Basset Hound Races – Rules & Information

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Registration opens Wednesday, July 6, 12:00pm

Thank you for your interest in taking part in our Basset Hound Races at Fort Erie Race Track. Registration is limited for this event, and will be available on Wednesday, July 6 beginning at 12:00pm. A link will be available on our website at that time.

Please read the rules and information below before registering for the event on Wednesday, July 6. Basset Hound Races at Fort Erie Race Track are meant to be a fun highlight of our event schedule, and we expect that all participating in the event will make fun and good sportsmanship a priority.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Requirements

- All contestants must be Basset Hounds. If breed status of your dog is contested during check in, you must be able to provide proof of breed or you will be disqualified (such as registration papers, veterinarian's declaration, breed listed on shot records, etc.)
- Mixed breed basset hounds can enter, however participation is not guaranteed, as preference is given to pure-bred dogs. There may be a separate race with a separate prize for these contestants, based on the amount of interest.
- All dogs must be up-to-date on all vaccinations.
- All dog owners and handlers must sign a waiver at time of check in. (See last page of this package).
- All participants must come with two handlers, one who will release the dog at the start (releaser), and one who will meet the dog at the finish line (catcher). One handler must be at least 18 years of age or older. Second handlers must be at least 12 years of age or older.
- All dogs must remain on a leash while they are at Fort Erie Race Track, except for during their race.

Race Conditions

- There will be up to 6 competing heats, with up to 12 dogs in each heat. The top two finishers from each race will advance to a final round on the same day. Up to 72 dogs can be entered to participate.
- The First-place finisher from the finale will receive a trophy and gift card. Gift cards will be awarded to the second and third place finishers as well.
- Race distance will be approximately 30 meters in length.

- Dogs will be provided a small cloth pinnie to wear with their starting position colour during the race.
- Owners can wave a toy or bone for their dog from the finish line. No food or lasers are allowed.
- Owners cannot cross into the race area to encourage their dogs. At the starting line, releasers must keep the dog's feet behind the starting line prior to start of race.
- There will be two lines at the end of the race, a finish line, and a catcher line. The catchers must stand behind the second line and wait for their dog to cross the finish line. Catchers cannot cross into the race area.
- Dogs do not have to stay in their own lanes. They must cross the finish line on their own and cannot be pushed or pulled across.
- The decision of Fort Erie Race Track officials and management is final.

Registration

- Registration will open on Wednesday, July 6th at 12:00 pm. A registration link will be available on our website on our Basset Hound page at that time. An email will also be sent out to everyone who has signed up for notifications with the link.
- The first 72 dogs to register will be entered in the races. Additional registrants will be accepted and added to a waiting list. If for some reason dogs are disqualified from the competition or are unable to attend, the next qualifying dog will be entered.
- Dogs can only be entered once during the contest period.
- Applicants will be notified if their registration has been accepted or denied, or if they are on a waiting list once all applications have been reviewed, or by Monday, July 18, 2022.

Event Day Registration

- Basset Hound races will take place at Fort Erie Race Track on Sunday, August 14, after our regular horse races. Basset Hound races will begin immediately after horse racing is complete, roughly between 4:30 and 5:00 pm, depending on the number of horse races that day.
- Registration will begin at 3:00 pm outside of the Administration Building at Fort Erie Race Track. All dogs must be registered by 4:00 pm.
- Dogs will be assigned their race number and starting position. Trading is not permitted, as race information will be included in the racing program.

COVID-19

- Participants in the event will be required to follow all current provincial COVID-19 safety guidelines at the time of the event, or any additional safety measures Fort Erie Race Track deems necessary at the time. Anyone not following the guidelines will not be permitted to participate.
- In the interest of keeping all of our participants safe, if anyone is sick with COVID-19 or has recent exposure to someone with COVID-19, they are asked to notify us and not participate in the event.
- If Fort Erie Race Track staff suspect someone may be sick with COVID-19, they may be asked not to participate.
- Fort Erie Race Track will do everything in our power to keep all of our participants as safe as possible, however all participants are taking part in the event at their own risk. Fort Erie Race Track is not responsible if someone should become exposed to COVID-19 during the event.

General Rules and Conditions

- All owners must clean up after their dogs.
- Due to the popularity of the event, we ask that only one dog per household be entered.
- Other than service dogs, only dogs who are entered in the event will be allowed at Fort Erie Race Track.
- Dogs, and owners, must be on their best behaviour (no fighting, etc.) Misbehaving dogs or owners will be disqualified and become ineligible for future events of the same kind at Fort Erie Race Track.
- Fort Erie Race Track is not responsible for any injury caused to the entrant or their dog through participation in the event at Fort Erie Race Track. Entrants must agree that they are entering this event at their own risk, and that Fort Erie Race Track is not liable to them or their property for any reason.
- All entrants must comply with the contest rules and conditions.
- Prize winners are responsible for claiming their own prizes. All unclaimed prized will be forfeit.
- Fort Erie Race Track reserves the right to substitute prizes with one of equal or greater value.
- Fort Erie Race Track is not responsible for lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible or damaged entries or entries submitted after the contest deadline.
- In making the prize available to a winning Entrant, Fort Erie Race Track makes no representations or warranties whatsoever either express or implied, oral or written, in respect of the prize.
- Fort Erie Race Track shall not be liable to the winning Entrant nor to any other person for loss or damage to person or property resulting from or connected with acts or omissions of the Fort Erie Race Track and/or the prize supplier.
- Fort Erie Race Track reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to withdraw, terminate or modify all or any part of this contest should a virus or computer problem, technical failure, unauthorized intervention, tampering, fraud or other cause beyond the control of Fort Erie Race Track which, in the opinion of Fort Erie Race Track, the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this contest. In the event the contest is terminated early or modified, a notice will be posted on our website.
- Fort Erie Race Track reserves the right to modify any part of the contest rules at any time.
- Participants must meet all race conditions. Those who do not meet conditions will be disqualified, at the discretion of Fort Erie Race Track Management.
- Photos and video will be taken at Fort Erie Race Track. By entering our property and participating in the event, you agree that photo or video of you and your dog may be taken and used for promotional purposes, without remuneration.

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WAIVER

All owners/handlers of dogs participating in the event are required to sign the waiver upon arrival at Fort Erie Race Track, or they will not be permitted to take part.

Owner Name:_____

Dog Name:_____

Signature Handler 1:_____

Signature Handler 2:_____

Date: ***August 14, 2022***

I Certify that I am not ill with COVID-19, or have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19. I am taking part in the event at my own risk, and Fort Erie Race Track is not responsible should I become exposed to COVID-19 at this event.

I hereby waive and forever release Fort Erie Race Track and the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium and its officers, directors, employees and members and all of their respective officers, directors, members, employees and agents, (hereinafter referred to as the "Releasees") from any and all claims of any nature or kind whatsoever which I may otherwise now have or may acquire in the future, whether or not such claims are within my current knowledge or contemplation, including and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all claims arising out of injury, death, loss of or damage to person or property, which directly or indirectly arise out of or relate to or are a consequence of any event transpiring within the context of the Basset Hound at Fort Erie Race Track, whether such loss or injury arises from the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise. And for the same consideration I further undertake and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees above in respect of all claims against them as a consequence of my participation in the Basset Hound Races at Fort Erie Race Track. I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT INDUCEMENT.