



NFR at the PIKES PEAK OR BUST OPEN RODEO

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Mutton Bustin' Frequently Asked Questions

How do I enter?

Complete the **Registration & Release Form** and bring it along with the entry fee on the day you plan to compete. You can also register on site. **Pre-registration is not required.** Registration fee can be paid with cash or debit/credit card (upcharge applies for card payments).

What time does it start?

Preliminaries start at 4:00 p.m. for the evening performances (Tuesday – Saturday) and at 10:00 a.m. for the matinees (Friday and Saturday).

How late can I arrive and still compete?

Preliminaries end at 6:30 p.m. for evening performances and 11:30 a.m. for matinee performances.

When are finalists announced?

Finalists are notified at the completion of the preliminaries; time may vary.

How many kids go to the finals?

Seven kids advance to the finals for each performance.

Where is the Mutton Bustin' located?

Preliminaries are located in the Fan Zone outside the main arena and finals are inside the rodeo arena after the start of the rodeo.

Can my child compete on more than one day?

Yes. You must complete a new **Registration & Release Form** and pay another entry fee.

Can my child enter more than once in the preliminaries on the same day and does it require a second entry fee?

Yes, if there is time for a second ride; additional rides are also \$20.00 each.

Do I need to have rodeo tickets to compete in mutton bustin'?

Tickets to the rodeo are not required to compete in the preliminaries or the finals of mutton bustin'.

Where do parents watch the finals in the arena if they don't have rodeo tickets?

We will bring them into the main arena to watch their child from a designated location (note: this does not constitute admittance to the rodeo). Please, immediate family only.

What is the weight limit?

50 pounds; this is for the safety of the animals and the children. Participants will be weighed on site.

What is the age limit?

Children ages 4 – 9 only.

Do I need to bring my own safety equipment?

No. Helmets and vests are provided.

Can my child use ropes?

No. Children are only allowed to hold on with their hands.

Can my child wear a GoPro?

Yes, but only for the preliminaries.