



## **MN BBQ Society Team of the Year (TOY) – Backyard**

### **Participation and Scoring Rules**

Any team that wants to compete in the MN BBQ Society Backyard Team of the Year program must adhere to these standards of procedure and scoring.

1. All teams competing in the Backyard TOY program must be a MN BBQ Society member in good standing.
2. There is no cost to participate. All members that compete at a qualifying event will automatically be included in the program.
3. Competing teams will cook both Chicken and Pork Ribs (or receive a zero score for that category). Additional categories are allowed but will not count towards the TOY program.
4. Only the scores for Chicken and Ribs will count towards the Overall score. Additional categories will be scored separately and will not have weight in the Overall score.
5. Contests must use either the KCBS Official Scoring system or the MN BBQ Society Official scoring system for their contest.
6. Contests must have available room for at least 15 teams to compete. A minimum of 10 teams must compete at the contest for it to qualify towards the Backyard TOY program.
7. A team's top scores in each category (and Overall) will be used from any contests in the Backyard TOY program toward their TOY rank. These scores are independent of each other and do not have to have occurred at the same contest.
  - If 2 or less TOY contests are offered, the MBS board will vote on if there will be a TOY category that year and if so, the requirements
  - If 3 or 5 TOY contests are offered, the top 3 contest scores will count
  - If 6 or more TOY contests are offered, the top 4 scores will count

8. Points will be given to every team, including last place. Bonus points will be given incrementally based on the number of teams at a given competition, up to 35 bonus points maximum. Below is a summary of the base scoring system for each competition:

1st – 250

2nd – 225

3rd – 200

4th – 175

5th – 150

6th – 140

7th – 130

8th – 120

9th – 110

10th – 100

11th – 95

12th – 90

13th – 85

14th – 80

15th – 75

16th – 70

17th – 65

18th – 60

19th – 55

20th – 50

21st – 45

22nd – 40

23rd – 35

24th – 30

25th and lower – 25

For example, if a team finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place at a competition with a total of 30 teams, that team would be awarded 180 total points towards TOY = 150 base points plus a bonus of 30 based on the amount of teams that competed.

9. In the event of a tie for TOY ranking, the score for a team's fourth contest would be considered the tiebreaker. If a tie continues, the fifth contest would also be factored in, and so on as needed. If a team did not cook a fifth contest, they would not have any points awarded for the tiebreaker.