



Little Leg Races Official Rules and Information

Event Overview

PROST! Das Fest Wisconsin Little Leg Races and the Costume Contest are designed specifically for Dachshunds and Corgis, focusing on Family, Friendship, and FUN. This event is strictly for entertainment and does not involve gambling or professional racing. The race distance is **55 feet**. The health and safety of all participating dogs is the highest priority, and the event aims to foster connections among dog owners and celebrate these beloved breeds.

Eligibility and Registration

The Little Leg Races are open only to **full breed** Dachshunds and Corgis. All dogs must exhibit the breed characteristics as defined by the American Kennel Club. PROST! Das Fest Wisconsin reserves the right to disqualify any dog if breed or size is in question. Dogs in heat are not allowed. Participation requires completion of a registration form, a signed liability waiver, and proof of current vaccinations (DHPP, Rabies, and suggested Bordetella) from a veterinarian on the day of the race (copies are not needed). Onsite registration is not available.

Only pre-registered Dachshunds and Corgis are permitted on the festival grounds. Admission credentials will be emailed in advance. All dogs must be always kept on a leash, except while racing. Owners must be prepared to clean up after their dogs. Leaving dogs in vehicles is prohibited. Event staff may contact authorities if an animal is at risk. For more information about permitted and prohibited items, visit www.dasfestwi.com and refer to the "FAQs".

Event Policies

Races will take place rain or shine and will start on time. Participants who are not in position for their race will forfeit their spot, and no refunds will be given. If a race is canceled due to unforeseen circumstances or safety concerns, efforts will be made to refund registration fees upon email request. Any unrequested refunds or credits will be donated to nonprofit organizations supported by the festival.

Race Format

The number of races will depend on how many dogs are registered. Up to 8 dogs may compete together in as many as 5 races per scheduled time slot. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each race. There will be no preliminary heats.

Check-in opens 30 minutes before the registered start time. **No early check-ins** are allowed. With up to 40 participants checking in at once, please be ready and in position 5 minutes before your scheduled race.

Race Procedures

- Each dog needs two people to race: one handler at the start line (Das Releaser) and one at the finish line (Das Catcher). *TIP: bring two leashes.*
- Dogs will receive a color-specific bandana for identification.
- The racecourse surface is grass.
- All divisions will race 55 feet.
- Race spots are assigned on a first come, first served basis.
- Dogs must remain leashed until race time.
- Dogs are not required to stay in lanes during the race.
- Good conduct is always expected; biting or interfering with other dogs will result in disqualification.
- Treats, toys, and funny faces may be used to encourage dogs to finish the race.

Finish Line and Judging

There will be a single finish line for all dogs, with the Catcher positioned approximately five feet beyond. Catchers must stay behind this line until a winner is declared or an official allows them to cross to help their dog. The winner is the first dog whose nose or toe crosses the finish line. In the event of a tie, a tie-breaking race will be held. The judges' decisions are final.

Disqualification Criteria

1. All dogs must start with all paws on the ground behind the start line. Throwing or tossing dogs is not allowed.
2. Catchers must remain five feet behind the finish line and may not reach across.
3. Throwing treats or objects, and using lights, laser pointers, whistles, loud noisemakers, or balloons is prohibited.
4. Arguing with judges or volunteers will result in disqualification.

Remember the 3 F's

Above all, the event is about Family, Friendship, and FUN!

