



TEXAS CRAB FEST WIENER DOG RACING RULES

1. **BE ON TIME!** We will not postpone the races due to ferry lines being backed up. Allow 1 hour to get across if coming from galveston.
2. Arrive and check in starting at 10AM. **WE WILL CLOSE CHECK-IN REGISTRATION at 10:40AM SHARP** so we can prepare the racing sheets/heats and start the parade around 10:50AM.
3. Participating canines must be real dachshunds. There are no weight restrictions.
4. Only the dachshunds registered to race will be allowed access. NO SPECTATOR CANINES WILL BE ALLOWED.
5. Each dachshund race will be between 30 - 50 yards.
6. Please keep your pet on a leash at all times until it is your turn to race.
7. **Do not bring a dog that is currently in heat.**
8. **Dog to human ration is 1:1.** Meaning if you registered 1 dog then you need just 1 human to race that dog. If you registered 2 dogs then you need 2 humans to race the dogs. 1 human cannot race 2 dogs.
9. Humans must be able to carry and/or catch the dog while standing/walking on a not so flat grassy surface.
10. When you arrive there is a check-in table. Please let that table know who you are. **ONCE YOU CHECKED-IN YOU MUST ENTER THE RACING AREA AND ONCE IN, YOU CANNOT LEAVE THAT AREA UNTIL YOUR DOG IS DONE RACING OR WHEN THE EVENT IS OVER.** (This helps us get everyone in order for the heats and the parade).
11. **Getting ready to race:** The human will carry the dog/racer to the Starting Box and "load" the canine. Once canine is loaded then that human will quickly walk or run to the end of the track at the finish line catching area and stand 3ft - 5ft away from the finish line and catch the racing canine. **The catching area will be clearly marked.**
12. No walking on the race track or touching the race box once the canine is loaded.
13. **If a handler reaches across the finish line or steps out of the catching area, you will be disqualified. Canines must cross the finish line with all their 4 paws before a winner will be determined. We do have technology being used incase we need to review for a photo finish so please stand clear of the people filming at the finish line.**
14. NO FOOD is allowed on the racetrack or in the dog area.
15. **The humans may coax their runners with a favorite 9" or smaller chew toy,** scarf, etc. No dog whistles or other shrill whistles are allowed. Nothing breakable or edible is allowed on the racing surface. (No balloons, doggie treats, etc.) NO FLASHLIGHTS, LASER POINTERS, OR THROWING ITEMS DOWN THE TRACK WILL BE ALLOWED.
16. Humans should not carry any loose articles onto the racetrack. Humans should wear comfortable shoes. **No flip-flops will be allowed.** Only canines will be allowed to be barefoot.
17. Participants will be responsible for bringing their canine to the race area for their designated race (an announcement will be made).
18. Before each heat you will know how many dogs will be advancing to the next heats/races. The head master table will let you know if your dog advances to the next heat.
19. If your dog does not advance you must leave the racing collar at the head master table and leave the racing area.
20. **Absolutely no arguing with the judges, event emcee, or volunteers will be tolerated! All judges decisions are final.**
21. REMEMBER: The only thing serious about this race is the FUN! Judges' decisions will be final. And ceremony for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place will be right after the Championship race is complete.
22. For the safety of everyone concerned, the Track reserves the right to refuse participation to humans who cannot meet all qualifications of the race.