

2009 Golden Gate Fields
Wiener Nationals Entry Form
(OPEN TO THE FIRST 108 CONTESTANTS IN ORDER OF RECEIPT)

Owner _____

Phone # (____) _____ **E-Mail** _____

Address _____

Dog's Name _____	Weight _____
Dog's Age _____	Previous racing experience? Yes ___ No ___
If so, where? Details? _____	

Dog's interests, hobbies, special info _____	

DATE OF RACE: Saturday, October 3	

Send Applications to:

Wiener Nationals
Golden Gate Fields
1100 Eastshore Highway
Berkeley, CA 94710

MUST SUBMIT THE ENTRY FORM, RELEASE WAIVER AND
PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR DOG BY September 30, 2009.

Dachshund Derby Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement

I, _____ (Owner) acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Dachshund Derby at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

I AM AWARE THAT THE DACHSUND DERBY 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 Golden Gate Fields to participate in the Dachshund Derby 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 Magna Entertainment Corporation, Pacific Racing Association, 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 Golden Gate Fields as a result of my participation in the Dachshund Derby. I forever release Golden Gate Fields and the Pacific Racing Association 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 Derby.

I _____ (Owner) authorize Golden Gate Fields to use my photograph and name, free of charge, for any promotional or commercial means regarding the Dachshund Derby at Golden Gate Fields.

I ALSO HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE COMPLETE RULES SET FORTH BY GOLDEN GATE FIELDS IN REGARDS TO THE DACHSHUND DERBY WHICH ARE POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL GOLDEN GATE FIELDS WEBSITE.

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 GOLDEN GATE FIELDS, AND MYSELF AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature _____	Date _____
Participant (please print) _____	
Address _____	

Dog's name _____	

Dachshund Derby II Procedures

All entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, June 10, 2009, to be eligible for the Dachshund Derby. 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.

A dog may only be allowed to win the Championship heat two times. After that, the dog must retire.

No more than two dogs per human competitor.

The first heat of the Dachshund Derby will begin at approximately 12:15 p.m, the second heat will begin approximately at 12:25 p.m, the third heat will begin approximately at 12:55 p.m, the fourth heat will begin approximately at 1:27 p.m., the fifth heat will begin approximately at 1:59 p.m., the sixth heat will begin approximately at 2:32 p.m., the seventh heat will begin approximately at 3:02 p.m., the eighth heat will begin approximately at 3:32 p.m., and the Championship Heat will begin approximately at 4:02p.m. There will be eight preliminary heats and one Championship Heat. There will be two preliminary heats run prior to the first race and then one heat between each race. The Championship heat will be run between the 7th and 8th thoroughbred race.

Each dog will run in one preliminary heat. The winner of each heat will compete in the final race—the “Dachshund Derby Championship”.

A maximum of 96 dogs will compete in the Dachshund Derby preliminary heats.

There will be a MAXIMUM of 8 preliminary heats. If there are fewer than 96 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 more than 96 entries are received for the Derby, contestants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. If fewer than 96 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. Each dog must start his/her heat with the correct neck ribbon. A Derby 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 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, 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 Derby 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.**

After each heat, dogs and their handlers are encouraged to return to the "Participant's Tent" to allow the dogs to rest in the shade and have water and complimentary snacks.

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

Derby 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.

Decisions of the Derby Officials are final.

The winner of the Dachshund Derby 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.