



Ashtabula County Agricultural Society

WIENER DOG RACE RULES 2026

Event Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026

Location: Ashtabula County Fairgrounds - Grandstands

1. Participating race dogs must be purebred dachshunds (wiener dogs). Your dog does not need to be AKC or other kennel club registered. However, you must provide proof that your dog is a dachshund. The Ashtabula County Fair reserves the right to disqualify any dog whose breed is in question. Mixed breeds are not permitted.
2. Participation is limited to 40 registered dachshunds. All dogs must be pre-registered online prior to the registration deadline. No same-day registrations will be accepted.
3. A starting gate will be used, and all dogs will race off leash.
4. Each dachshund will race approximately 20 yards.
5. Each participating dachshund must be accompanied by two (2) handlers, both capable of walking on dirt and grass surfaces and safely handling the dog. All participating dachshunds must be transported in dog carriers on the fairgrounds, they can be leashed once inside the track fencing.
6. One handler will carry the dog to the starting gate and hold it until the race begins. The second handler will wait at the finish line to encourage and safely catch the dog.
7. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs at all times. All waste must be disposed of in designated trash receptacles.
8. All participants must complete and sign the required Liability Waiver, Photo Release, and Media Release before participating in the event.
9. No food or treats are permitted on the racecourse. Handlers may encourage their dog using voice commands or a favorite toy. Dog whistles, shrill whistles, laser pointers, edible items, or throwing toys or objects onto the track are strictly prohibited.
10. Handlers should wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes. Flip-flops or other unsafe footwear are not permitted.
11. Participant check-in will take place on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the location designated by the Ashtabula County Fair. All participants must arrive by the published check-in time. Race assignments and event instructions will be provided at check-in.
12. Participants are responsible for reporting to the staging area when their race is called. Announcements will be made throughout the event. Only participants in the current race may enter the race area.
13. Dogs must remain on a leash except while actively racing. Participating dogs should remain in the designated participant area until called for their race.
14. At the conclusion of each race, participants must promptly return any race-issued equipment, including racing vests or jackets, to event personnel before leaving the race area.
15. These races are intended for fun and entertainment. Judges' decisions are final. The Ashtabula County Fair reserves the right to refuse or revoke participation of any handler or dog that does not comply with these rules or poses a safety risk. Any dog displaying aggressive or dangerous behavior will be removed from the event without refund.
16. The Wiener Dog Races will be held rain or shine, unless conditions are deemed unsafe by Fair officials.
17. Each participating dog must have a current dog license and be up to date on vaccinations, including rabies. Proof of current rabies vaccination and dog license must be provided no later than the day of the event.
18. By completing registration, participants acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by these Official Rules & Regulations. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification without refund.

Dog's Name: _____

Owner's First & Last Name: _____

Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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REMINDER: ITEMS DUE BY AUGUST 09, 2026: 1. SIGNED RULES 2. SIGNED ACCIDENT WAIVER/RELEASE OF LIABILITY & MEDIA RELEASE FORM 3. CURRENT PHOTO OF THE DOG 4. COPY OF CURRENT DOG LICENSE 5. COPY OF CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION EMAILED TO INFO@ASHTABULAFAIR.COM
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Accident Waiver, Release of Liability & Media Release

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I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age or am the parent/legal guardian of the participating minor. I acknowledge that participation in the Ashtabula County Fair Wiener Dog Races involves inherent risks, including but not limited to serious personal injury, illness, property damage, or death. These risks may arise from the condition of the facilities, equipment, weather, the actions or negligence of participants, volunteers, spectators, officials, staff, animals, or other unforeseen circumstances.

I voluntarily assume all risks associated with participating in this event. I understand that liability may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or from other causes. I certify that I have not been advised by a qualified medical professional against participating in this event.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Ashtabula County Fair Wiener Dog Races, I, for myself, my spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, and anyone acting on my behalf, hereby agree to the following:

A. Release of Liability

I release, waive, and forever discharge the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society (Ashtabula County Fair), its Board of Directors, officers, employees, volunteers, event organizers, sponsors, officials, agents, representatives, and affiliates from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action arising out of or related to any injury, disability, illness, death, property damage, or property loss resulting from my participation in this event.

B. Indemnification

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society and all persons or entities listed above from any claims, liabilities, damages, costs, or expenses arising from my participation in this event or from the actions of my dog.

I authorize event personnel to obtain emergency medical treatment for me if necessary during the event. I understand that I am solely responsible for any medical expenses incurred.

Media Release

I understand that photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, and other media may be taken during the event. I grant the Ashtabula County Agricultural Society, the Ashtabula County Fair, event organizers, sponsors, and their representatives the unrestricted right to use my name, likeness, image, voice, and photographs or video of me and my dog for promotional, advertising, educational, social media, or other lawful purposes without compensation or further permission.

I understand that this Accident Waiver, Release of Liability, and Media Release is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted under applicable law.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have carefully read this document, fully understand its contents, understand that I am giving up certain legal rights, and voluntarily agree to its terms.

Participant's Name: _____

Participant's Helper's Name: _____

Dog's Name: _____

Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18): _____

Date: _____

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