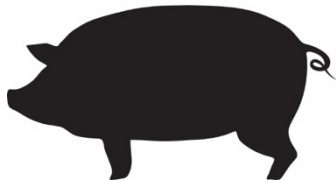


# SOOIE. 2020 Rules/Policies



## REGISTRATION

Registration Forms will be available on the SC BBQ Association website, the official Mauldin BBQ Cook-Off website, by mail or in person. All registration should be sent directly to the City of Mauldin.

Thirty (30) slots will be available for this year's event. Additional slots may be added this year at the sole discretion of the Event Coordinators. Registration is based on receipt of registration forms AND full payment. Registration will be open from April 1 through April 30, 2020. Teams may not be notified of receipt, but all Teams will be notified of acceptance or denial on May 10, 2020. A wait list will be held at the City of Mauldin.

The \$125 Registration Fee (*does not include rib buy-in this year\**) is REQUIRED for all Cookers. The Fee is non-refundable for accepted Teams. The City of Mauldin reserves the right to reject any registration. If for some reason your registration is denied, you will receive a full refund. If for some reason you must cancel after your registration has been received, approved and processed, you will be issued a refund if and only if the Event Coordinators can fill the empty spot with another Cooker.

Email will be the primary method of communication between the City of Mauldin and Chief Cooks. The Event Coordinators will only send communications to each Team's Chief Cook. It is the Chief Cook's responsibility to notify the other team members of any updates.

*\*Cookers are welcome to organize their own buy-in this year.*

## LAYOUT

The festival is held at the Mauldin Cultural Center's outdoor amphitheater located at 101 East Butler Road, Mauldin, SC 29662.

Team placement will be based on space requirements and arrival times. **Reserved or requested spaces are NOT allowed.** Only 10'x30' or 10'x40' slots are available. Slots are meant for cooking area only. If a Team requires additional space, they should contact the Event Coordinators, who will attempt to accommodate all needs. Motorhomes are permitted – be sure to mark that your Team has a motorhome on your Registration Form, or contact the City of Mauldin.

Power is provided. It is recommended that each Team bring at least one 50' extension cord to hook up to power supply. Power cords will not be provided to Teams. Water will be provided and made accessible to each cooker station; Teams are required to bring additional hose lengths to make hook-ups easier. All internal power needs will be inspected by the City of Mauldin as Teams arrive. It is the responsibility of each Team to ensure their internal power needs are up to proper service codes. The City will monitor needs of power and water, but will not be held responsible for faulty equipment, wiring, or misuse by BBQ Teams.

Each team is REQUIRED to carry at least one (1) fire extinguisher.

## JUDGING

All rules and regulations stipulated by the SC BBQ Association should be followed for food preparation and judging.

For more information regarding Judging, please see the SC BBQ Association's website (<https://sctbarbeque.com/>).

## ANYTHING BUTT COMPETITION

Friday's "Anything Butt" Competition is meant to highlight each Team's ability to grill items other than pulled pork. Teams are welcome to prepare any dish they choose, as long as it does not include any BBQ meat (pulled pork). Chicken, brisket, vegetables, seafood, dessert items, etc. are all welcome. This is a Team's chance to be creative. Judging will be divided into the categories, "Sweet" and "Savory."

**All Teams participating in the festival are required to participate in the Anything Butt Competition. Food prepared for the judge must also be prepared for festival attendees to purchase. We anticipate an attendance of 1,500 guests on Friday night and the amount of food prepared by the Teams should accommodate these guests.**

All food must be provided by the Team. The City of Mauldin will not provide any financial support or volunteer support for the food prepared for Anything Butt.

Teams will retain 100% of the proceeds they collect for their dishes. Teams set their own price per serving (recommended \$2 - \$5 based on serving size).

Additional material will be provided to Teams prior to the event.

## MEAT QUANTITIES

The City of Mauldin will provide meat for Saturday's cook-off only. Each cooker will be required to prepare ten (10) butts.

## RIB AND BRISKET BUY-IN

This year the City of Mauldin is not hosting a rib or brisket buy-in. Cookers are welcome to submit ribs and/or brisket for official judging by the SC BBQ Association, but those doing so must provide their own ribs and/or brisket. Cookers may also organize their own rib or brisket buy-in.

Any remaining ribs and brisket may be given to attendees, but not sold. Cookers should not handle cash at any point during the Soovie BBQ Cook-off AND any tickets given to a Team for the sale of their ribs or brisket will not be redeemed for cash from the City of Mauldin (*see TICKETING below*).

## TICKETING

The City of Mauldin will manage all finances for this event. The City will collect all cash from attendees and provide tickets to be used as "event currency" on Friday (each ticket has a value of \$1) and Tasting Passes on Saturday.

"Anything Butt" tickets will be collected by each Team on Friday, turned in to the City and exchanged for true cash value. Teams should accept Tasting Passes *only* on Saturday (not tickets).

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All proceeds not claimed by Teams for Anything Butt, any additional revenue from Anything Butt, and all revenues from Saturday's public tastings will remain with the City of Mauldin.

Teams should not handle cash at any point during the event. Teams are not allowed to offer direct cash sales to attendees.

Each Team will have at least one event volunteer to assist them in serving the general public for Saturday's Cook-Off.

All teams must cook and serve the meat provided to them for Saturday's Cook-Off.

## **VENUE RULES**

Please discard of all waste in waste baskets and/or trash bags. Dish water should be disposed of away from City grounds or in the grassy area at the full close of the festival — not on the concrete or pavement.

During regular event hours and after hours, Teams may use restrooms located in the park pavilion along City Center Drive or portable restrooms located around the event area.

Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. – 7 a.m. Please be respectful of neighboring teams and residents located around the event grounds. Residential neighborhoods are located at the rear of the grounds.

Mauldin Police have jurisdiction over event grounds and any persons using those grounds.

Cookers must adhere to any and all additional policies set forth in the “Cooker Packet” which is sent to each registered Team the week before the event date.

Arrival Time is between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, September 18. Please honor these time frames due to local traffic patterns and site readiness. If you would like to arrive Thursday, September 17 in the evening, please contact Mary Jane Parks (864.335.4864).