



## Fort Bend County Fair Mutton Bustin' 2024 Rules & Information

The 2024 Fort Bend County Fair Mutton Bustin' Competition takes place *before* Rodeo performances scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. One additional competition will take place Saturday Sept 28 at 1:30 pm, open to the first 100 riders that register. Contestants must arrive by 12:30 on that day.

- 40** riders will compete before the performance Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>
- 100** riders will compete Saturday afternoon starting at **1:30 Sept 28**
- 40** riders will compete before the performance Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>
- 10** riders will compete before the performance Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>
- 10** riders will compete before the performance Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Mutton Bustin' Contestants must arrive and check-in by 6:30 p.m. before Rodeo performances on Fridays & Saturdays. The Saturday matinee competition contestants need to check in by 12:30 pm at the rodeo arena.** At the time of check-in, Mutton Bustin' Committee Members will let you know when your child is expected to line up.

**PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE ARENA AND/OR NEAR THE CHUTES AT ANY TIME DURING THE MUTTON BUSTIN' COMPETITION.**

To be eligible to compete in the Mutton Bustin' Competition, Contestants must weigh **55 lbs. or less (fully clothed)** and be between **4 and 7 years of age as of September 27, 2023**. Weight and age limits will be strictly enforced. Contestants may be weighed at check in. Contestants are required to wear the safety equipment provided by the Fort Bend County Fair. No outside spurs, safety vests or safety helmets will be permitted. Long pants and closed toe shoes are required.

Parent/Legal Guardians must sign the attached Release of Liability. The Entry Form, Entry Fee and Release of Liability must be **turned in online ONLY**. There is a \$40 entry fee (NO REFUNDS) for each Mutton Bustin' Contestant. No Mutton Bustin' entries will be accepted without all of the above and forms must be complete.

**Mutton Bustin' online entries will be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, and will close after 200 entries are received.** Absolutely NO entries will be accepted prior to 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. Any entries received after 200 slots are filled will be placed on a waiting list.

Prior to the event, a Mutton Bustin' Committee Member will contact you to let you know what date and time your child is scheduled to compete along with check-in time, etc.

Mutton Bustin' is a judged event. Each Contestant will receive points based on the length of time of his/her ride. The Mutton Bustin' judge's decision is final. In case of a tie where one or more Contestants score the same number of points, a coin toss will decide the winner.

A Grand Champion buckle will be awarded to the Contestant with the highest score on each night of Mutton Bustin', with prizes for each Contestant in each round.

For additional information, please contact the **Fort Bend County Fair Office at 281-342-6171 or [rodeo@fbcfa.org](mailto:rodeo@fbcfa.org).**