WALKER COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION – MUTTON BUSTIN'

RULES & REGULATIONS 2017

CHECK IN TIME: Check in will begin at 2:00 pm for ages 4 and 5 and 3 pm for ages 6 and 7 in the main show arena and end promptly 30 minutes after registration opens. Failure to check in by that time will automatically forfeit your spot and an alternate will be placed in that spot. No further appeals will be allowed.

Contest Rules:

- To compete, each rider must meet the minimum age of 4 (four) years, and not to be older than 7 (seven) years of age on the day of the event and must not weigh more than 55lbs in order to participate.
- Each rider **MUST** wear long pants, long sleeve shirt and sturdy boots or shoes until their ride is complete. If they qualify for the championship round, they must keep on that attire for the duration of the event. NO EXCEPTIONS – FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH SAFETY RULES WILL DISQUALIFY PARTICIPATION.
- **No choice of animal is allowed; Re-rides will be decided by the judge their decision is FINAL; No spurs, chaps, or other gear is allowed.**
- ***NO PARENTS ALLOWED IN BACK WHEN CHILD IS PREPARING TO RIDE!***
- **If any child refuses to ride, they will forfeit their turn and will not be allowed another chance.**
- Children will only be released to the parent with proper identification.

Ride Rules: Each rider wears a ***SAFETY HELMET AND VEST*** which are provided and fitted in the arena by arena staff.

- **Ride points are awarded by Arena Judge for ride form, difficulty, speed, time on and quality of ride.**
- **ALL CONTESTANTS MUST RIDE FACING FORWARD!!!!**
- **Score and decisions of the Mutton Bustin' Judge are ABSOLUTELY FINAL, and may not be contested.**
- **The 3 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.**
- Back numbers will be worn during the ride along with armband with the number written on the contestants hand so the judge is able to score the correct individual. (PROTECTIVE VESTS WILL DISPLAY BACK NUMBERS) 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 turn and will not be allowed another chance.**
- Immediately following the ride, ever participant will be awarded with a ribbon in the arena.