

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association
2026 Matagorda County BFO Mutton Bustin'
Entry Form

Cash _____	Check # _____
Amt. Paid _____	
Date Received _____	
Time Received _____	
Weight _____	
Proof of Age _____	

Please print:

NAME OF MINOR CONTESTANT

MINOR'S AGE

FULL ADDRESS/CITY/STATE/ZIP

DATE OF BIRTH

NAME OF PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS

HOME TELEPHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS OF PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

WK/CELL TELEPHONE

I, _____ (parent/guardian of the above-named minor child who is competing in the 2026 Matagorda County BFO to be held on September 26, 2026, have read, understand & will comply with the Mutton Bustin' Rules & Information Sheet and the Contestant Waiver and Release Form.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

Dear Contestant & Parent/Guardian:

*We appreciate your interest in the 2026 Matagorda County BFO "MUTTON BUSTIN" event. Registration for this event is during office hours from 8:30am-3:00pm beginning **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, until full.** The event is limited to the first **25 completed** and registered riders. No incomplete applications will be accepted. **Please review the attached rules carefully.***

*The following will be needed for a **completed and accepted** Entry in our Mutton Bustin' Event:*

- ☞ **Entry form***
- ☞ **Signed Release Form (original, no copies)***
- ☞ **Copy of Child's Birth Certificate***
- ☞ **Weigh-in***
- ☞ **\$40.00 Entry Fee***

GOOD LUCK!

Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association
MUTTON BUSTIN'
CONTESTANT WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

Name of Minor Contestant: (please print) _____

The UNDERSIGNED hereby represent and warrant that they are the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the Minor CONTESTANT named above and that they have the full power, authority, capacity and right, without limitation, to execute, deliver and perform this Release.

Request to Participant. The UNDERSIGNED hereby request that the MINOR CONTESTANT be granted permission to enter the restricted areas and participate as a contestant in the MUTTON BUSTIN' competition (hereinafter referred to as "Event").

Consideration. In consideration of MINOR CONTESTANT being allowed to participate in the event, the UNDERSIGNED hereby agrees to the terms of this Contestant Waiver and Release Form.

Acknowledgment of Risk. The UNDERSIGNED understand and acknowledge that rodeos and related livestock events are dangerous activities and that participation in a rodeo or related livestock event exposes the participant to a substantial and serious hazard which may result in property damage and/or personal injury or death. The UNDERSIGNED expressly acknowledge that the participation of the above-named MINOR CONTESTANT will expose the MINOR CONTESTANT to such hazards.

Release of Sponsor. The UNDERSIGNED, being fully aware that participation by the above named MINOR CONTESTANT in the Event will expose the MINOR CONTESTANT to a substantial and serious risk of property damage and/or personal injury or death, hereby releases sponsors and the Matagorda County Fair & Livestock Association (hereinafter "RELEASES"), from liability, and waives the right to sue, for any and all property damage and/or personal injuries or death, or other claims arising from the above named MINOR CONTESTANT'S participation in the Event, even if the property damage and/or personal injury or death is determined to have resulted from the negligent acts or omissions of the RELEASEES.

Covenant Not to Sue. The UNDERSIGNED covenant that they shall not now or at any time in the future, directly or indirectly, commence or prosecute any action, suit, or other proceeding against the RELEASEES, their officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns or affiliates for damages of any type arising from participation of the above-named MINOR CONTESTANT in the Event, whether such claims be for the benefit of the UNDERSIGNED or of the MINOR CONTESTANT.

Indemnification. Fully permitted by law, the UNDERSIGNED hereby agree to defend and indemnify and to hold RELEASEE(S) harmless from any liability, claims, demands, causes of action, loss and/or damage arising from participation of the above-named MINOR CONTESTANT in the Event, even if caused by the negligent acts or omissions of any of the RELEASEE(S).

Matagorda County Fair Association reserves the right to use all photographs taken during this event for our publicity.

We have read this Document; we understand it is a release of all claims. We appreciate and assume all risks inherent in this event.

The UNDERSIGNED have voluntarily executed and delivered this Release on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Parent or Legal Guardian (Signature)

Witness (Signature)

Printed Name

Printed Name

Parent or Legal Guardian (Signature)

Witness (Signature)

Printed Name

Printed Name

2026 Matagorda County Bullfighters Only

MUTTON BUSTIN'

RULES & INFORMATION SHEET

1. Entries will be accepted beginning at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at the Fair Office.
2. Entries will not be accepted without (1) CONTESTANT WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM, (2) ENTRY FEE of \$40.00 and (3) a copy of BIRTH CERTIFICATE. (4) CONTESTANT'S WEIGHT.

Weight verification must be on the doctor's letterhead and must be dated after August 28, 2026. Entry forms without weight verification are considered incomplete and will not be accepted until contestants' weight has been verified. Please check with your school nurse to see if they will weigh your child, if so, weight verification must be on school letterhead. Your child may be weighed at the Fair Office at the time of application as well.

3. The first 25 completed entries will be accepted and are non-refundable
3. No youth less than five (5) years of age or over eight (8) years, nor over 54 pounds, may participate. Proof of age (Birth Certificate) is required.
5. You, **the parent of the Mutton Buster**, must sign your child in at the **General Admission Area in the Northwest Corner of the Arena** by **6:00 p.m. for instructions on where the children will line up**. A Contestant Number will be issued at that time and must be worn during the Mutton Bustin' event. **YOU MUST BE THE PARENT OF THE PARTICIPANT signed him/her in and out after the event**. Your child will not be accepted as a participant or released to a brother/sister, aunt/uncle, or grandparent.
6. Full-face helmets are now required and are MANDATORY. Matagorda County Fair Association will provide helmets to all riders.
7. Proper rodeo attire must be worn. Long sleeve shirts and pants are required.
8. **ABSOLUTELY NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE ARENA** during Mutton Bustin'. If you as a parent cannot conform to this rule, *please do not enter your child in this event*.
9. **No** open-toed shoes, Sleeveless or short sleeved shirts, ropes or spurs are accepted.
10. **NO RE-RIDES.**

AWARDS

The Mutton Buster that receives the highest score will be deemed the champion and will receive a buckle.
All other contestants will receive a participation award.