



2025 Newberry Pork in the Park Cooker's Packet

The 17th Annual Newberry Pork in the Park Barbecue competition.
April 25 & 26, 2025, in Downtown Newberry.

Awards

Prizes for Each of our 3 Categories

3rd \$150 & Trophy

2nd \$250 & Trophy

1st \$400 & Trophy

Grand Champion-\$600 & Trophy

Reserve Grand Champion-Trophy

TIMELINE

**Registration Application Deadline: March 31, 2025 or Until Spaces are Filled
Upon receipt of the application notification of acceptance will be given.**

CHECK-IN & MEAT INSPECTION: Friday, April 25, 2025, from 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm. Teams will be allowed to set up immediately after their meat inspection. Meat Inspection will occur at your booth location upon arrival (see SBN rules about unseasoned meat before arrival).

Cooks Meeting: Friday, April 25, 2025, 4:00 pm (Memorial Park)

Saturday, April 26, 2025, Turn-in Times:

THESE ARE NOT THE SAME TIMES AS SUGGESTED IN THE SBN RULEBOOK!!

Boston Butt 10:00 AM (9:55-10:05am)

Pork Ribs 11:00 AM (10:55-11:05am)

Chicken 12:00 PM (11:55 am-12:05 pm)

Awards will be announced from the Stage in Memorial Park at approximately 3:00 PM.

PORK IN THE PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS:

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SPACE

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Pork in the Park is a competitive BBQ event sanctioned by SBN (Southern BBQ Network) Rules can be found on the SBN website(www.sbbqn.com). Follow their rules.
2. Booth spaces will be sold to competitors and vending is encouraged with proper preparation & documentation.
3. Meat Categories: 3 Total Boston Butt, Pork Ribs, and Chicken. All meat must fit the criteria found in the SBN contest rules. Teams are responsible for providing all competition meats. NO MEAT will be provided by the event.
4. To win Grand Champion, teams must compete in all 3 categories. All competitors must **FOLLOW SBN RULES AND REGULATIONS**. These can be found on the SBN Website at www.sbbqn.com.
5. Teams must check in and have meat inspected during designated check-in/inspection time. All meat must arrive at inspection unseasoned, however, pre-trimmed meat will be allowed.
6. Teams must comply with the City's quiet hours ordinance from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am. The use of radios or amplifying equipment will not be allowed during quiet hours.
7. All vehicles, including competitor's vehicles, must be out of the event area by 7 am on Saturday morning or they will be towed. The only time vehicles can return to the event area will be after 3:30 pm that same day. If your vehicle is a part of your cooking setup, you must receive written permission from the event organizer to have the vehicle in the area. Additionally, said vehicle MUST be parked within your cook space, you are not allowed to park on any side streets within the event area!
8. The event reserves the right to reject applications that do not meet the standard qualifications. Our goal is to provide a quality experience for the cooker, vendor, and patrons. Rejected applications will be returned with payment.
9. Teams may not exceed their marked boundaries. Your team location will be assigned for your convenience. Refusal to set up in the assigned space will result in your team being disqualified from the contest without a refund of the competition fee.
10. No cooking space or device shall be shared. All supplies used shall remain within the team cooking space. All seasoning and cooking of products (competition meat and meat to be sold) must remain in the boundaries of the cooking space. Once a team has checked their meat in, the meat must remain in the assigned cooking space until turn-in time. **All participants must have a fire extinguisher (minimum requirement: 10-pound A-B-C extinguisher). The Fire Department will be checking each team for fire extinguishers.**
11. NO campers/camping tents are allowed in the event area to comply with city ordinances.
12. Contestants are responsible for keeping cooking spaces clean at all times. All **trash produced by your booth** should be placed in the assigned large dumpster located on McKibben Street. **"DO NOT"** move event **"roll carts"** to your booth location for your personal use you MUST use the large dumpster for all trash.
13. Violation of any of the above rules will result in disqualification from the competition without a refund of any fees.
14. There will be a designated point for you to dispose of hot ash at the event, however, we do not have grease/gray water disposal. Please plan to bring containers to properly dispose of your grease/gray water after the event. You can put filled containers in the dumpster provided. No cooking with open flames under tents! Outdoor grilling must conform to local fire codes.
15. There will be community-designated water supply points during the event.
16. The event will not provide tents, sandbags, tables, chairs, or tubs.

Vendor Rules and Regulations

1. You must vend Saturday during the event. Vending opportunities are also available on Friday evening.
2. Food Vending: Teams should provide visual menus for patrons on the day of the event.
3. Vending teams at the Newberry Pork in Park must have their insurance company submit a **CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE** listing the City of Newberry as additional insured before the registration deadline. Please see the example to ensure you are submitting the correct form. Your insurance provider should be able to send this information to us on your behalf. Please have them contact us at 803-321-1015, email dmoore@cityofnewberry.com, or mail to the City of Newberry PRT, P.O. BOX 538, Newberry, SC 29108.
4. No changes can be made to the vending status after the application deadline.
5. No vending equipment will be supplied.
6. Vending teams will only be allowed to sell during festival hours:
 - a. Friday, April 25, 5 pm to 9 pm (No Competition Friday).
 - b. Saturday, April 26, 11 am to 3:30 pm (COMPETITION DAY)
7. Each VENDOR will be limited to ONE 20-amp service with two outlet plug-ins. All outlets are of GFCI type. Should your food truck require a generator, please plan accordingly. Please work to supply a quiet generator where possible!
8. ***All Food Vendors must have a fire extinguisher (minimum requirement: 10-pound A-B-C extinguisher). The Fire Department will be checking each team for fire extinguishers.***
9. All Food Vendors are required to comply with SC DHEC Regulation 61-25, Retail Food Establishments. SCDHEC guidelines for food service at special events at the following web link. Go to www.scdhec.gov/food and click on Regulation 61-25. Be sure to look at Chapter 9 (specifically 9-9) for event-specific information. Also, look through their fact sheets listed on www.scdhec.gov/food for great food safety information.
10. **No cooking over open flames under tents!**
11. ***Fryers must be secured and leveled within the cooking space to avoid tipping/spilling. LARGE VAT FRYERS ARE PROHIBITED. Contact the event organizer with any questions.***
12. **Violations of cooking, trash, and fire prevention policies will result in the exclusion from future events and vendors will be asked to leave- no refunds!**
13. All meats must possess USDA or state DA inspection certification.
14. **TAXES & LICENSE:** Vendors are responsible for collecting and reporting SC sales tax as required by law. Vendors are also required to hold a state Business License. Although you do not have to present a copy to the event organizer, please be sure to have a copy of your license with you at the event should a SCDOR representative be present.
15. Violations of Rules and Regulations may result in exclusion from future City of Newberry events and vendors may be asked to leave the event- no refunds!

Please keep this page for your records

Registration Application Deadline is March 31, 2025

NO TEAM

WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE COMPLETED COMPETITOR'S APPLICATION & FEE.

Approved competitors will be mailed a welcome packet including a map with their booth location, parking pass, and vendor guidelines before the event.

Check-In and Meat Inspection: FRIDAY, April 24, 2 PM-4 PM

**Break Down: SATURDAY, April 25, 3:15 PM- 4 PM

Vendors are asked to remain open until the official breakdown time.
or be subject to application rejection for future City of Newberry Events.

- NO Refunds Given to approved competitors after the registration application deadline of March 31, 2025, •

WEATHER STATEMENT:

- Any adjustments to the event schedule due to the weather will be decided by 5 pm on Thursday before the event.
- If sustained winds of 20 MPH or more are forecasted or occur on the day of the event all vendors will be required to remove their tents.
- Any cancellations or changes to the event schedule will be posted at www.newberryporkinthepark.com.
- Competition is rain or shine.
- Entry fees can be refunded or credited to the 2026 Pork in the Park event if the event is canceled due to weather.



NEWBERRY PORK IN THE PARK COMPETITOR'S APPLICATION

Sanctioned by the Southern Barbecue Network

Application deadline is March 31, 2025, at 5 pm.

EVENT: April 25 & 26, 2025 FRIDAY HOURS: 5 PM-9 PM SATURDAY HOURS: 11 AM-3:30 PM

BBQ Team Name _____

Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____ PO Box # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Primary e-mail _____ Website/Facebook Page _____

COMPETITION

APPLICANTS MUST COMPETE IN AT LEAST 1 CATEGORY

Note to win Grand Champion teams MUST compete in all 3 categories

(Please Check the Category/Categories you will compete in)

Boston Butt Chicken Ribs

*SET UP

All teams must submit a picture of their set-up. This includes enclosed trailers, open trailers, tents, grills, smokers, and fryers.

*Does your setup include an enclosed trailer? Yes No Size of the enclosed trailer including tongue _____

*Does your setup include an open trailer: Yes No Size of open trailer including tongue _____

*COMPETING & VENDING TEAMS

Teams Competing and vending will be provided with one 20-amp service GFCI outlet with two plug-ins and water access.

Selling opportunities: Friday, April 25, 5 pm to 9 pm (No competition)

Saturday, April 26, 11 am to 3:30 pm (Competition Day)

Will you be selling on Friday? YES NO

What side of your trailer do you vend from? Driver's side or Passenger Side (Circle One)

I have read, understand, and will follow the SCDHEC Guidelines in Regulation 61-25

My insurer has sent a copy of the Certificate of Liability Insurance.

REGISTRATION FEES Please mark below the space size you are applying for.

Payment options	
➔	I wish to apply for a \$150 15x30 foot booth space _____
➔	I wish to apply for a \$225 15x50 foot booth space _____
For alternate payment methods or questions please call 803-321-3684	
FEES ENCLOSED	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> CASH	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK

Preferred Arrival Time: Please Pick One	
Time Wave 1: 12:15-12:45	_____
Time Wave 2: 12:45-1:15	_____
Time Wave 3: 1:15-Later	_____

Registration fees must be paid in full at the time of application. Application without fee will not be accepted.

Teams are responsible for complying with all contest rules, regulations, and DHEC guidelines. Failure to comply will forfeit the competition and fees collected.

GENERAL RELEASE

The undersigned does hereby release, acquit, and forever discharge the City of Newberry, its agents, its representatives, its employees, or contracted staff, of and from all manner of actions, suits, damages, claims, or demands whatsoever in law or equity from any loss or damage of any nature of description, known or unknown, in any way relating to the undersigned participation in the City of Newberry events. I acknowledge that I have read all event policies and agree to adhere to them.

➔ Signature _____ Date _____

➔ Please print the name clearly _____

City of Newberry Parks, Recreation, and Tourism: (803) 321-1015

*Please mail your application and check made payable to: **City of Newberry, P.O. Box 538, Newberry, SC 29108***