



1. A Mutton Bustin' event will be held in connection with all 2024 RGVLS rodeo performances. Performances are scheduled as follows:
 - a. Saturday, March 9, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
 - b. Sunday, March 10, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
 - c. Tuesday, March 12, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
 - d. Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
 - e. Thursday, March 14, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
 - f. Friday, March 15, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
 - g. Saturday, March 16, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.
2. Contestants will be required to pay a \$20 entry fee which must accompany entry application.
3. The number of contestants will be limited to 12 per rodeo performance.
4. Contestants must be 5 or 6 years of age as of March 7, 2024 and not weigh over 55 pounds. Weight may be verified at performance.
5. All contestants will be awarded trophies. The first place contestant in each rodeo performance will also receive a belt buckle.
6. Contestants will be required to wear headgear. Some will be available at the rodeo or a participant can bring their own.
7. Application and Release form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian and returned to the Livestock Show office by January 15, 2024, by 4:30 p.m.
8. All contestants who submit entry applications will be advised by mail as to which rodeo performance they will participate, and instructions for contestants for the day of the event.
9. Each contestant will be sent 2 complimentary GATE tickets. One for the contestant and one for a parent or guardian. **Individual rodeo tickets must be purchased for spectators.** Mutton Bustin' **contestants** will not be required to purchase a rodeo ticket.

2024 MUTTON BUSTIN' APPLICATION & RELEASE FORM

CONTESTANT NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH (Must be 5/6 years) _____ WEIGHT (Must be between 45-55lbs) _____

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

I/We, the parents/legal guardians of the above-named contestant, agree to allow him/her to participate in the Mutton Bustin' event at the 2024 Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo. Furthermore, I/we agree that I/we agree that I/we nor any representative, will not hold responsible nor take any legal action against the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo, its directors, individually or collectively, sponsor/sponsors of said event nor any entity or individual affiliated with the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show and Rodeo should the above named contestant be injured while participating in the 2024 Mutton Bustin' event.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

**Return this completed application/release form and entry fee by
Monday, January 15, 2024 to:**

Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show & Rodeo
Attn: Terri Kotzur
1000 N. Texas Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570

Office Use Only:

Application Received: _____



**2024 RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW,
INC. PARTICIPANT'S RELEASE AND
INDEMNITY**

RGVLS Event/Activity: RGVLS Mutton Bustin'

1. **EXCULPATORY CLAUSE.** IN CONSIDERATION FOR RECEIVING PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AND ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW & RODEO ("ACTIVITY"), WHICH IS SPONSORED BY RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK SHOW, INC., ("SPONSOR"), ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANT, I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS FOR ANY AND ALL PURPOSES SPONSOR, INCLUDING THEIR DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND EMPLOYEES (HEREIN COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS "RELEASEES" OR "INDEMNITEES") FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, INJURIES (INCLUDING DEATH), OR DAMAGES, INCLUDING COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES, THAT MAY BE SUSTAINED BY ME/PARTICIPANT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AN ACTIVITY, WHILE TRAVELING TO AND FROM THE ACTIVITY, OR WHILE ON THE PREMISES OWNED, LEASED, OR CONTROLLED BY RELEASEES, INCLUDING INJURIES SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF THE SOLE, JOINT, OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE, GROSS NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, STATUTORY FAULT, INTENTIONAL TORTS, OR STRICT LIABILITY OF RELEASEES.
2. **INDEMNITY CLAUSE.** I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to me/Participant, and others involved with the Activity, and I voluntarily allow myself/Participant to participate in this Activity with full knowledge that the Activity may be hazardous to me/Participant and my/Participant's property, and to the person and property of others. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I/Participant should not participate. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitees from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, which may be incurred as a result of my/Participant's conduct in any Activity, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, gross negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, intentional torts, or strict liability of Indemnitees.
3. **INDEMNITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES and WAIVER.** I understand Releasees cannot be expected to control all of the risks associated with this Activity and Releasees may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. **Therefore, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitees for any costs incurred to treat me/Participant. I further agree to release, waive, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, Releasees from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me/Participant while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, gross negligence, statutory fault, intentional torts, or strict liability of Releasees.**
4. **NO STRICT RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.** In the event of a dispute over the meaning or application of this agreement, it shall be construed fairly and reasonably and neither more strongly for nor against either party.
5. **VOLUNTARY SIGNATURE.** In signing this agreement, I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; **Releasees** have not made, and I have not relied on any oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the terms contained in this agreement. I execute this document for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. I understand I can choose not to sign this document and free myself from its terms and the associated risks of the Activity by simply not allowing myself/Participant in the Activity and choosing some other Activity available to me/Participant that has a lower level of risk to me. I further understand this is a voluntary, extracurricular activity.

**SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT INVOLVES THE WAIVER OF VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.
CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.**

AGREED TO AND SIGNED this _____ day of __, 20_____

Participant Signature: _____

Printed Name of Participant: _____

Participant's Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____
(If participant is under 18 years old)

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