

2017 Galveston County Fair and Rodeo
Youth Steer Saddling Contest
Rules and registration

Registration:

1. Galveston County Fair and Rodeo will hold a youth steer saddling competition during the rodeo performances on April 27th, 28th and 29th, 2017.
2. The competition is open to High School students from Galveston County between the ages of 15 and 18.
3. All contestants and their parent must sign a release waiver.
4. Minimum of 6 teams entered, maximum of 12 teams.
5. 4 team members per team, from the same school.
6. No entry fee! 1st come - 1st serve.
7. Contestants will not be charged a gate fee to enter the Fairgrounds at the rodeo arena gates. This only applies to contestants; family members and friends will have to pay admission.
8. **Teams must sign up with the Fair office no later than April 13, 2017.** All required documentation must be turned in by April 13, 2017 or the team(s) will be disqualified.
9. 1 half of the entered teams will perform on Thursday night, the 2nd half on Friday night with the top 3 teams from each night coming back for the finals on Saturday night.
9. (a) Performance nights are chosen by draw and Teams will be notified the night of the draw. Due to school scheduling conflicts, Teams may request to change their night (if possible). Please contact the Fair office with any conflicts within 24 hours of notification, as we will have to contact other Teams to see if a move is possible.
10. The Galveston County Fair and Rodeo Committee reserves the right to open this event to out of County schools if 5 days prior to the event it is not filled to the maximum of 12 teams.
10. (a) should an out of County team(s) be needed, all registration and general rules apply as stated herein.
11. Buckles will be awarded to the 1st place team.

Rules:

1. Numbers will be assigned to each bucking chute and there will be a random draw prior to the event by the team captains after the team meetings to determine what chute you will have.
2. A steer will be loaded in the bucking chute for each team by random draw.
3. The steer will have a rope halter and lead rope put on at the time it is loaded.
4. All 4 contestants from each team must participate.
5. 2 team members shall mug the steer (hold in place by any means necessary) by using the lead rope, tail etc.
6. The 3rd team member shall put the saddle on the steer and secure it the best way possible or help mug if needed.
7. The 4th team member shall then ride in the saddle on the steer across the finish line for a time, in the case of 3 team members being needed to mug the 4th team member is responsible for saddling the steer.
8. No other team member may touch the saddle or the rider once they have mounted.
9. The non-riding team members may lead, pull or push the steer in an attempt to cross the finish line as long as the rider or saddle are not touched.
10. The rider must be mounted at the time the finish line is crossed or the steer must be lead back across the line and the rider will attempt to ride across again as many times as needed within the time limit. No time will be given unless the rider is on at the time the line is crossed.
11. There will be a 2 minute time limit.
12. Teams must furnish their own saddle.
13. There will be no use of hot shots or belts by competitors or arena workers to try and help move a steer.

Tie breakers:

1. in the event of a tie the arena judges have the final call
2. in the event there are no recorded times, the arena judges will make selections to move on to the finals.

All entries and release/liability forms MUST be turned into the Fair office by April 13, 2017. This can be done by dropping off at the Fair office or by mail. Contact Melondy Bender at the Fair office for Entry or Release/Liability form questions.

Galveston County Fair office: Phone: 409-986-6010

Mailing address: PO BOX 889
Santa Fe, Tx. 77510

Physical address: # 10 Jack Brooks Park, Hwy 6
Hitchcock, Tx. 77563

**2017 Galveston County Fair and Rodeo
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Please return this form along with your minor's release form (for ages 15 – 17) and/or Liability release form (if 18 years of age) by 4/13/2017 to the fair office. Failure to turn in both forms by the deadline will constitute disqualification. Contact and mailing info is located on the rules page.

**** ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST LIST A PHONE NUMBER FOR CONTACT PURPOSES**** if the Rodeo committee cannot reach 1 member of your team for scheduling by Tuesday night 4/25/17, your team will be replaced by a team on the wait list.

Team name: _____

Captain name: _____ Age: _____ Ph#: _____

Member name: _____ Age: _____ Ph#: _____

Member name: _____ Age: _____ Ph#: _____

Member name: _____ Age: _____ Ph#: _____

High School name: _____

Warning: Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), a farm animal professional is not liable for injury to or the death of a participant in farm animal activities resulting from the inherent risk of farm animal activities.

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This agreement **MUST** be fully completed and **ARRIVE** at the Galveston County Fair office by **April 13, 2017** in order for contestants to be eligible for participation in the Youth Steer Saddling event.

Minor's release, assumption of risk and indemnity agreement.

I, or we, _____ and/or _____
Father Mother
(herein after "Parents" whether one or both), Parents of _____
Contestant

A minor, born _____ do hereby agree to participation of contestant in the youth steer saddling in the 2017 Galveston County Fair and Rodeo and in consideration thereof contestant and parents do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless each of Galveston County Fair and Rodeo (herein called "Indemnatee") and their present, past and future directors, officers, members, employee's and any others acting on their behalf, against any and all claims for injury or death to persons or loss or damage to properties and any and all liability and cost (including cost of defense or settlement), caused in whole or in part by or arising out of or in connection with (1) the use of any premises or material of Indemnatee: and/or (2) in connection with or arising out of contestant's activities and presence as a contestant or participant. Parents and contestant further release Indemnatee and their present, past and future directors, officers, members, employee's and any others acting on their behalf, from all liability for any injury or death to persons or loss or damage to property suffered by contestant or participant or use of any of the premise or material of Indemnatee. Venue for purposes hereof shall lie in Galveston County, Texas.

Parents also hereby contest and agree, in the event of injury to contestant while participating in a youth steer saddling and in the event Parents are not readily available, that those acting on behalf of Galveston County Fair and Rodeo shall have the right (but not the duty) to authorize medical; and foregoing release shall include any act or omission by Indemnatee in this regard.

Note: Signature of Parents and Contestant **MUST BE THEIR OWN**. This release will not be accepted unless the signature of Parents and Contestant are **NOTARIZED**.

Contestant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Father's Signature: _____ Phone #: _____

Mother's Signature: _____ Phone #: _____

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2017

Notary: _____ Stamp: _____

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Liability and Release Form
(For contestants age 18)

I/We the applicant, hereby release the Galveston County Fair and Rodeo, their past, present or future directors, officers, members, employee's and any others acting on their behalf from any and all liability and responsibility for accident, injury, death or damage to the contestant and to his/her property. I/We have read and understand this release and assume complete responsibility for my property and myself.

Contestant Name: (print)

Signature:

Date:
