

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL WIENER DOG NATIONALS!!!

2012 OFFICIAL RULES

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1. One entry per wiener dog. All dogs **MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED PRIOR TO EVENT.**
2. One human is required for each wiener dog entered to coax them past the finish line.
3. All humans involved must sign a consent and waiver releasing Stautzenberger College and the Lucas County Fairgrounds from all liabilities and to use their names and likenesses in future promotional material at which time you will receive a wristband. Humans must have a wristband to enter the race area.
4. Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times when not racing or preparing to race.
5. NO FOOD will be permitted in the racing area. This includes any kind of doggy treat. Nothing edible will be allowed. Humans may use bells, whistles, toys etc. to coax dogs to finish line.
6. Humans should secure loose items before entering the racing area such as sunglasses, cigarettes, keys, etc. Event organizers cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen or broken items.
7. Human and dog must report to designated staging area 10 minutes prior to scheduled race. A board will be posted that will display race participants and start time. All participants not in competition must remain outside of restricted race area until 10 minutes prior to race.
8. Dogs will be loaded into starting gate by their human owner. Once loaded, the human must return to the finish line area
9. Humans at finish must remain entirely behind designated line past the finish line until **ALL** dogs have crossed the finish line.
10. Dogs will be provided with a colored doggy bandana to identify them in the race. Doggy bandana must be returned to event personnel upon exiting race area.
11. All dogs will run in at least two races in the first round. Points will be awarded based on finishing position (4 points for 1st, 3 points for 2nd, 2 points for 3rd, 1 point for 4th and 0 points for a DNS). Top 16 in points pending tie-breaker races will move into Semi-Finals. Semi-Finals winners will transfer into Finals. Please do not enter if you cannot stay for the entire event. First race starts at 10:30am with the last races starting at 1:30pm.
12. The purpose of this event is to have **FUN**. Judges' decisions are final and not open to discussion. For the safety of everyone concerned, event organizers reserve the right to refuse participation to humans who cannot follow the rules.
13. There is a \$5 entry fee per dog for this year's event. All dogs must be pre-registered. Checks can be made out to **Dog Days of September** and returned along with entry form to Wiener Dog Nationals, C/O Stautzenberger College, 1796 Indian Wood Circle, Maumee, OH 43537.
14. Prizes will be awarded.
15. All entrants must be real wieners (dachshunds) and may be required to show proof of current bordetella, distemper and rabies shots upon request.
16. Rules subject to change. Please pay attention to event personnel before and after each race.
17. Failure to follow rules may result in disqualification.
18. Check in time will be from 9:30am – 10:30am the day of the event. All dogs will be weighed and assigned to a race at this time. Only dogs that check in will be eligible to race. First race will begin at 11:00am.
19. Minors may participate, but they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the check in procedure.

