



Wool Riders Only Explained

What is Wool Riders Only?

Wool Riders Only is “*The Toughest Sport on Wool*”®! Boys and girls, three to six years old, weighing less than 60 lbs try to ride a sheep for a full six seconds. If riders make it six seconds they get a score just like a bull rider would! Highest score of the round wins. If no rider makes it the full six seconds, whoever rode the longest wins that round.

Multiple performances (called go-rounds) per day will be held throughout a fair. Winners from each go-round are invited back to the *Championship Round* which will be held during the final performance of the fair. The child that is determined to be the winner of the *Championship Round* will represent the title of that fair champion and will receive a custom trophy buckle.

Our 30 minute shows are non-stop action and excitement as the children and our animal athletes (the sheep) are the center of attention. Music, colorful commentary from the announcer and even in-arena interviews with participants make this show one of the best spectator sports on the grounds. Don't miss the antics and fun from the Wool Riders Only mascot “*Buster Mutton*”® as he interacts with the crowd and the competitors.

What are the Rules?

We've made the registration process simple for Wool Riders Only:

- There is no lottery to get in. Children are registered on a first come, first served basis
- Each child must be registered by a parent or legal guardian
- Registration takes place at the WRO merchandise trailer located next to the mutton busting arena and begins at least one hour prior to each show
- Every child will be asked to weigh in during the registration process. Children must weigh less than 60 pounds to participate
- Registration fee is \$10 per child, per ride and is non-refundable
- Helmets and rider protection vests are required and are provided by Tommy G Productions
- No ropes or spurs are allowed
- Chaps may be worn
- The minimum age to ride is three years old, however, we reserve the right to “lift off” any child that weighs under 25 lbs so that they get the experience of riding the sheep without hitting the ground

Prizes and Awards:

- Every child that experiences Wool Riders Only takes home temporary tattoos and a participation ribbon
- Medals are awarded in each performance first through third place.
- Winner of the Championship round receives a custom trophy buckle and other prizes are awarded to Championship Round finalists through fifth place.

No Experience? No Problem:

Our family-friendly staff will guide each Mutton Buster through every step of the process including:

- Special fittings of the helmets and vests
- Inside the chute help from our “chute boss” that places the children on the sheep, guides them on the best techniques of riding and stays in the chute with the child and sheep until the gate opens
- Rider protection in the arena to assist after the ride