

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WIENER NATIONALS

Sponsored by Wienerschnitzel

Open to the First 108 Contestants in order of Receipt

**Alameda County Fair (Pleasanton)**

**Race Day – Saturday, July 18, 2009**

OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

Dog's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Race Experience? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If so, where? Details? \_\_\_\_\_

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Dog's interests, hobbies, special info. \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF RACE: Saturday, July 18, 2009

**Send Applications to:**

**California Authority of Racing Fairs**

**c/o Heather Haviland – Wiener Nationals**

**1776 Tribute Road, Suite 205**

**Sacramento, CA 95815**

**(fax) 916/263-3341 or (phone) 916/837-8427 or [heather@calfairs.net](mailto:heather@calfairs.net)**

**MUST SUBMIT ENTRY FORM, RELEASE WAIVER AND PHOTOGRAPH OF DOG (Scroll Down)**

**OTHER RACES IN THE SERIES:**

Vallejo – Saturday, July 25, 2009

Santa Rosa – Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009

Golden Gate Fields – Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009

**[WWW.NORCALWIENERNATIONALS.COM](http://WWW.NORCALWIENERNATIONALS.COM)**

**NORHTERN CALIFORNIA WIENER NATIOANLS  
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_(Owner) acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Northern California Wiener Nationals at the Alameda County Fair on Saturday, July 18, 2009.

I AM AWARE THAT THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WIENER NATIONALS IS 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 the Alameda County Fair to participate in the Northern California Wiener Nationals and the use of the racetrack 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 Alameda County Fair, the California Authority of Racing Fairs 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 the Alameda County Fair as a result of my participation in the Northern California Wiener Nationals. I forever release the Alameda County Fair, the California Authority of Racing Fairs 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 Northern California Wiener Nationals.

I \_\_\_\_\_(Owner) authorize the Alameda County Fair to use my photograph and name, free of charge, for any promotional or commercial means regarding the Northern California Wiener Nationals.

I ALSO HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE COMPLETE RULES SET FORTH BY THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR IN REGARDS TO THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WIENER NATIONALS WHICH ARE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WIENER NATIONALS WEBSITE (WWW.NORCALWIENERNATIONALS.COM).

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 THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR AND MYSELF AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WIENER NATIONAL PROCEDURES**

Entries consist of: 1) Official Entry Form 2) Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement and 3) Photograph of your dog. Entries will be accepted on a first-come/first-serve basis. The winner of each heat will win \$50. The winner of the Championship heat will win \$300, the second place winner in the Championship Heat will win \$200 and the third place winner will win \$100.

The races in the Northern California Wiener Nationals Series include:

Golden Gate Fields – Saturday, June 13 - Top 3 finishers  
Stockton – Saturday, June 27 - Top 2 finishers  
Pleasanton – Saturday, July 18 - Top 2 finishers  
Vallejo - Saturday, July 25 – NON-QUALIFYING RACE  
Santa Rosa – Saturday, August 8 - Top 2 finishers  
Golden Gate Fields – Saturday, October 3 - Top 3 finishers  
FINALS – Location and Date to be Determined

Once you become a top finisher at any of the participating Northern California Wiener Nationals locations you are ineligible to enter at any remaining qualifying locations.

### **STOCKTON, PLEASANTON & SANTA ROSA**

Each dog will run in one preliminary heat. The winner of each heat will compete in the final race. The top two finishers in the final race will qualify for the Northern California Wiener Nationals Finals.

A maximum of 108 dogs will compete in the preliminary heats.

There will be a MAXIMUM of 9 preliminary heats. If there are fewer than 108 entries, the number of heats will be adjusted accordingly.

The number of dogs in each heat will depend on the number of entries, with a MAXIMUM of twelve dogs per heat.

If entries exceed 108 dogs, owners will be limited to two dogs per human competitor.

If more than 108 entries are received for the Wiener Nationals, contestants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. If fewer than 108 entries are received, every attempt will be made to place an equal number of dogs in each heat.

**Two handlers are required per dog:** one handler remains with the dog behind the starting gate, the other handler will stand behind the finish line to call the dog and collect him/her after the race. At least one handler must be 18 years of age or older.

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

Starting gate positions will be determined prior to the start of the racing events.

Dogs will be issued a neck ribbon that corresponds to the gate position they will be starting from. Once given a neck ribbon each dog will receive a color coordinated racing jacket that must be worn during their race. Each dog must start out of their assigned post position. A Wiener Nationals Official will call all dogs to line up for their respective heats.

An announcement will be given by a track official for handlers to place their dogs in the starting gate. At this time, the finish line handlers will be asked to go to the area behind the finish line to call their dogs. Finish line handlers should position themselves in starting gate order so that dogs will not be encouraged to cross paths with one another.

Once the dogs are settled in the gate, the track announcer will state “Ready, Set, Go” and the starter will open the gate. Please allow your dog to run freely out of the gate of his/her own accord. Because the back of the starting gate is open, handlers may pet/hold their dogs while they are inside. In order to encourage your dog to leave the gate, handlers may want to step back from the gate just before the start.

Once the starting gate has been opened, finish-line handlers are to call their dogs across the finish line and into the receiving area. You may use snacks, squeaky toys, etc. to coax your dogs. Loud noisemakers, live animals other than dachshunds, and anything deemed to be disruptive to other dogs will not be permitted. **In order to be declared the winner, all 4 paws must cross the finish line.**

Once the first dog (with all four paws) has crossed the finish line, the handlers of the other dogs are requested 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 Wiener Nationals 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.**

The Championship Heat will consist of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of all the previous heats. The procedures for the final heat will be the same as above.

Wiener Nationals Officials will determine the winners. Decisions of the Wiener Nationals Officials are final.

The winner of the Wiener Nationals Championship and his/her owner and handlers will come to the winner’s circle on the racetrack for photos and a short interview following the race. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for your dog to “sign” autographs for the fans after the races.

Wiener Nationals Officials will determine 1st place winners. In the event of a tie, the dogs involved will have a “run-off” to determine the winner. Every attempt will be made to schedule “run-offs” at least one heat later, to allow the dogs a chance to rest.

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The winner of the Northern California Wiener National and his/her owner and handlers will come to the winner’s circle on the racetrack for photos.

Management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to this event, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions and definitions not covered explicitly in these rules will be decided by the management of the San Joaquin County Fair with those decisions to be final.