



### **Dog Racing Rules & Regulations**

1. Participating canines in the two wiener dog heats and championship must be real dachshunds. The championship race will be limited to the top four (4) Wieners from each heat. No weight restrictions in these races. The open class (Race 1) must be 20 lbs and under.
2. Owners must provide proof of current vaccinations.
3. Only the canines chosen to race will be allowed access on the track. All other dogs must stay in the designated area.
4. Each race will be 40 yards on the track.
5. Each participating dog will need to bring two (2) humans. Humans must be able to carry and/or catch the dog while standing/walking on a sandy surface (much like a beach).
6. One human will carry the racer to the Start Line and “load” the canine. The other human will stand at the Finish Line and catch the racing canine. Both humans may accompany to the start but one must go to the finish.
7. All humans will be required to sign a consent waiver releasing Turfway Park from all liabilities and allowing Turfway Park to use their names and likenesses in promotional advertising.
8. NO FOOD is allowed on the racetrack. The humans may coax their runners with a favorite chew toy, scarf, bell, etc. No dog whistles or other shrill whistles are allowed. Nothing breakable or edible is allowed on the racing surface; i.e., no balloons, doggie treats, etc.
9. Humans should wear comfortable shoes. No flip-flops will be allowed. Only canines will be allowed to be barefoot.
10. Participants will be responsible for bringing their canine to the holding box for their designated race. (An announcement will be made). Participants are not allowed in the holding box until their designated race.
11. Participating canines are not allowed on the track except for their individual race.
12. Upon completion of the dog race, all participants MUST RETURN their dog’s assigned racing blanket to personnel and exit the Winner’s Circle and return to designated area.
13. Photos will be taken of the winner of each race. Contestants must sign a media release prior to the running of their race. (These must be completed by check-in time.)
14. REMEMBER: The only thing serious about this race is the FUN! Judges’ decisions will be final. For the safety of everyone concerned, the Track reserves the right to refuse participation to humans who cannot meet all qualifications of the race.
15. These races will be held rain or shine.