



2026 YOUTH RODEO EVENTS RULES

RULES & GUIDELINES:

YOUTH RODEO EVENT DATES/TIMES:

Friday, April 10 – 6:00 pm prior to CPRA Rodeo (contestant must arrive by 5:00 pm and sign in by 5:30 pm)

Saturday, April 11 – 6:00 pm prior to CPRA Rodeo (contestants must arrive by 5:00 pm and sign in by 5:30 pm)

Sunday, April 12 – 10:30 am prior to MCFA Ranch Rodeo (contestants must arrive by 9:30 am and sign in by 10:00 am)

Mutton Bustin' Sunday Shootout during Ranch Rodeo (April 12) (contestants must arrive by 1:00 pm and sign in by 1:30 pm but you may sign in as early as 9:30 am during Sunday's youth rodeo sign in if entered in both events)

ENTRY FEES:

\$25.00 for an entry in the Stick Horse Race, Goat Ribbon Pulling, and Cash Cow

\$50.00 for an entry in the Youth Rodeo Mutton Bustin'

\$100.00 for an entry in the CPRA Mutton Bustin'

\$50.00 for an entry in the Sunday Shoot Out Mutton Bustin'

Entry fees are non-refundable

All participants and guests over age 5 require ticketed entry.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION DATES & INFORMATION:

Registration Opens: February 9, 2026, online at 9:00 am

Registration is first come first serve and registration is not complete until payment is received via the online registration form.

Registration will remain open until March 13 at 5:00 pm or until all spots are filled, whichever comes first. To inquire about open spots that may have become available, please check in with the Rodeo Committee in the Woodforest National Bank Arena at 5:30 pm on Friday, April 10, 5:30 pm on Saturday, April 11, or 10:00 am on Sunday, April 12.

The link to register is on-line at <https://mcfa.org/events/youth-rodeo/>.

Do not sign up your child(ren) for more than one spot per youth rodeo event. Youth Rodeo Mutton Bustin', CPRA Mutton Bustin', and Sunday Shoot Out Mutton Bustin' are three separate events – contestants may enter each one. Once entered for any event, there will be no switching of event and/or date

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL MCFA YOUTH RODEO EVENTS:

1. Participant must reside in Montgomery County for all events except for Sunday Shootout
2. Contestant AND parent/guardian must sign in at the arena by the sign in times listed above
3. Only Contestants and 1 Parent are allowed on the arena floor
4. Once entered, no switching of event or date
5. Rodeo judge's decision is final
6. Unsafe conduct may result in disqualification

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES & REGULATIONS:

STICK HORSE RACE RULES & REQUIREMENTS

Fee: \$25.00

Ages: 3 - 4

Number of Contestants: 30 per performance Friday, Saturday & Sunday – **90 total**

Contestant Requirements:

- Must provide their own stick horse
- Rider must remain on the stick horse for the entire race
- Rider must cross the finish line while riding the stick horse
- Contestants who do not finish while riding are disqualified

Attire: Western attire suggested (shirts, belt, jeans, skirts, vests, chaps, spurs, hats, and/or boots, etc.); tennis shoes optional.

Best Dressed Contest: Stick horse and rider will be judged for best decoration at each performance (suggestions: paint, ribbons, stickers, fabric, fur, feathers, buttons, etc.)

Awards: 1st place winner receives buckle / 2nd & 3rd place will receive trophies (awarded for each performance)

YOUTH RODEO MUTTON BUSTIN' RULES & REQUIREMENTS

Fee: \$50.00

Ages: 5 – 7

Weight Limit: 60 lbs. max

Number of Contestants: 40 per performance Friday & Saturday; 80 on Sunday – **160 total**

Contestant Requirements: Rider must ride sheep holding wool; falling expected; parent/guardian acknowledges risk. Contestants will be drawn for riding order; drawing will be conducted by MCFA/CPRA officials and draw order is final.

Safety & Attire:

- Long pants, long sleeved shirt REQUIRED
- Helmet & chin strap with face guard REQUIRED
- Protective vest REQUIRED
- Improperly fitted equipment will result in disqualification for rider safety

Awards: 1st place winner receives buckle / 2nd & 3rd place will receive trophies (awarded each performance)

Scoring: Based on ride quality, control, and overall performance; judge's decisions are final

Tie-Breaker: Standard rodeo tie-breaker rules

GOAT RIBBON PULLING RULES & REQUIREMENTS

Fee: \$25.00

Ages: 8 – 9 and 10 – 13

Number of Contestants: 6 per performance Friday, Saturday, & Sunday for ages 8 – 9; 12 per performance Friday, Saturday, & Sunday for ages 10 -13 – **54 total**

Contestant Requirements: Contestants will run from starting line, pull ribbon from tail of staked goat, and run through finish line/judge to complete time

Attire: Western attire suggested

Awards: 1st place winner receives buckle / 2nd & 3rd place will receive trophies in each age group (awarded for each performance)

CASH COW

Fee: \$25.00

Ages: 9 – 12 and 13 – 16

Number of Contestants: 20 per performance Friday, Saturday, & Sunday per age group – **120 total**

Contestant Requirements: This event will be done on foot. Contestants will run from starting line. The first 4 contestants to pull a ribbon from the cow's tail and bring the ribbon to the judge win

Attire: Western attire suggested

Award: Winners will receive a cash prize of \$50.00 per winner (awarded each performance)

CPRA RODEO MUTTON BUSTIN' RULES & REQUIREMENTS

This is a separate event from the Youth Rodeo and will be run during the CPRA Rodeo performances on Friday and Saturday night.

Fee: \$100.00

Ages: 6 – 8

Weight Limit: 60 lbs. max

Number of Contestants: 8 Friday, 8 Saturday – **16 total**

Contestant Requirements: *Each contestant rides one night only in the CPRA Rodeo*. Contestant may enter both Youth Rodeo Mutton Bustin' and CPRA Mutton Bustin'. Contestants will be drawn for riding order; drawing will be conducted by MCFA/CPRA officials and draw order is final. Rider must ride sheep holding wool; falling expected; parent/guardian acknowledges risk

Scoring:

- Scored by CPRA judge based on ride quality, control, and overall performance using standard roughstock principles
- All judges' decisions are final
- Top 3 highest scores over BOTH nights (Friday and Saturday combined) determine winners

Tiebreaker: Standard CPRA rodeo tie-breaker rules apply

Safety & Attire:

- Long pants, long sleeved shirt REQUIRED
- Helmet & chin strap with face guard REQUIRED
- Protective vest REQUIRED
- Improperly fitted equipment will result in disqualification for rider safety

Awards: Cash prizes awarded for the top 3 highest scores across BOTH nights (Friday and Saturday) combined. Total payout pool will be 20% of paid entries for the event. Payouts are based on total entry fees collected and the percentages listed. Amounts will adjust if the event does not sell out:

- 1st Place – 50% + Buckle
- 2nd Place – 30%
- 3rd Place – 20%

SUNDAY SHOOT OUT MUTTON BUSTIN' RULES & REQUIREMENTS

This is a separate event from the Youth Rodeo Mutton Bustin' & the CPRA Rodeo Mutton Bustin'. This event will be run during the Ranch Rodeo on Sunday.

Fee: \$50.00 per contestant

Ages: 6 – 8

Weight Limit: 60 lbs. max

Number of Contestants: 80

*Montgomery County residency **not required** for this event*

Contestant Requirements: Contestants will be drawn for riding order; drawing will be conducted by MCFA/CPRA officials and draw order is final. Rider must ride sheep holding wool; falling expected; parent/guardian acknowledges risk

Scoring:

- Scored by CPRA judge based on ride quality, control, and overall performance using standard roughstock principles
- All judges' decisions are final

Event Format:

- All contestants compete in an initial round
- Each rider will receive a score if they stay on the sheep for 6 seconds
- Top 12 riders advance to a Short Go
- Final placings and winners are determined by combined results using first round average and Short Go scores
- Short Go conducted under CPRA rules and scoring

Tie-Breaking (Short Go):

- Highest Short Go score
- Longest ride time

Safety & Attire:

- Long pants, long sleeved shirt REQUIRED
- Helmet & chin strap with face guard REQUIRED
- Protective vest REQUIRED
- Improperly fitted equipment will result in disqualification for rider safety

Awards: Cash prizes awarded for the top 5 highest average score. Total payout pool will be 20% of paid entries for the event. Payouts are based on total entry fees collected and percentages listed. Amounts will adjust if the event does not sell out:

- 1st Place – 30% + Buckle
- 2nd Place – 25%
- 3rd Place – 20%
- 4th Place – 15%
- 5th Place – 10%