUE	9	60
The Basic BBQ Team	10	55
Howling Hog BBQ	11	50
Feeding Friendz	12	45
Insane Swine BBQ	13	40
A Mazie Q	14	35
Squeals on Wheels	15	30
Buckner Brothers BBQ	16	25
Black Cat BBQ	17	20
Que and a Half Men	18	15
Vermont Maple BBQ	19	10
Sweet Chicken	20	5

Tiebreaker: In the unlikely event of a tie, the number of teams that each team beat across their top five events counting towards the TOY will be added. The winner will be the team that beat the most teams across their top five scores. For example, if Team ABC beat 162 teams in their top five contests and Team XYZ beat 128 teams in their top five contests, Team ABC would be declared the winner.

Subsequent Tiebreakers: In the highly unlikely event that the first tiebreaker still results in a tie, the number of teams beat across the top four events will be added. If a tie still results, the top three events, two events, or one event will be used, until the tie is broken.

Number of teams: To qualify for NEBS Classic TOY, the competition must have a minimum of fifteen (15) teams that pass meat inspection at the competition.

KEN DAKAI CUP

Contests for the Ken Dakai Cup TOY include any NEBS-approved, four-category competition that does not consist of the standard four KCBS meats (chicken, pork ribs, pork shoulder, and brisket). These contests can be sanctioned either by NEBS as a stand-alone contest or by KCBS in conjunction with a standard barbecue competition. The Ken Dakai Cup will use the top five (5) scores for each team. The “total number of teams” used in the TOY calculation is based on the number of teams that pass meat inspection at the competition. The Empire State BBQ Championship scoring system formula will be used for The Ken Dakai Cup. The tiebreaker is the same as for Classic TOY. There is no requirement for a minimum number of teams in order for a contest to qualify for the Ken Dakai Cup.

ROOKIE TOY

To qualify for Rookie TOY, the chief cook of the team must not have participated in three (3) or more four category NEBS or KCBS competitions as chief cook **under any team name in any previous year**. The top three (3) overall scores from Classic TOY and/or the Ken Dakai Cup will count for NEBS Rookie TOY. The Empire State BBQ Championship scoring system formula will be used for Rookie TOY. The tiebreaker and number of teams requirement that applies for Classic TOY also applies for Rookie TOY.

TAILGATE TOY

NEBS Tailgate contests are defined as NEBS-approved, two-category competitions consisting of only chicken wings and pork ribs. These contests are sanctioned by NEBS. Tailgate TOY is calculated using the top three (3) raw contest scores for each team. The “total number of teams” used in the Tailgate TOY calculation is based on the number of teams that pass meat inspection at the competition. The tiebreaker is the same as for Classic TOY. There is no requirement for a minimum number of teams in order for a contest to qualify for Tailgate TOY.

ELIGIBLE CONTESTS

Contests must meet eligibility requirements. Eligibility requirements vary slightly by contest type:

- **Classic Contest (KCBS four meat)**
 - Must be a NEBS listed contest
 - Must be a KCBS sanctioned contest, consisting of Chicken, Ribs, Pork, and Brisket
 - Must have at least 15 teams participating
 - Points count toward Overall, Chicken, Ribs, Pork, and Brisket categories
 - NEBS Board of Directors approval is not required for this contest type
 - The same requirements apply to Rookie TOY, but points count for Overall only

- **Ken Dakai Cup Contest (four category)**
 - Must be a NEBS listed contest
 - No minimum number of teams required
 - There must be at least four categories and the competition can either be:
 - A KCBS sanctioned, competitor series, four category contest which is held in conjunction with a classic KCBS four meat contest on the same weekend
 - A NEBS sanctioned, stand-alone, four category contest which is not held in conjunction with a KCBS sanctioned competition
 - The NEBS entries must follow the NEBS BBQ/Grilling Rules

- Points count toward Overall only
- The contest cook's packet must be reviewed and approved by the NEBS Board of Directors

- **Tailgate Contest (two category)**
 - Must be a NEBS listed contest
 - No minimum number of teams required
 - The categories for Tailgate contests are chicken wings and pork ribs
 - Points count for Overall only
 - The NEBS entries must use the NEBS BBQ/Grilling Rules
 - The contest cook's packet must be reviewed and approved by the NEBS Board of Directors

All contests must be NEBS listed to be considered for the NEBS Team of the Year program. The NEBS listing fee may be paid by the organizer or individuals authorized by the organizer. The listing fee may not be paid by teams, unless agreed to by the organizer.

Unless a waiver is granted from the NEBS Board of Directors, the NEBS listing fee must be paid no later than 11:59 PM the day before the turn in day for a contest. If turn ins occur on more than one day of a contest, the first day on which a NEBS or KCBS turn in occurs is considered the turn in day.

Payment may be made on line, to a NEBS board member in person, or by mail. In the case of payment by mail, the mail must be postmarked no later than the turn in day.

If a contest requires board approval, that may be done after the contest occurs, provided the listing fee is paid by the deadline.

There is no geographic restriction on contests. Any contest that meets the other eligibility requirements and is approved by the NEBS Board of Directors may become a NEBS listed contest. It does not have to be a New England contest.

RANKINGS & AWARDS

TOY rankings will be posted periodically on www.nebs.org. All TOY awards will be at the 2018 NEBS Annual Meeting.