



2024 YOUTH RODEO EVENTS RULES

RULES AND GUIDELINES

YOUTH RODEO EVENT DATES/TIMES:

Friday, April 12 – 6:00PM prior to CPRA Rodeo (contestant must arrive by 5:00PM and sign in by 5:30PM)
Saturday, April 13 – 6:00PM prior to CPRA Rodeo (contestant must arrive by 5:00PM and sign in by 5:30PM)
Sunday, April 14 – 11:30AM prior to MCFA Ranch Rodeo (contestant must arrive by 10:30AM and sign in by 11:00AM)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION DATES & SELECTION PROCESS:

Registration Opens: February 19, 2024, online at 9:00AM
Registration Closes: March 1, 2024, at 5:00PM

Registration is on-line at <https://mcfa.org/events/youth-rodeo/>. Registration will be open for 2 weeks and final selection will be based on the outline below:

REGISTRATION: You will **select ONE (1) event per child** to participate in. Each child may only participate in ONE event per year. IF YOUR CHILD IS REGISTERED FOR MORE THAN ONE EVENT, THEY AUTOMATICALLY BECOME DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN MCFA YOUTH EVENTS AND WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE RANDOM DRAWING. You will be sent a general email response for each registered participant to serve as your confirmation that the registration process is completed.

SELECTION: Once registration closes, MCFA Fair Officials will utilize a program for randomized computer selection to select the participants for all performances of youth events. The program will select the participants for each event using only a randomly assigned registration number and will also select a wait list for each event. The random drawing for participation will be held sometime after registration closes.

NOTIFICATION: Randomly selected participants will be notified by the Fair Office via email. If you receive an email notification your child has been selected, you MUST respond to that email with your child's name to confirm your acceptance and participation by **March 13, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.** If we do not hear from you, your spot will be forfeited and will be filled from the waiting list.

DISCLAIMER: MCFA Fair Officials understand and respect the very sensitive schedules your family must keep, however, in efforts to adequately fill all performances, please note that you WILL NOT be permitted to select date preferences (the random selection program does this). We will do our best to ensure that immediate siblings are placed in events occurring on the same date. We appreciate your cooperation!

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL MCFA YOUTH RODEO EVENTS:

- 1. PARTICIPANT MUST BE REGISTERED BY MARCH 1 BY 5:00PM. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- 2. PARTICIPANT MUST RESIDE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**
- 3. Youth participants are free entry into gates and arena. A gate ticket is required for all guests.**
- 4. Contestant AND parent/guardian must sign-in at the sign-in location near the rodeo arena by the following times: Friday and Saturday performances by 5:30PM; Sunday performance by 11:00AM.**
- 5. Youth events begin at 6:00PM on Friday and Saturday, and 11:30AM on Sunday, and only Contestants and Parents are allowed on the arena floor.**
- 6. Contestant may participate in one event only – Once entered, no switching of event or date.**
- 7. Rodeo judge's decision is final.**

PLEASE SEE THE INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES AND REGULATIONS BELOW:

STICK HORSE RACE RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Ages: 3 - 4

Number of Contestants: 30 per performance; 90 total – (35 selected for waiting list)

All participants will race at the same time and must ride from start to finish.

Contestant must provide their own stick horse.

ATTIRE:

Contestant should dress in western attire. (Suggestions: Western shirts, belt, jeans, skirts, vests, chaps, spurs, hats, and / or boots, etc.) – Tennis shoes optional for the race.

Consideration for the best decorated includes both contestant and stick horse.

Contestant's stick horse should be decorated. (Suggestions: Use of paint, ribbons, stickers, fabric, fur, feathers, buttons, etc.)

BEST DRESSED CONTEST:

Best decorated horse & rider will be judged at each performance @ 6PM

- 1st place winner receives buckle / 2nd & 3rd place will receive trophies for Best Decorated for boy & girl.

AWARDS:

1st place winner receives buckle / 2nd & 3rd place will receive trophies for Stick Horse Race.

MUTTON BUSTIN' RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Ages: 5 - 7

Number of Contestants: 30 per performance; 90 total – (35 selected for waiting list)

Contestant must be 5 to 7 years old (must not have had their eighth birthday) as of event date and must not weigh more than 55 lbs.

This event involves the contestant mounted on a sheep, holding on to the wool, and riding in the arena. The contestant will fall off at some time! Just as in any physical participation sporting event, injuries could occur. The contestant & parent/guardian must understand & acknowledge the inherent danger.

ATTIRE

Contestant should dress in western attire. Long pants and a long-sleeved shirt must be worn. A jacket, chaps, gloves &/OR boots would afford additional protection.

The contestant must wear protective headgear (a correctly fitted football or baseball type helmet, with a chin strap and face guard) AND a protective vest. If the contestant is not fitted with a proper helmet and vest, he/she will not be permitted to compete.

AWARDS:

1st place winner receives buckle / 2nd & 3rd place will receive trophies.

GOAT RIBBON PULLING RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Ages: 5 – 7, 8 – 9 and 10 – 13

Number of Contestants: 6 per performance for ages 5 – 7 and 8 – 9; 12 per performance for ages 10 -13; 72 total – (35 selected for waiting list)

This event will be done on foot. Contestant will run from starting line, pull ribbon from a staked goat, hold up for the Judge to see, and then time stops.

ATTIRE

Contestant should dress in western attire.

AWARDS:

1st place winner receives buckle / 2nd & 3rd place will receive trophies in each age group.

CASH COW

Ages: 9 – 12 and 13 – 16

Number of Contestants: 20 per performance – per age group; 120 total – (35 selected for waiting list)

This event will be done on foot. Contestants will run from starting line. The first Contestant to pull ribbon from cow's tail and hold up for the Judge to see, wins.

ATTIRE:

Contestant should dress in western attire.

AWARD:

The winners will receive a cash prize.