

BARBECUE COMPETITORS ALLIANCE

Points Chase, Best New Head Cook, and Points Race Rules

The Barbecue Competitors Alliance (BCA) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation that sanctions low-cost smoked meat contests and educates the general public in the art of barbecue. Currently, BCA defines: 1) Traditional Contests and 2) Non-Traditional Contests in its rules. Both types contests are sanctioned by BCA. The only difference between the two types of contests is the allowed heat source. Cooks participating in a Traditional Contest are only allowed to use wood or wood/charcoal products as a heat source for cooking the three or more contested meats. Conversely, cooks participating in a Non-Traditional Contest are allowed to use any legal fuel or energy source including wood, wood/charcoal products, gas, or electric. There are no limitations as to a required number of contested meat categories for a Non-Traditional Contest. All other BCA rules will be followed. BCA has developed the Points Chase and Best New Head Cook programs for participants in Traditional Contests. Cooks in Non-Traditional Contests can participate in a separate Non-Traditional Points Race (NTPR) program. A description of these programs for Traditional and Non-Traditional Contests is given below.

Traditional Contests:

The Points Chase (known as the Chase) and Best New Head Cook (BNHC) programs were created to give cooks an incentive to participate in Traditional Contests. The specific rules for the Chase and Best New Head Cook awards are given below.

1. Any person who is 18 years of age or older that is a cooking member (or member) of BCA can participate in the Chase.
2. A Chase year is defined as the twelve month period between January 1 and December 31. Chase points are earned by the head cook during each Chase year.
3. A head cook is defined as the person who is listed on a registration form as the chief, primary, or principal cook at any qualifying Traditional Contest during a Chase year.
4. A new head cook is defined as someone who has not participated as the chief, primary, or principal cook at any BCA contest in previous years. However, any head cook who has participated in a barbecue contest sanctioned by a Jack Daniels recognized sanctioning body in previous years is not eligible for the Best New Head Cook program.
5. A qualifying Chase contest is a BCA sanctioned Traditional Contest where the basic meats of one half of a whole chicken, pork spare ribs, and beef brisket are contested. Pork is considered by BCA to be a basic meat when its results counts towards the calculation of grand champion. Other meats and/or ancillary categories can be contested, but these results do not count toward the Chase. A qualifying Chase contest must have a minimum of ten (10) registered cooks, which is the minimum number of registered cooks in a BCA sanctioned contest.
6. Cooks earn Chase points by finishing in the top 10 (or 15 for large contests) in the basic contested meat categories described in Rule 5 above in a qualifying BCA contest with less than 50 participants during a Chase year. For contests with 50 or more participants, finishers in the top fifteen earn Chase Points. One Chase point is equal to one grand champion point that is used to

calculate grand champion for any qualifying BCA contest. See BCA rules for a complete description of how grand champion points are calculated for each participating head cook.

7. A maximum of seven qualifying BCA contests will be used for each member head cook to calculate Chase points.
8. The sum of the seven largest grand champion point scores will be used to calculate the number of total Chase points for each member head cook.
9. The member head cook with the largest number of total Chase points at the end of each Chase year as defined above will be considered to be the winner and will be known as the Most Outstanding Cook. The member head cook with the second largest number of Chase points will finish second and so forth until all cooks have been credited for their participation.
10. The member Best New Head Cook for each Chase year is defined as the new head cook from Rule 4 with the largest number of Chase points (as defined in Rule 9). The top finishers among the Chase new head cooks will also be kept.
11. Standings for the Chase and the Best New Head Cook will be posted after every qualifying contest on the BCA website. These standings are listed by member head cook.
12. The winner of the Chase each year will receive the Pelican Cup and other prizes as approved by the BCA Board of Directors. The winner of the Best New Head Cook each year will receive prizes as approved by the BCA Board of Directors. All other finishers in both categories can also receive prizes as approved by the BCA Board of Directors.
13. All winners will be announced at the BCA Annual Meeting at the beginning of the next calendar year.
14. Points earned by a given head cook in the Traditional Contest Chase cannot be used in the Non-Traditional Points Race for the same participant.
15. Sponsorships for the Chase and Best New Head Cook are available to interested parties. Contact BCA for additional information.
16. Changes to these rules can be made by the BCA Board of Directors when required.
17. Decisions on all issues relating to the Chase and the Best New Head Cook are made by the BCA Board of Directors and are considered final. BCA reserves the right to terminate these programs at any time for any reason.
18. A specialized procedure will be used in the case where two or more persons are tied for Most Outstanding Cook or Best New Head Cook (first place winner for each award) in any calendar year. For all tied cooks, a scoring ratio will be calculated from the sum of all earned grand champion point scores divided by the number of BCA sanctioned contests they participated in for that calendar year. The winner of the Most Outstanding Cook or Best New Head Cook will be the member with the largest scoring ratio, calculated to three decimal places. All acceptable mathematical rounding rules will be used in these calculations. As an example, two cooks are tied for the Most Outstanding Cook for a given calendar year. The first cook earned a total of 147

grand champion points while participating in seven contests. This first cook would have a scoring ratio for that year of $147/7 = 21.000$. Assume a second cook who was tied with 147 points for their top seven scores actually cooked in nine contests. Let's say this second cook actually has 162 points over those nine contests for a scoring ratio of $162/9 = 18.000$. The first cook would break the tie with the ratio and would be declared the Most Outstanding Cook. If a tie remains after this calculation is made, then the cook with the most number of points in brisket, then pork ribs, and then chicken will be used to break the tie.

Non-Traditional Contests:

The Non-Traditional Points Race (NTPR - known as the Race) program was created to give cooks an incentive to participate in Non-Traditional Contests. The specific rules for the NTPR are given below.

1. Any person who is 18 years of age or older that is a cooking member (or member) of BCA can participate in the NTPR.
2. A NTPR year is defined as the twelve month period between January 1 and December 31. NTPR points are earned by the head cook during each NTPR year.
3. A head cook is defined as the person who is listed on a registration form as the chief, primary, or principal cook at any qualifying Non-Traditional Contest during a NTPR year.
4. A qualifying NTPR contest is a BCA sanctioned Non-Traditional Contest where at least one of the basic BCA meats of one half of a whole chicken, pork spare ribs, or beef brisket are contested. Pork is considered by BCA to be a basic meat when its results counts towards the calculation of best overall cook or grand champion. Only points earned in any of the basic meats will count toward the NTPR. Other meats and/or ancillary categories can be contested, but these results do not count toward the NTPR. A qualifying NTPR contest must have a minimum of ten (10) registered cooks, which is the minimum number of registered cooks in a BCA sanctioned contest.
5. Cooks earn NTPR points by finishing in the top ten in the basic contested meat categories described in Rule 4 above in a qualifying non-traditional contest with less than 50 participants during a NTPR year. For contests with 50 or more participants, finishers in the top fifteen earn NTPR points. One NTPR point is equal to one grand champion point that is used to calculate best grand champion for any NTPR contest. See BCA rules for a complete description of how grand champion points are calculated for each participating head cook.
6. A maximum of seven qualifying NTPR contests will be used for each member head cook to calculate NTPR points.
7. The sum of the seven largest point scores will be used to calculate the number of total NTPR points for each member head cook.
8. The member head cook with the largest number of total NTPR points at the end of each NTPR year as defined above will be considered to be the winner of the NTPR. The member head cook with the second largest number of NTPR points will finish second and so forth until all cooks have been credited for their participation.

9. Standings for the NTPR will be posted after every qualifying contest on the BCA website. These standings are listed by member head cook.
10. The winner of the NTPR each year will receive prizes as approved by the BCA Board of Directors. All other finishers in the NTPR can also receive prizes as approved by the BCA Board of Directors.
11. All winners will be announced at the BCA Annual Meeting at the beginning of the next calendar year.
12. Points earned in the NTPR for any participant cannot be used in the Traditional Contest Chase.
13. It is possible that member head cooks can have points in both the standard Traditional Contest Chase as well as the NTPR for any given calendar year. No restrictions will be made to limit the accumulation of points by member cooks in either the regular Chase or to the NTPR.
14. Sponsorships for the NTPR are available to interested parties. Contact BCA for additional information.
15. Changes to these rules can be made by the BCA Board of Directors when required.
16. Decisions on all issues relating to the NTPR are made by the BCA Board of Directors and are considered final. BCA reserves the right to terminate these programs at any time for any reason.
17. A specialized procedure will be used in the case where two or more persons are tied for the winner of the NTPR in any calendar year. For all tied cooks, a scoring ratio will be calculated from the sum of all earned grand champion point scores divided by the number of BCA sanctioned contests they participated in for that calendar year. The winner of the NTPR will be the member with the largest scoring ratio, calculated to three decimal places. All acceptable mathematical rounding rules will be used in these calculations. As an example, two cooks are tied for the winner of the NTPR in a given calendar year. The first cook earned a total of 147 grand champion points while participating in seven contests. This first cook would have a scoring ratio for that year of $147/7 = 21.000$. Assume a second cook who was tied with 147 points for their top seven scores actually cooked in nine contests. Let's say this second cook actually has earned 162 points over those nine contests for a scoring ratio of $162/9 = 18.000$. The first cook would break the tie with the largest ratio and would be declared the winner of the NTPR. If a tie remains after this calculation is made, then a coin toss will be used to break the tie.