

Rules of Wiener Dog Races

1. Only those dachshunds chosen to race will be allowed access to the paddock area.
2. All entrants must be real dachshunds and will be required to show proof of current shots, including rabies. For the health of the dog, no entries will be accepted from dogs over 10 years old.
3. Each participating dachshund will need to bring two human handlers. The handlers must be able to carry and / or catch the dog while standing / walking on the race course. At least one of the handlers must be able to walk and run approximately 60 yards on the racing surface. One handler will carry the racer to the starting box and “load” the dog in it. They will also run with the dog to the finish line where it will be caught by the second handler.
4. All handlers will be required to sign a consent and waiver releasing DFSW from all liabilities.
5. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, except during the race.
6. Racing dachshunds will be provided with a racing blanket to identify them for the race. Race personnel will assist with making sure the blanket is comfortably secure.
7. NO FOOD is allowed on the racecourse. The handlers may coax their runner with a favorite toy or other enticing item. Nothing breakable or edible is allowed on the racing surface. This is for the safety of all the dogs and runners.
8. Handlers should not carry any loose articles onto the racetrack: i.e. phones, sunglasses, blue tooth, or anything that can fall off your body.
9. All participants must stay within the designated staging area while waiting their turn to race. At least one handler must remain with the dog at all times. Water will be provided for the dogs.
10. Participating dogs are not allowed trackside except for their individual race. At no time will a dachshund be allowed near the paddock areas without permission from racing staff.
11. Upon completion of the race, all participants will return immediately to the designated staging area. At this time, racing personnel will gather up the racing blankets. The winner will be interviewed and photographed at this time and location.
12. The winner of each qualifying heat will run in the finals at the end of the day.
13. REMEMBER: The only thing serious about this race is the FUN! The judge’s decision is final! For the safety of everyone concerned, DFSW reserves the right to refuse participation to humans and dogs who cannot meet all the qualifications of the race.
14. Races will be held rain or shine. Wear appropriate gear.

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