



NEBS

NORTHEAST BARBECUE SOCIETY

Changes for 2020 indicated in **RED**.

Northeast Barbecue Society 2020 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. The TOY program awards points for eligible BBQ Competitions within the Northeast region which includes the following states: ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, NH and PA. Eligibility criteria are outlined below for each TOY category. 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 registering for Team of the Year and at the end of the year. The NEBS membership renewal system automatically backdates renewals to the prior membership expiration date, so any chief cook that is current at the end of the year is considered to be a paid member for each contest.**

Any scores accumulated while the listed chief cook is not a NEBS 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 **each year** for the team scores to be included in any of the 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. The registration link can be found at <https://www.nebs.org/toy>

Registration deadline is **June 30th, 2020**.

Any team competing in its first competition of the season after that day may register, up to 24 hours after its first competition in order to have scores count. Registration and Membership Status are sole responsibility of the chief cook.

Start of the 2018 TOY Season: January 1, **2020**.

End of the 2018 TOY Season: December 31, **2020**.

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 2019 NEBS Annual Meeting.

Classic TOY (KCBS)

The Empire State BBQ Championship scoring system formula will be used for the 2018 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-listed two or four category** competitions. **For 2020, this includes both traditional NEBS grilling contests and Tailgate contests.** These contests can be sanctioned either by NEBS or by KCBS. **KCBS sanctioned ancillary contests only count when the organization has registered those events as NEBS contests and NEBS has approved them. All NEBS listed contests will appear on the NEBS web site.** The Ken Dakai Cup will use the top three (3) 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 rookie team may not have participated in more than two (2) NEBS Classic or KCBS Master Series competitions in any substantial role as a competitor in any prior year. The NEBS TOY Committee will determine whether a role on another team was a substantial role. 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.

ELIGIBLE CONTESTS

Contests must meet eligibility requirements. Eligibility requirements vary slightly by contest type, but must occur in New England, New York, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania.

Classic Contest (KCBS four meat)

- Must be a KCBS Master Series sanctioned contest in consisting of Chicken, Pork Ribs, Pork Shoulder, 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
- For teams in the Rookie TOY race, points are drawn from Overall results only

Ken Dakai Cup Contest (**two and** four category **including Tailgate**)

- Must be a NEBS listed contest
- No minimum number of teams required
- The NEBS entries must follow the NEBS BBQ/Grilling Rules
- Points are drawn from Overall results only
- The contest cook's packet must be reviewed and approved by the NEBS Board of Directors

RANKINGS & AWARDS

TOY rankings will be posted periodically during the year on www.nebs.org. The final official results will be announced at the annual meeting. All TOY awards will be at the NEBS Annual Meeting **in January**.

QUESTIONS/CONTACT:

Anyone who believes that there may be an error in the interim results should send an email to toy@nebs.org.

Any questions/concerns not addressed by the NEBS TOY rules can be directed to the NEBS Board of Directors. The NEBS board will consult with the TOY committee, and, if needed, vote on an outcome.