

Southern Barbecue Network

Championship Points System (CPS)

Background. Competition is the driving force among cook teams and it is necessary to have a method of determining the most successful. SBN first created a points system to qualify cook teams for a “best of the best” contest held annually in Georgia. However, by the time our system was instituted, the Georgia contest was no longer being held, and our system had no ultimate goal other than bragging rights. In 2014, the Town of Moncks Corner approached SBN to hold a contest at the end of the year in which the top twelve teams in SBN points would be invited to compete for a major prize package, and determine the SBN Champion for 2014 and 2015. In 2016, without a sponsor to provide any championship prize, the SBN decided to honor our principal founder, Al Werts, by awarding the Al Werts Trophy to the team that won our points championship for the year. Our 2016 champion was Carter-Que-Ing, with Pitmaster Scott Carter, of Lodge, South Carolina.

Meat Categories. We assign competition points for four categories: pork, ribs, chicken and beef. The form of the meat in a given contest is determined by the contest organizer.. For instance, pork may come in the form of whole hog or butts, beef may be steaks or brisket, etc. Any meat for which the contest organizer offers a prize qualifies for championship points. **Note: Any competition considered a “throw down” where money is collected from the participants and the winner takes all that money does NOT qualify for points.**

Points Accumulation

Points are compiled in three ways in any given contest:

- 1) Points are given according to where a team places in a given category:
 - a. 250 points are given for 1st place in any category for which the contest organizer gives an award, hereafter called "contest meat." Points are scaled down according to the following table:

1 st – 250	11 th – 95	21 st – 45
2 nd – 225	12 th – 90	22 nd – 40
3 rd – 200	13 th – 85	23 rd – 35
4 th – 175	14 th – 80	24 th – 30
5 th – 150	15 th – 75	25 th and below – 25
6 th – 140	16 th – 70	
7 th – 130	17 th – 65	
8 th – 120	18 th – 60	
9 th – 110	19 th – 55	
10 th – 100	20 th – 50	

- b. 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).
- 2) Grand Champion (GC) and Reserve Grand Champion (RGC) points are given for the top two teams who accumulate the most points across all contest meat categories. GC is awarded 250 points and RGC is awarded 225 points.
- 3) Teams will receive points based on 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.
- 4) Example #1: For a team, who competes in a 2-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 (i.e. 250 for pork, 200 for ribs, 250 for Grand Champion and 2.5 points per the number of teams).
- 5) Example #2: A team in a contest with 18 teams and three meats: pork, ribs and chicken. The team finishes 6th in pork; 12th in ribs; and 2nd in chicken and 8th overall. The team will receive 456.8 points (140 points for pork, 90 for ribs, 225 for chicken and 1.8 points per the number of teams).

Contest Schedule 2017

This year's Championship Points Series will commence with The Commissioner's Cup and the Spring Blasts contests on March 24-25, 2017 and will end with the last contest held in 2017.