2027 Official Rules of Participation

The Justin® Boots Mutton Bustin' and related activities (collectively, the "**Event**") are organized and conducted by Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, d/b/a Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo ("**SWELS**"), located at 3400 Burnett Tandy Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107. The Event is officially sponsored by Justin Brands, Inc. d/b/a Justin Boots, located at 610 West Daggett Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76104. These Official Rules of Participation ("**Official Rules**") govern entry into and participation in the Event. By applying for entry into the Event, each applicant and his/her parent/legal guardian agrees to abide by and be bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of SWELS, which are final and binding in all matters relating to this Event.

Eligibility: Participation in the Event is only open to children ages 5 - 7 years of age and 55 pounds or under while fully clothed on the date of the relevant Event Performance (each "**Applicant**"). An Applicant will only be considered eligible for entry into the Event if SWELS timely receives (i) a completed, signed application located at http://www.fwssr.com/muttonbustin ("**Application**") and (ii) the Application Fee (defined below). The Application and Application Fee will only be accepted through the online Application form located at fwssr.com/muttonbustin between August 10th - December 1st ("**Submission Period**") to be eligible for entry; submissions will not be accepted outside of the Submission Period. If participant is not 5 - 7 years of age at the time of registration, they must meet the minimum age requirement by the end of the submission period (December 1st). If the maximum number of Applications (216 total available) is reached prior to December 1st, the online Application process will be closed, and no additional applications will be accepted. Applications must be submitted online via http://www.fwssr.com/muttonbustin; Applications will not be accepted via mail, email, fax, or telephone. Limit one (1) Application per Applicant for each annual Event. Applications will not be accepted unless they are signed by the Applicant's parent or legal guardian. **IMPORTANT**: Timely submission of an Application and the Application Fee will not guarantee an Applicant's entry into the Event or a particular Event Performance (defined below). Eligibility is subject to verification by SWELS. All selected applicants will be required to provide an official birth certificate and will be weighed prior to the performance. On the day of performance, if the contestant does not meet the eligibility requirements, the applicant will be disqualified and will not be allowed to perform. No exceptions.

Application Fee: Each Applicant must pay an application fee of $400.00 (USD) ("**Application Fee**"). In addition to entry into the applicable Event Performance, the Application Fee pays for four (4) tickets to include the contestant, and two legal guardians designated seats in the Event arena on the night of Contestant's Event Performance. If an Applicant is not selected, the Application Fee submitted on the Applicant's behalf will be refunded; however, the refund will be issued **NO EARLIER than December 15th**. If Applicant is selected as a potential contestant for the Event and Applicant accepts a spot in the Event Performances, the Application Fee becomes non-refundable.

Event Dates & Times: The Event will be held only on the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo nights listed below (each an "**Event Performance**"):

Ariat Arena Events

- Best of the West Ranch Rodeo, January 15 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- Best of the West Ranch Rodeo, January 16 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- Best of Mexico Celebracion, January 17 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- Cowboys of Color Rodeo, January 18 – begins at 2:00 p.m. (12 spots available)
- Bulls' Night Out, January 19 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- Bulls' Night Out, January 20 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Rookie Rally, January 21 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, January 24 – begins at 2:00 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, January 25 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, January 26 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, January 27 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, January 28 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, January 30 – begins at 11:00 a.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, January 31 – begins at 2:00 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, February 1 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, February 2 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, February 3 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)
- FWSSR PRORODEO Tournament, February 4 – begins at 7:30 p.m. (12 spots available)

Selection of Contestants: Subject to final verification by SWELS, SWELS will select Applicants on a "first come, first served" basis to participate in the Event (each a "**Contestant**") for a grand total of 216 Contestants. SWELS reserves the right to deny an Applicant based on any criteria. Each potential Contestant's parent/legal guardian will be notified of Contestant's tentative selection via email for participation in the Event and the potential Contestant's tentative Event Performance by December 1st. SWELS, in its sole discretion, may change a Contestant's Event Performance at any time. By submitting an Application, each parent/legal guardian agrees to furnish SWELS with a signed and witnessed Participant Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement if Applicant is selected as a potential Contestant in order for Applicant/potential Contestant to be eligible for participation in the Event. The Participant Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement within the online Application form must be signed by the same parent/legal guardian that signed and submitted the potential Contestant's Application. Each potential Contestant is subject to eligibility verification before s/he will be confirmed as a Contestant and allowed to participate in the Event. Upon selection and in order to meet eligibility criteria, each contestant will be weighed (maximum 55 lbs.) on the day of their performance and each parent/legal guardian will be required to provide an official birth certificate for proof of age (limited to 5–7-year-olds). If a potential Contestant's notification is returned as unclaimed or undeliverable, if a potential Contestant cannot be reached within seven (7) calendar days from the first notification attempt, if a Contestant or his/her parent/legal guardian is not in compliance with these Official Rules, if the potential Contestant exceeds the weight limit on the day of his/her Event Performance, if the potential Contestant's birth certificate is not presented for SWELS' review on the day of the Event, if the potential Contestant is over the age of 7 years old on the date of his/her Event Performance, if SWELS does not receive a properly signed and witnessed Participant Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement from the Contestant's parent/legal guardian prior to the Contestant's Event, Performance or if the Contestant is otherwise ineligible to participate in the Event, then that child shall be automatically disqualified from participation in the Event. All decisions of SWELS are final, binding and non-appealable.

General Rules: Entry into the Event Performance for which a Contestant is selected is nontransferable and substitutions will not be allowed. If the Contestant is unable to participate, the parent/legal guardian agrees to notify SWELS on or before January 1st. SWELS is not obligated to fill all available spots for any Event Performance. If for any reason the operation or administration of the Event (or any portion thereof) is impaired or incapable of running as planned for any reason, SWELS reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to take any action to prevent or correct such cause, including (without limitation), to terminate, modify or suspend the Event, in whole or in part, at any time, without notice. SWELS reserves the right to remove any individual from the Event arena and/or disqualify the child of any individual if such individual or the individual's child is deemed by SWELS, in its sole discretion, to be (i) tampering or attempting to tamper with the Application process or the operation of the Event or SWELS' website or (ii) acting in violation of these Official Rules or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. For instance, SWELS may remove any individual from the Event arena and/or disqualify the child of any individual deemed by SWELS, in its sole discretion, to be engaged in or displaying any of the following conducted: intoxication, disorderly conduct, creating excessive noise, failure to comply with the Official Rules or the instructions of SWELS or any agent of SWELS, harassing or otherwise disturbing personnel or contestants, or challenging contestant scores. SWELS has the absolute right to determine who may be present at the Event and in the Event arena, and SWELS' decisions regarding who may be present at the Event and in the Event arena are final and non-appealable. CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE ANY WEBSITE OR TO UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE EVENT OR APPLICATION PROCESS MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS, AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, SWELS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES AND OTHER REMEDIES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON(S) DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

Event Performance Rules: All Contestants will be provided with a riding helmet, protective vest and chaps to wear during the Event. Contestants must wear this gear to participate in the Event, and Contestants' parents/legal guardians are responsible for ensuring Contestants properly use this gear. Contestants are required to wear the shirt that is provided by SWELS, jeans and cowboy boots to participate in the Event. Contestants must be in full dress code during the Event or they forfeit the opportunity to participate. Spurs, hats, ropes of any kind, gloves or adhesives (i.e. glue on gloves, rosin) are not allowed. Contestants are not allowed to choose an animal. Contestants are limited to one (1) ride. Contestants must ride facing forward. Contestants have the ability to choose to ride with one hand or two, sitting straight up with free arm in the air or laying down holding on with both hands. Only one (1) parent or legal guardian of a Contestant will be allowed on the Event floor during the Contestant's performance. This parent or legal guardian must be the parent or legal guardian who signed the Application and Participant Waiver, Release and Indemnity Agreement for Contestant's participation in the Event. Parents/legal guardians and Contestants' guest must conduct themselves in a respectful and good sportsmanlike manner toward all Contestants to avoid disqualification of their Contestant and removal from the Event arena.

Privacy Notice: SWELS collects Applicants' personal data to maintain a record of Applicants for the Event and to carry out its obligations and enforce its rights arising from these rules and from any contracts entered into between you and SWELS. SWELS will hold such information in confidence. Applying for entry into the Event constitutes each parent/legal guardian's permission for SWELS to maintain his/her Applicant's personal data in the United States.