



## PNWBA JUDGING LEVELS AND POINTS PROGRAM

As a PNWBA Certified BBQ Judge, your experience gained at events is reflected in the ranking shown on your CBJ badge. Fresh from a judging class, you receive your badge with the label of “NOOB” (for Newbie). To move to the higher levels, you collect judging points, which are earned by signing up and sitting as a judge at events. Since help is always needed to keep events running smoothly, some points can also be earned by lending a hand at a contest. However, the majority of points must be earned by actually judging at events. The Judging Levels and their requirements are detailed at the right.

For Noobs, the next judge level (“Junior”) is reached by earning 5 judging points. After accruing the 5 points, you move to the “Junior” ranking and receive a new badge reflecting your advanced status. You can earn 1 of these 5 points by volunteering to help at an event. Advancing to the subsequent levels works the same way. It requires 15 more points to achieve the “Senior” ranking (maximum three volunteer points) and another 20 points to become an “Expert” (maximum four volunteer points). Advancements in rankings come with updated judge badges.

For those wishing to demonstrate their degree of commitment to barbecue, we now offer the highest rank possible for a seated judge - “Master” Judge. An Expert Judge achieves this special status by both becoming a Certified Table Captain and by spending a day at a PNWBA event shadowing a competition team.

**To qualify for earning these points and ranks, your PNWBA membership must be current at the time of each event.** Your points are tracked on a Judges Record card which you bring to the contest and present to the Head Judge; the HJ initials the entry and specifies the points you earned that day.

When you have amassed sufficient points to move to the next level, put your Judge Record Card into an envelope (along with your current mailing address) and send it to:

Pacific Northwest BBQ Association  
23632 Hwy 99 Ste F427  
Edmonds, WA 98026-9205

Your updated badge with your new ranking will be generated and mailed to you.

PNWBA JUDGING POINTS	AREA OF SERVICE	TASK	POINTS EARNED
	<b>SEATED JUDGE</b>	Traditional 4-Meat Contest	1.0
		Lite Cook 4-Meat Contest	1.0
		Special Categories Competition	0.5 – for 1 or 2 categories 1.0 – for 3 or 4 categories
		Cooking Class Student Competition	0.5
	<b>HELPING AT COMPETITION</b> (as determined by event HJ)	Table Captain	1.0
		Food Wrangler	0.5
		Comment Card Coordinator	0.5
		Take-In / Computer Help / Go-Fer	0.5
		Certified Second	1.0
	<b>HELPING AT JUDGING CLASS</b>	Table Captain	1.0
		Take-In / Computer Help / Go-Fer	0.5
		Sample Meat / Box Prep	0.5

## PNWBA JUDGE LEVELS

### RANKINGS & REQUIREMENTS

#### “NOOB” JUDGE

Requirements: Take PNWBA judging class  
Accrual of 0 to 4.5 points  
(maximum of 1 point earned as volunteer)

#### JUNIOR JUDGE

Requirements: Take PNWBA judging class  
Accrual of 5 to 19.5 points  
(maximum of 3 points earned as volunteer)

#### SENIOR JUDGE

Requirements: Take PNWBA judging class  
Accrual of 20 to 39.5 points  
(maximum of 4 points earned as volunteer)

#### EXPERT JUDGE

Requirements: Take PNWBA judging class  
Accrual of 40+ points

#### MASTER JUDGE

Requirements: Take PNWBA judging class  
Accrual of 40+ points  
Cooking Team Shadow  
Certified Table Captain

### ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

#### COOKING TEAM SHADOW

Requirements: Take PNWBA judging class  
Minimum rank of Junior Judge  
(Program details TBA)

#### CERTIFIED TABLE CAPTAIN

(Person does not need to be CBJ)  
Complete training for Certified Table Captain  
Serve as Table Captain at event; evaluated by HJ  
(Program details TBA)