



DAS Fest USA 2021 Dachshund Races **Rules and Information**

The dachshund races at DAS Fest USA are all about 3 F's: Family, Friendly and FUN! They do not represent gambling or any type of professional racing event. The race distance will be 40 feet. This race is intended to provide entertainment at DAS Fest. The health and safety of the dogs is our priority. Our goal is to bring doxie owners together to get to know one another and celebrate this special breed, at a special festival.

Only pre-registered dachshunds will be allowed on the festival grounds. Credentials for admission onto the festival grounds will be emailed in advance. Dogs must always be on a leash, except while running their race. Dogs are only allowed in DAS Doxie Garten, on the course, or walking to and from the racecourse. Dogs are not permitted to roam the grounds with their owners, whether leashed or not, per state law. Be prepared for limited shade. Do not leave dogs in a car. Event staff reserves the right to involve the proper authorities if an animal is deemed at risk. Refer to www.dasfestusa.com, "fest info", for a list of items allowed and not allowed on the DAS Fest grounds.

DAS Fest races are open to all dachshunds over 4 months of age. Although we do not require papers, we do ask that your dog is a Dachshund. This means they must have the specific breed characteristics as stated by the American Kennel Club. DAS Fest USA reserves the right to disqualify any dog if there is a question about breed or size. Please do not bring a dog that is in heat. All owners are required to complete a registration form, submit a signed liability waiver in advance, and provide record of shots from a veterinarian on race day. Dogs must be current on DHPP, Rabies, and (suggested) Bordatella vaccines. Parvo and Kennel Cough are highly contagious to young and older dogs but can even affect a seemingly healthy dog on occasion if not vaccinated. Owners must be prepared to clean up after their dogs. Participants must be on their best behavior, no biting or aggressiveness will be tolerated. On site registration will not be available.

All races are held rain or shine, and on time. Check in at least 30 minutes prior to the race. Plan to be in position and ready to race 10 minutes prior to designated start time. Failure to be in position for the race is considered a forfeit, and no refunds will be issued. If the race is canceled due to unforeseen circumstances and/or safety concerns, DAS Fest will make every effort to refund registration fees by email request only. All unrequested refunds/credits will be donated to the charities supported by DAS Fest USA.

The Race

The number of qualifying heats will depend on the total number of registered dogs. The top 3 winners of each age division will receive a ribbon and prize on Saturday, and on Sunday.

- All dogs must have 2 people to race, one handler at the start line (DAS Releaser) and one at the finish line (DAS Catcher).
- Dogs will be issued a color specific bandana for easy winner identification upon check in.
- Course surface is grass.
- All divisions will race 40 feet.
- Dogs are assigned spots on a first come, first serve basis.
- Pets must be kept on a leash until race time.



- Dogs will not be required to stay in lanes.
- Dogs must maintain good conduct throughout the race and shall not interfere with other racers via biting. All biting dogs will be disqualified.
- Races will be conducted in heats according to the number of entrants in each division. The top dog(s) of each heat will advance to the final division race.
- The first dog to the finish line (nose or toe over, whichever is first) is considered the winner.
- In case of a tie, an extra tie-breaking heat may be run to determine placement.
- There will be one finish line for the dogs to cross, and approximately five feet beyond that will be the catcher. The catcher must stay behind the line until a heat winner is announced, and/or an official deems it necessary to cross the line to guide their dachshund to the finish line.
- Treats, toys, and funny faces may be used to entice the dachshund to the finish line.

Cause for disqualification:

1. Dogs must start the race with all paws on the ground behind the start line. No throwing or tossing of the dog at any time.
2. Handlers must remain 5 feet behind the finish line and may not reach across the line.
3. No one may throw any treat or object, use light, laser pointers, whistles or other loud noisemakers or balloons.
4. Arguing with judges or volunteers will not be permitted. All decisions made by DAS Fest Dachshund Race judges will be final.

Above all, remember the 3 F's.

Ready. Set. GO!

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