

WALKER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION – MUTTON BUSTIN' RULES

CHECK IN TIME: Check in for pre-registered participants will begin at 2:00 pm-in the main show arena and end approximately one hour after registration opens. The 6 & 7 year olds will begin their ride as soon as registration is completed and rosters have been completed. The 4 & 5 year old rides will begin after the close of the first ride. Failure to check in by the assigned time will cause the participant to automatically forfeit their spot and an alternate will be placed in that spot. No further appeals will be allowed.

**Alternates will be placed on a waiting list and must remain in the show arena area.

Contest Rules:

To compete, each rider must meet the minimum age of 4 (four) years, and not be older than 7 (seven) years of age on the day of the event and weight cannot exceed more than 55lbs in order to participate.

- Contestants must wear the protective gear provided to them by the WCFA in order to participate in the event and Contestants' parents/legal guardians are responsible for ensuring Contestants are in proper dress code. Contestants are required to wear a long sleeve shirt, jeans and substantial shoes. Tennis shoes are not allowed for safety reasons. Contestants not in full dress code upon arrival and check in will forfeit the opportunity to participate. Spurs and hats are not allowed.
- **No choice of animal is allowed; Re-rides will be decided by the judge(s) and their decision is FINAL.**
- **NO PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ALLOWED IN CHUTE PREPARATION AREA UNLESS ASKED BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS.**
- **If any child refuses to ride, they will forfeit their turn and will not be afforded another chance.**
- Children will only be released to the parent with proper identification.

Ride Rules:

- **Ride points are awarded by Arena Judge(s) for ride form, difficulty, speed, time on and quality of ride.**
- **ALL CONTESTANTS MUST RIDE FACING FORWARD.** The use of ropes of any type is prohibited. Contestants may 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.
- **Score and decisions of the Mutton Bustin' Judges are ABSOLUTELY FINAL, and may not be contested.**
- **The 12 highest scores from each of the groups will advance to the Championship round. After the Championship round, Champion and Reserve will be announced and awards will be given placing the top 12.**
- Wrist Bands will be worn with the participant number written on the band. The parent/guardian will also have a Wrist Band with the same ID number for security purposes. Entire group of contestants will stay in the arena until that group is complete.
- Contestants must listen for their group # to be called over the loud speakers to know when to line up for their round. If contestant is not in line when it is their turn, they forfeit their turn and will not be allowed another chance.
- Immediately following the ride, every participant will be awarded with a ribbon in the arena.