



## MUTTON BUSTIN' GUIDELINES (for your child's safety)

### WELCOME TO Mutton Bustin'!

Welcome to the Mutton Bustin' event! We want everyone to have a safe, fun and memorable event so please be aware of the following guidelines so that everything goes as smoothly as possible.

1. ONLY A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MAY REGISTER A CHILD IN THE MUTTON BUSTIN' EVENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. The entry fee for Mutton Bustin' is \$25. Each participant receives a ribbon and fun promotional prizes donated by our sponsors.
3. ONLY CHILDREN BETWEEN AGES 5 and 7 and NOT exceeding 55 pounds may ride in the Mutton Bustin' event.
4. Registered Mutton Bustin' riders do NOT need a ticket to the rodeo. Parents and other family members will need to purchase tickets even if the child is riding before the rodeo on Sunday.
5. Please check in at the Mutton Bustin' booth when you arrive at the rodeo. The Mutton Bustin' check-in table will be near the main ticket booth on the west end of the grounds. A signed release form (available online) must be signed by a parent and turned in at check in. Failure to check-in before the rodeo performance and return the signed waiver will result in forfeiting your child's participation and entry fee. We always have a waiting list.
6. At check in the rider will get a number and safety pins. Please pin the Mutton Buster's number on the back of their shirt prior to the event. This gets them recognition by the crowd and lots of high 5s. The announcer will know the rider's name and number even if it can't be seen under the protective vest.
7. According to PRCA safety requirements, all contestants must wear long sleeved shirts, long pants, and sturdy shoes or boots. No spurs. Protective vests and helmets will be provided, they can wear their own hockey helmet with full cage if they prefer.
8. One adult may accompany the contestant into the rodeo arena. No food or drinks allowed. Adults who enter the arena should also wear sturdy shoes and are expected to follow instructions from the volunteers and sheep wranglers. PLEASE stay back, on the fence, or on one knee, so the crowd can see the riders.
9. After they ride, rodeo royalty will be on hand to quickly pick them up, get them out of the protective gear and line them up for their final bows. It is important that we do not block the view of the spectators, and that things move along quickly.
10. After the last contestant has ridden, the children will be taken to center arena for photo ops, crowd appreciation and they will receive their ribbons. Swag bags will be passed out back at the tent immediately after the ride.

There is no time keeping, scoring, winning or losing. Everyone is a winner! ENJOY!