

MAHONING VALLEY WIENER DOG DASH

to benefit the Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund (PDJF)



October 23, 2021

Rain or Shine!

Bonus Event: Dachshund Costume Class

Rules and Regulations

TOP PRIZES

1st \$100

2nd \$50

3rd \$25

Registration and Participation Rules

1. All competing canines must be a Dachshund. No other breeds or mix breeds will be allowed to compete. Please bring your canine's shot records that indicate Dachshund. HWMV reserves the right to refuse entry and disqualify any dog based on questionable breed.
2. An official entry form and a photo of your racing Dachshund must be submitted no later than October 13, 2021. Entries are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. No entry fee however donations to the Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund are appreciated.
3. All humans, owners, and handlers will be required to sign a release and waiver of liability agreement which also includes permission for HWMV to use their names and likenesses in promotional advertising.
4. Proof that all shots are up to date, including rabies, the current dog license, and a signed release and waiver of liability agreement are due at check in on the day of the event but may be sent in advance.
5. A maximum of forty (40) Dachshunds will be allowed to participate with up to two (2) Dachshunds per owner.
6. Only Dachshunds registered to race will be allowed on the premises and may not enter the building. Dachshunds are welcome on our racing apron and are invited to lounge in our grassy areas on the apron and between the parking lot and racing surface.
7. Handlers will be responsible to pick up after their canine while on property. Bags can be disposed of in any outdoor trash container.
8. Dachshunds must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times except when competing in the official race. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will be excused from the races and will be asked to leave the property.
9. Out of respect for our equine and canine athletes competing in the races, we ask that Dachshunds who enjoy expressing their excitement are kept at a distance from their equine counterparts. Our equine friends thank you!

Race Day Check-In

10. All participating Dachshunds and human handlers must check in immediately upon arrival. Participants will use the outdoor racing entrance located on the south side of the building near the racing surface.
11. Check in Time: 11:30am – 12:15pm. Must be in line by 12:15pm, no late check in's permitted.
12. First heat start time will be at approx. 12:50pm.

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13. Canine races will be conducted between equine races. Costume class to be held after Race 6. Mahoning Valley Wiener Dog Championship Dash to be held after Race 7.

Rules of the Race

14. Participating Dachshunds will be drawn at random into heats of up to ten (10) canines for a maximum of four (4) heats. Number of heats are subject to change pending participation levels.
15. The top two (2) finishers of each heat will advance to the Mahoning Valley Wiener Dog Championship Dash.
16. Canines will race off leash.
17. Each Dachshund will race 30 yards on the main racing surface at HWMV.
18. Each participating Dachshund will require two (2) human handlers, both must be 18 years of age or older. Both handlers must be able to carry and catch the canine athlete while standing and walking on a dirt surface.
19. Human handler number 1 will carry the Dachshund to their designated start post, stand behind the start line, and hold the canine for the start of the race. Human handler number 2 will stand behind the finish line to catch the racing canine. Once the first dog crosses the finish line, all finish line handlers must continue to call their dogs until all are caught. Human handlers will not be permitted to cross the start or finish lines to assist or catch their canine until permitted to do so by the HWMV Judges.
20. Handlers may encourage their canine athletes with a favorite toy and/or by calling their canines. Handlers may **not** use food, loud noisemakers such as whistles, or throw favorite toys or objects. If you are not certain your toy of choice is permitted, you may confirm with officials at the check in booth. Food and breakable items will not be allowed on the racing surface as it will create potential hazards for both our equine and canine athletes.
21. Human handlers should wear comfortable shoes. Loose articles will not be permitted on the racetrack. No flip-flops will be allowed.
22. Canines showing aggressive or dangerous behavior, such as severe interference while racing, as determined by HWMV Judges, will be disqualified and may be asked to leave property.
23. Canines must cross the finish line with all four (4) paws to be considered finished. The final finish will be determined by the HWMV Judges.

Dachshund Costume Class

24. All Dachshunds participating in the races are invited to also register for the costume class which will take place between the final heat and the championship race.
25. The costume class will be judged by our honorary guests, Mike, Sandy, and Karou representing the Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund.
26. A second award will be given to the crowd favorite.