

2018 Chelan Co. Fair Dachshund Dash Procedures

(aka, Weiner Dog Race)

On Saturday, September 8th at 1:30 p.m.

ALL participating dogs must be Dachshunds. This does not mean they have to be AKC registered, but must have the specific breed characteristics as stated by the AKC. Mixed breeds are NOT allowed. Race judges have the right to disqualify any dog if there is a question of the breed. Entries must consist of:

- 1) Official Entry Form
- 2) Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement, entries without signatures will not be accepted.
- 3) Entry Fee of \$5.00

FORMS DUE BY AUGUST 28, 2018

Mail to:

Chelan County Fair

5700 Wescott Dr.

Cashmere, WA 98815

Race Information:

On Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., we will run preliminary heats and one (1) Championship Heat. The winner of each preliminary heat will win a prize (to be determined) and advance to the next preliminary heat if needed and toward the Championship Heat. The winner of the Championship Heat will win \$100, while the second place finisher will win \$75, and the third place finisher will win \$50.

The number of dogs in each heat will depend on the number of entries, with a MAXIMUM of six (6) dogs per heat. Every attempt will be made to place an equal number of dogs in each heat and the number of heats will be adjusted accordingly. If there are enough dogs' minis will race against minis and standards against standards in the preliminary heats only. The contestants will be drawn for spots and heats. **IF YOU ARE BRINGING MORE THAN ONE DOG PLEASE HAVE TWO HANDLERS FOR EACH DOG. YOUR DOGS MAY BE RACING AGAINST EACHOTHER IF IT IS DRAWN THAT WAY.**

Race Day Checklist:

Waste Pick up Bags

Leash

Water Dish

Pre-issued gate pass

Chelan Co. Fair Rules:

You **MUST** have with you the above mentioned items to be allowed entry in to the fair with your dog. No non racing dogs will be permitted entrance. You will enter only through the MAIN gate not before 10:00 A.M. Saturday, September 8th. Your dog **MUST** be on a leash at all times while at the Fair, other than when your dog is participating in a race. Owners are required to clean up after their dog.

NO dogs are allowed in the poultry or rabbit areas at ANY time.

Race Day Sign In:

Owners and handlers need to sign in at the “Participant’s Area” located by the **GRAND STANDS** no less than a **half hour before the race starts**. If an owner shows up less than a half hour before their race, their dog will be scratched and removed from the race, with no option to race in another preliminary heat on Sept. 8, 2018.

After an owner signs in, their dogs will be issued a starting line position. Each dog’s starting line position and heat will be determined prior to the start of the racing event by a random drawing. Each dog will receive a colored racing scarf that **must be worn during their race**. Dogs will be lined up before the race and must start from their assigned position.

Before the race, a Dachshund Dash Racing Official will call all handlers and their dogs to line up for their respective heat.

Handlers:

Two (2) handlers are required per dog: one handler with the dog behind the starting line, the other handler behind the finish line to call the dog and collect him/her after the race. **You will need two (2) handlers per dog because if you enter more than one (1) dog they may be drawn to compete in the same heat.**

Starting Line Handler:

Dogs will be released by their handler **behind** a designated starting line. Handlers releasing their dog must release their dog once the Dachshund Dash Racing Official says, “Go!” Any dogs released before the Dachshund Dash Racing Official says, “Go!” will be disqualified from the race. Please allow your dog to run freely from the starting line of his/her own accord. Any owners that throw their dogs over the starting line will be disqualified and removed from the event.

Finish Line Handler:

Once the dogs are released from the starting line, finish line handlers are allowed to call their dogs across the finish line and into the receiving area. Finish line handlers must position themselves in the same order as the handlers behind the starting line so that the dogs will not be encouraged to cross paths with one another.

Although efforts are made to allow the dogs to run freely, some dogs may still cross paths/interfere with other dogs during the race. If there is interference, the dog that is believed to have been interfered with will not have the option of racing in another race or be placed higher in the finishing results. The place that the interfered dog finishes is its official place.

Finish line handlers may **only use a calling voice** to coax their dogs. Loud noisemakers, live animals, snacks, newspapers, bags, squeaky toys and anything deemed to be disruptive to other dogs will not be permitted. **In order to be declared the winner, all four (4) paws must cross the finish line.**

For the safety of the dogs, **handlers are not permitted to leave their designated places while the dogs are competing.**

Once the first dog has crossed the finish line (with all four (4) paws), the finish line handlers of the other dogs need to continue to call their dogs until all dogs are with their respective owners. If your dog does not come to you within a reasonable amount of time after the finish of the race (determined by the finish line Dachshund Dash Racing Official), you will be allowed to enter the course and collect your dog. **Please be careful, and do not interfere with anyone else's dog.**

Championship Heat:

The Championship Heat on Sept 8, 2018 will consist of the first place finishers of all the preliminary heats in the day. The procedure for the Championship Heat will be the same as above.

Dachshund Dash Racing Officials will determine the winner. Decisions of the Dachshund Dash Racing Officials are final.

The winner of the Dachshund Dash Races Championship Heat and his/her owner and handlers will come to the front of the Stage for photos and a short interview following the race.

**Chelan County Fair
Dachshund Dash Races
Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement**

I, _____ (Owner 18 years old or older) acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Dachshund Dash Races at Chelan Co. Fair on Saturday, September 8, 2018. I AM AWARE THAT THE DACHSHUND DASH RACES ARE A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY DOG. I VERIFY THIS STATEMENT BY PLACING MY INITIALS HERE _____.

As consideration for being permitted by Chelan Co. Fair to participate in the Dachshund Dash Races and the use of the Fair facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse, and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Chelan County Fair, or any of their affiliated organizations for injury or damage resulting from the negligence or other acts, however caused, by any director, employee, agent, or contractor of Chelan County Fair as a result of my participation in the Dachshund Dash Races. I forever release Chelan County Fair and any of their affiliated organizations from any and all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now have or may hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the Dachshund Dash Races.

I accept full responsibility for the actions of my dog while participating in the Dachshund Dash Races.

I _____ (Owner) authorize Chelan County Fair to use my photograph and name, free of charge, for any promotional or commercial means regarding the Dachshund Dash Races at Chelan County Fair.

I ALSO HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE COMPLETE RULES SET FORTH BY CHELAN COUNTY FAIR IN REGARDS TO THE DACHSHUND DASH RACES AND FAIR ATTENDANCE. I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN CHELAN COUNTY FAIR AND MYSELF AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature _____ (18 Y/O or older) Date _____

Participant (please print) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Dog's Name _____ Standard or Mini? _____ Dog's Color _____

**Chelan County Fair
Dachshund Dash Races
Registration Form**

Racing day will be on Saturday, September 8th at 1:30 p.m.

Handlers Name:

Catcher's Name:

Dogs Name:

Owners Email:

Owners Address:

Owners Phone#:

REGISTRATION FORM & FEES DUE BY AUGUST 28, 2018

Be sure to send your \$5.00 entry fee & signed release waiver and registration form to the following address.

**Chelan County Fair
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Cashmere, WA 98815**

