

FWDD General Event Code of Conduct & Additional Information for Participants

Poor behavior and poor sportsmanship will NOT be tolerated.

Interfering with any handler, official and/or dog will be grounds for automatic removal from the derby and all registration fees forfeited.

The Florida Wiener Dog Derby (FWDD), Inc. has the right to reject any entry into the event due to known prior poor behavior. If there is an issue with an entry, we will notify you prior to the event given that notification of your entry is known to us.

All Officials' rulings on race day are final. All official video/photo evidence of the race results are reviewed when a race or contest result is close. If there is an unnoticed rules violation, please address your concern with a FWDD official ASAP for review.

For safety reasons, we can only allow one Pet Parent at the finish line. If it is necessary for an additional person to be at the finish line, please see an official for further instruction.

All pet and human waste must be picked up by their respective guardians. Failure to do so will result in removal from the event and all entry fees/raffle tickets forfeited.

If there is an issue with another FWDD participant or situation, please see a FWDD official for assistance. We ask you do not confront the individual for crowd safety/control reasons. If what you witness is an emergency, contact 911 immediately and locate any event official.

Due to the amount of dogs competing, the event will take ALL DAY.

Please understand that you may have a considerable wait time between races/contests for your dog. We have done as much as possible to secure a shaded area and comfort for you and your dog in order to make this as enjoyable an experience for you and your pet(s) as possible. You may plan your day accordingly as we are a part of a much larger anchor event with additional/adjacent activities.

We recruit and invite volunteers to help us with our events. Understand these are not employees and they willingly assist us. Some of our volunteers are students and may not know an answer readily to your question. Your patience and understanding is requested while they summon the answer to your situation.

Our anchor events have additional activities, which may include LOUD MUSIC. Understand we have no say or control over their content/volume. We make every effort to coordinate our schedules but eventually, both events must go on.

OUR SCHEDULE is published in advance and is followed approximately on time. It is your responsibility to check the event status so your contests/races/heats/lane assignments are not missed. We make every effort to call/notify our missing contestants via our PA system and Race Result boards. Unless an event time is moved or canceled for unforeseen circumstances, we (the FWDD) or our anchor event,

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is not responsible for your missed contest/race and your turn and entry fees is/are forfeited. We will make every reasonable effort to work with you regarding attending a future event.

Most of our anchor events serve alcohol. Yes, you may consume alcohol beverages in accordance with the anchor event rules and local laws. We kindly ask that you do not bring the alcohol beverages into the race/contest area for the safety of our other participants and pups. Please leave your beverage with a non-participant, or FWDD race official, while you are competing.

All Previous champions (from prior years) may re-enter to race for their proper race division and the overall championship. We call this “defending their title”.

There is no limit on how many titles a competitor may win/earn as long as their entry and competition is in accordance with all established race & contest rules. There will be NO complaints entertained that someone has “won too many times”.

Most of our events and anchor events attract media. Understand that you are attending and participating in an event open to the public. Your presence at the event is deemed to be accessible to the public and therefore, privacy laws are not in existence. Photo and video can be taken by any entity and used for future promotion without your required knowledge and/or consent.

Please Like and Share us on Facebook & Instagram **#Speed_Weenies**.

Last but not least...HAVE FUN. It's a Wiener Dog race event to raise money for charity!

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