



2026 NEEDVILLE YOUTH FAIR MUTTON BUSTIN' RULES & INFORMATION

1. Mutton Bustin' entries will be accepted online from **December 1, 2025** thru **February 28, 2026** OR until all slots per division are filled. A complete set of rules and requirements may be found at www.needvilleyouthfair.com. Online entries shall be made through the ShoWorks portal at <https://needville.fairwire.com>. The Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement may be completed electronically at <https://needvilleyouthfair.com/NYF-Release-Indemnity-Form>. Birth certificates shall be scanned emailed to youthfair@outlook.com.
2. A complete entry shall include **Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, Entry Fee and Birth Certificate**. Age limits will be strictly enforced. All entry requirements must be met or the contestant will be ineligible to participate.
3. The Mutton Bustin' Competition will be limited to **70** contestants (35 per division).
4. Contestants must be between **4 and 7 years of age** as of **May 2, 2026**. Contestants must weigh **55 pounds or less** (fully clothed). A scale will be utilized for weigh-in purposes prior to the competition. Weight limits will be strictly enforced.
5. Mutton Bustin' is a judged event. Contestants will receive a score based on the length of time of their ride. The longer the ride, the higher the score. **The Mutton Bustin' Judge may call for a re-ride as he/she sees necessary.** The Mutton Bustin' Judge's decision is final. The judge shall not be approached and/or questioned by any contestant, parent or guardian.
6. Four buckles will be awarded. Age divisions shall be Division I (4 to 5 years) and Division II (6 to 7 years) with one buckle to the Female Contestant with the highest score and one to the Male Contestant with the highest score in each Age Division. In the case of a tie, where two or more Contestants score the same number of points, a coin toss will determine the winner of each buckle.
7. The Mutton Bustin' Competition will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** **Contestants must arrive and check-in no later than 6:00 p.m.** The check-in area will be at the front of the Needville Youth Fair Barn/Arena. **Any contestant not checked in at 6:30 p.m. will not be allowed to compete.** Needville Youth Fair Officials will line contestants up in order of participation. **Contestant must ride at his/her designated time as called or their ride will be forfeited and an alternate will be allowed to compete.**
8. **Parents and/or guardians will not be allowed behind the chutes, in the staging area or in the arena during the competition. Any violation of this rule shall result in a disqualification. This rule will be strictly enforced!**