

Championship Points System

Southern BBQ Network

SBN Team of the Year Championship Points System

Championship Points System Overview

The SBN Awards Program recognizes those teams that most actively participate in the Southern Barbecue Network sanctioned contests. The Championship points system is used for two purposes:

- 1) The team that wins the most points during our year receives the *SBN Team of the Year*. All SBN competitors' points are kept current throughout the year.
- 2) Selecting teams to participate in our SBN Team of the Year Event.

SBN will designate one event at the end of our fiscal year as the Championship event. Cook Teams secure invitations in two ways:

- 1) Winners of any Grand Championship (GC) award at any SBN sanctioned events held during our fiscal year (August 1st to July 31st). There is a position at the invitational for each of the winners of our sanctioned qualifying contests in the year. So, if we have 20 sanctioned "open" contests then there will be 20 spaces for the invitational.
- 2) If a winner of a Grand Champion (GC) award has previously earned an invitation to the Championship, the invitation will be extended to the Reserve Grand Champion (RGC) of that event. If both the GC and RGC have already accepted awards during the year, invitations will be given to cook teams based on the point leaders for that event. This will only be done for the top four teams at the event. If all four teams have already accepted an invitation, then no other invitations will be given at the event.

Eligibility to Receive Championship Points

To be eligible to receive SBN Championship Points, you must be an Event Contestant at an open SBN sanctioned contest, cooking SBN sanctioned meats:

Event Contestant - An Event Contestant is defined as any individual, or group, hereinafter referred to as a "cook team," which will prepare and/or cook entries, for the purpose of being judged according to SBN rules and regulations, at an SBN sanctioned contest. Each team will be comprised of a Pit Master and team members. Any member of a team, including the Pit Master, may not compete on or with more than one team during the period of the competition.

Eligible Sanctioned Event – SBN must sanction the event for both Championship Points and team participation points to be awarded. To award Grand Champion and Reserve Champion points, the event must require teams to prepare entries from no less than two of the SBN sanctioned designated meat categories: whole hog, pork, beef, or chicken as defined in paragraph 4 of the Southern Barbeque Network Contest Rules.

Exceptions

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- When an event does not award Grand or Reserve Champion or has only one contest meat, Championship Points are awarded only for category standing and Team Participation.
- When a contest has other judged categories, other than the five approved contest meats, Championship Points are awarded only for category standing for SBN approved contest meats and Team Participation only.

Closed Contests - Contests not allowing open cook team registrations will be considered a “closed contest.” Cook teams participating in a closed contest will not receive Championship Points or an invitation to the SBN annual championship contest.

Eligible Sanctioned Meats – SBN defines sanctioned meats as whole hog, pork, ribs, beef, or chicken¹. Any additional categories (such as side dishes, fish, desserts) or an ancillary event organized separate from the sanctioned event would not qualify for SBN Championship Points. This would include Friday night events, Anything Butt, People's Choice, or Kids Q.

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The team with the highest accumulated points in each meat category will be designated as the “category” champion. Teams with the highest average scores are awarded First Place. The team with the next highest average scores receives Second Place.

Cook teams accumulate points in three ways in any given contest:

1. Points Awarded in Each Sanctioned Contest Meat Category¹:

Championship Points Awarded in Each Contest Meat Category			
Finish Position	Championship Points Awarded	Finish Position	Championship Points Awarded
1	250	11	95
2	225	12	90
3	200	13	85
4	175	14	80
5	150	15	75
6	140	16	70
7	130	17	65
8	120	18	60
9	110	19	55
10	100	20	50
		All remaining entries receive 25 points each	

¹ First place through 5th place includes a 25-point differential from 6th through 10th is a 10-point differential; and 11th through 25th is a 5-point differential. For any contest with more than 25 teams, no further differential is applied (e.g., 30th place receives 25 points, just like 25th place).

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2. **Grand Champion (GC) and Reserve Grand Champion (RGC) points:** The top two teams who accumulate the most points across all sanctioned contest meat categories are awarded *Grand Champion* and *Reserve Grand Champion*. The GC is awarded 250 points and the RGC is awarded 225 points.

3. **Team Participation Points:** Teams will receive 0.1 points per number of teams in a contest. For example, a contest with 25 teams, each team will be awarded 2.5 additional points.

Championship Point Scoring Examples

1: For a team who competes in a two-meat contest with 25 teams, who takes 1st place in pork, 3rd place in ribs and 1st place overall will receive a total of 702.5 points (250 for pork, 200 for ribs, 250 for Grand Champion and 2.5 points for the number of teams).

2: A team in a contest with 18 teams and three meats: pork, ribs, and chicken. The team finishes 6th in pork; 1st in ribs; 2nd in chicken and 8th overall. This team receives 616.8 points (140 points for pork, 250 for ribs, and 225 for chicken and 1.8 per the number of teams).

Tie-Breaking Procedures

Ties in meat categories, Grand or Reserve champion are not allowed and are resolved using SBN's "Tie Breaking" process.

If there are ties in any category, (consisting of only the top ten (10) places) Grand, or Reserve Champion the following criteria is to be used to break the tie: 1. The highest tenderness score. 2. The highest taste score. 3. The highest appearance score. Or, 4. A flip of a coin.

Interpretation of Rules and Scoring

SBN's Event Representative is solely responsible for the interpretation of SBN Contest Rules at each contest and their decisions are final. The SBN Event Representative may not deviate from nor change SBN rule for any contest for any reason.

Violation of SBN Contest Rules may result in forfeiture of any event points awarded, pending additional review by the SBN Board of Directors.

Disqualification

The local organizers set rules for their event and for individual behavior, not the SBN. Any cook team who is disqualified by event personnel or the Health Department, for whatever reason, will not be judged by the SBN. And SBN reserves the right to exclude an invitation to a future event.

¹ SBN SANCTIONED MEAT CATEGORIES –

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SBN defines sanctioned Meat categories in paragraph 4 of our Southern Barbeque Network Contest Rules. Sanctioned meat categories include:

Categories of meats sanctioned for judging by SBN are as follows:

- Pork
 - Shoulder, Boston Butt, Picnic, or Whole Shoulder
- Whole Hog
- Pork ribs
 - Loin or Baby Back Ribs, Spareribs, or St. Louis Cut Ribs. Country style ribs are not allowed
- Chicken
 - Cornish, Kosher, Broiler, Fryer, or Free Range ▪ prepared whole, halved, or in pieces
- Beef Brisket
 - Whole brisket, Flat, or Point. Corned beef is not allowed.

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