



What is the Georgia BBQ Championship?

The Georgia BBQ Championship (GBC) is the original state points race for Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) sanctioned barbecue contests in Georgia.

Each year the GBC endorses a series of contests that meet our standards for excellence. GBC member contests are expected to deliver the best of Georgia barbecue for all who attend - cooks, judges and the general public. In return, the GBC provides a competition benchmark for teams to measure themselves by recognizing the achievements of cook teams at the state level. Cook teams benefit through earning bragging rights and cash prizes. Event organizers benefit by having more teams sign up for their contests because they are a GBC points event, and the local community benefits through the feed the hungry programs GBC makes available to member events. Finally, our sponsors benefit from inclusion in the GBC's promotion in print ads, our Website, social media outlets and in person at the annual awards banquet held at Brasstown Valley Resort.

A brief history of the GBC

In 2005 there were two KCBS sanctioned events in Georgia, forcing teams to travel long distances to contests in neighboring states to pursue their craft. Driven by a desire to have more chances to compete closer to home, some cooks began to become event organizers themselves. These new organizers quickly turned to each other for help and advice. With KCBS so far away, organizers leaned heavily on this local network, and the shared experience it offered. As the number of Georgia contests grew, there came a new challenge – attracting enough teams to fill the new contests.

In 2010, the Georgia BBQ Championship was established as a corporation. The GBC's purpose was to encourage teams to focus on cooking KCBS events in Georgia by creating a new State Championship series. The GBC would determine the best BBQ team each year by tracking their performance at cook-offs statewide. The GBC awarded custom art trophies and cash prizes at an awards banquet, where cooks, judges, organizers and sponsors alike all came together for a weekend of relaxation and enrichment.

In 2015 the GBC completed filing for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. This important move opens new avenues for sponsorship for the organization, and gives organizers more resources to participate in the fight against hunger in their local community through GBC's partnership with other charities.

The future of the GBC

Looking forward, the Georgia BBQ Championship is strongly positioned to continue our role of leadership in the competitive barbecue community here in Georgia. We will continue to focus on maintaining a strong network of quality BBQ events that will endure for all to enjoy both today and tomorrow.

At the same time, the GBC will be expanding our efforts to build partnerships with homeless shelters and food banks that service the communities of our member contests. Our goal is to offer specific programs to organizers that they can implement so that each GBC event can participate in the efforts to feed the hungry in their local community.

Learn more

Detailed information about the Georgia Barbecue Championship, including current team standings, sponsors and our event calendar can be found at our Website at www.GeorgiaBBQChampionship.com

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