

Stark County Fair Wiener Dog Derby

Application and Rules & Regulations

Dachshund Name: _____ M/F: _____ Color: _____

Dachshund Date of Birth: _____ Weight: _____ lbs. _____ oz.

Name of Owner: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Photo of dog and current License & Rabies vaccination must be submitted with application.

1. Competing race dogs must be a certified wiener dog. Your dog DOES NOT have to be AKA or AKC registered/certified. Please bring your dog's shot records that clearly indicate "dachshund" breed. We have the right to disqualify any dog based on questionable breed. Mix breeds are not permitted. The judges have the right to disqualify any dachshund mix breed.
2. Only the dachshunds registered to race are allowed in Stark County Fair (no spectator canines are allowed.) A total of 40 canines will be allowed to participate. All must be pre-registered prior to August 23, 2026.
3. A starting gate will be utilized, and dogs will race off leash.
4. Each dachshund will race 40 feet on the Stark County track. Winning dogs must cross the official finish line inside the boundaries provides.
5. Each participating dachshund will need to bring two (2) humans. Humans must be able to carry and catch the dog while standing/walking on a dirt surface.
6. One human will carry the canine to the starting line and hold the canine. The other human will stand on the finish line and catch the racing canine.
7. All humans must clean up after their canines and dispose of any waste in trash cans. No waste can be left on the grounds or on the track.
8. All humans are required to sign a consent waiver releasing the Stark County Fair from all liabilities and allowing the Stark County Fair to use their names and likenesses in promotional advertising. (This must be completed before race time.)

9. No canine food is allowed on the racetrack. The humans may coax their runners with a favorite chew toy only and/or calling the canines. No dog whistles or other shrill whistles are allowed.
10. Nothing breakable or edible is allowed on the racing surface. No throwing of objects/toys is allowed. (No ballons or doggie treats.)
11. Humans should not carry any loose article on the racetrack. Humans should wear comfortable shoes. No flip-flops will be allowed.
12. Participant check-in on September 1, 2026 will be at the South end of the Grandstand. All contestants must arrive prior to 6:00 pm. At check-in each canine will be provided their qualifying heat information and timeline of events.
13. Participants will be responsible for bringing their canine to their designated race (an announcement will be made).
14. Participating canines are not allowed trackside except for their individual race. Canines must be kept in the designated area while not racing.
15. Upon completion of the wiener dog race, all participants MUST RETURN their dog's assigned racing jacket to personnel and exit the race area.
16. Remember these races are fun only: Judges' decisions are final. For the safety of everyone concerned Stark County Fair reserves the right to refuse participation to humans and canines that don't meet all qualifications of the race. Any aggressive canines or canines exhibiting dangerous behavior will be asked to exit the Track.
17. These races are held rain or shine.
18. Dog must have current license & must be up to date on all shots including rabies vaccination. Owner must provide proof by day of event.

E-MAIL ALL APPLICATIONS TO RACING@STARKCOUNTYFAIR.COM