**1ST ANNUAL COSHOCTON COUNTY FAIR WEINER DOG RACES  GUIDELINES**

 **Coshocton Couty Fair Grandstand**

 **Monday, 9/29/2025- 30 minutes after Harness Races End**

1. Participating Canines must be purebred dachshunds. There is no weight or age restrictions.
2. Only the dachshunds registered to race are allowed in the Coshocton County Fair. (No spectator canines are allowed) A total of 40 canines will be allowed to participate.
3. Each dachshund will race 20 yards on the Coshocton County Track.
4. Each participating dachshund will need to bring two humans. Humans must be able to carry and catch the dogs while standing/walking on a dirt surface.
5. One human will carry the canine to the starting line and hold the canine. The other human will stand at the finish line and catch the racing canine.
6. All humans must clean up after their canine and dispose of any waste in trash cans. No waste can be left on the ground or track.
7. All humans are required to sign a consent waiver releasing Coshocton County Fair and the Agricultural Society from **ALL** liabilities and allowing the Coshocton County Fair to use their names and likenesses in promotional advertising. This must be completed before race time.
8. No canine food is allowed on racetrack. The humans may coax their runners with a favorite chew toy only and/or by calling the canines. NO dog whistles or other whistles are allowed. Nothing breakable or edible is allowed on racing surface. No throwing of objects/toys is allowed. No ballons or doggie treats.
9. Humans should not carry any loose articles on the racetrack. Humans should wear comfortable shoes. No Flip Flops will be permitted
10. Check in will **begin** at the **conclusion of the initial 4:00 pm post time race** and will **conclude** at the **START of final post time race**. Participants will check in at the Announcers Stand located in the infield. A pop-up tent will be located near the registration area for staging in preparation of each race. This tent is for the comfort of our racers.
11. Participants will be responsible for bringing their canine to their designated race. Participants/canines are not permitted in the racing area until their designated race.
12. Participating canines are not allowed trackside except for their individual race. Canines must be kept in the staging area while not racing.
13. Upon completion of the Weiner Dog Heat Race and Finals, all participants **MUST RETURN** their dog’s assigned racing jacket to racing personnel and exit the race area.
14. Remember, these races are for fun only! Judges’ decisions are final. For the safety of everyone concerned, Coshocton County Fair/Agricultural Society reserves the right to refuse participation to humans and canines that don’t meet the qualifications of the race. Any aggressive canines or canines exhibiting dangerous behavior will be asked to exit the track.
15. These races are held rain or shine (In the event of Harness racing rain date, canine races will be adjusted accordingly.)
16. Dogs MUST have current license and must be up to date on shots including rabies vaccination. Owner must be able to provide proof on request.

**\*All Racers, please enter grounds through Fair Street Tunnel or 8th Street Gate for Infield Parking\***