

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

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2023 DOG SPORTS

Information will be periodically updated until online entries open. Please check for final updates.

Superintendent: Dawn Schroeter

ENTRY CLOSING DATES

Online Entries only – Completed and paid by 7 pm Central Time on July 12, 2023

Entries are only accepted online with credit card payment; no mailed entries will be accepted.

Any online entry completed/paid after 7 pm Central Time on July 12th is considered late; late fees apply.

ENTRY FEES

Dock Diving Challenge

\$10 per competition (2 jumps per competition)

Tunnel Challenge

\$10 per competition

LATE ENTRY FEES

\$20 per competition

Late entries must be completed/paid no later than 5 pm Central Time on July 19th and are subject to Superintendent approval.

SCHEDULE *Fair management reserves the right to post and/or announce changes to the schedule*

Dock Diving Challenge Dates	Daily Competition Sessions	Daily Final Jump Off
Friday, August 4 Saturday, August 5 Sunday, August 6	2:30 pm 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	7:30 pm
Friday, August 11 Saturday, August 12 Sunday, August 13		
Tunnel Challenge Dates	Daily Competition Sessions	
Thursday, August 3 Monday, August 7 Tuesday, August 8 Wednesday, August 9 Thursday, August 10	7:00 pm	

2023 DOG HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A copy of current vaccinations or equivalent proactive veterinary health records must be uploaded/submitted with entry.

All out of state dogs are required to be accompanied by a CVI.

Dogs must be current on vaccinations for rabies. Rabies titers will not be accepted. Bordetella and DAPP/DHPP are recommended due to proximity of multiple dogs but are not **required**. Additionally, dogs must be free from infections, parasites, contagious or transmissible diseases.

Dogs in heat, injured or ill will not be allowed to compete and must be removed from the Fair Park.

Areas highlighted in blue (throughout the rest of the section) are sponsorships pending/in the process of being updated for 2023.

DOG SPORTS GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Beginner and experienced competitors are welcome. All participants and exhibitors will receive the best care and protection the surroundings will afford, but they are always subject to the owner's risk.
2. Wisconsin State Fair management reserves the right to make discretionary decisions and to interpret all rules and procedures at events. Decisions by Wisconsin State Fair management are final.
3. All competitors acknowledge by entering in the competition that their participation is an acceptance for the use of their likeness, including but not limited to, photos and/or video footage for print or electronic media purposes.
4. Registration:
 - A. **Entries:** Only entries completed and paid by credit card online will be accepted.
 - B. Entries must contain complete information including dog's name, breed, and age. Entries will not be considered complete unless **all** required information is fully completed and full remittance is submitted online. **Entries must contain complete exhibitor information** (including properly completed form W-9) **and complete animal information**. Entries without required information and/or fees, including department fees (including but not limited to horse fees, stall fees, pen fees, etc.) will not be accepted.
 - C. Wisconsin State Fair reserves the right to reject, accept, or conditionally accept any entry or late entry from any exhibitor.
 - D. **Entry fees, admission and vehicle parking fees** are non-refundable.
 - E. Participants must purchase admission tickets to enter the Fair and pay for vehicle parking (if choosing to park at the Fair Park). Exhibitors may purchase up to fifty (50) admission tickets per exhibitor. See the "Open General Rules and Regulations" section on wistatefair.com for additional rules.
 - F. **Entry Limits:** Sixteen (16) entries per session will be accepted for Dock Diving. Fifteen (15) entries per session will be accepted for Tunnel Challenge.
 - G. Participants may choose their preferred competition day and/or session times at entry. Competition sessions may be reassigned at the discretion of State Fair management. At least one week in advance of the competition, a confirmation letter will be sent detailing participation schedule, entrance gates and other pertinent information.
 - H. Handlers must check in at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the competition or they will not be eligible to compete. State Fair management/staff will perform a roll call prior to the start of the competition session
 - I. Handlers must be at least seven (7) years old as of January 1st of the current Fair year to compete.
 - J. Dogs must be at least six (6) months old to compete.
 - K. A dog may compete only once within a given competition session; however, a handler may compete with multiple dogs within a given competition session.
 - L. Handlers must always restrain and control their dog(s) to maintain a safe competition environment for all teams, spectators and event participants.
5. Those participating in the Wisconsin State Fair may request reasonable accommodations for disabilities by contacting the Agriculture Department via email (entryoffice@wistatefair.com), via phone (414.266.7051) or by writing 640 South 84th Street, West Allis, WI 53214 at least one month in advance of Fair events. The Agriculture department will contact the participants as soon as possible to discuss the requests for accommodations and will notify the appropriate State Fair officials of accommodations that have been approved.
6. Kennel Area, Collars, and Leashes:
 - A. Dogs are not permitted outside of the competition area (K-9 Sports Arena or designated potty area).
 - B. Dogs must always be kept on a leash (NO retractable leashes) no longer than six feet (including in the kennel and potty areas); the only exception to this rule is when dogs are actively participating in the competition area. All other leads, including retractable leads, are strictly prohibited.
 - C. A supervised kennel area will be available from 9 am to 8 pm, but participants must provide their own kennel (crate) and other dog care supplies. Only crated dogs are allowed in the kennel area.
 - D. Collars other than a flat buckle-type are not allowed (choke, prong, electronic, head or gentle leaders) and must be removed prior to competing and during practice. Flat buckle-type collars do not have to be worn during competition.
 - E. At all times, owners should be aware of the proximity to other dogs and maintain a respectful distance.
 - F. Dogs may use designated potty areas only and owners must pick up after their dogs. Failure to pick up after dog(s) will result in disqualification.

7. Competition Order: The competition order will be determined randomly and posted in the staging/registration area prior to the start of each competition session. It is the handler's responsibility to know the team's competition order.
8. Competition Area:
 - A. Food rewards are NOT permitted while in the competition area. Toy rewards are allowed.
 - B. Dogs that eliminate in the competition area will be removed from competition.

RULES SPECIFIC TO DOCK DIVING

1. **Entry Limit:** Sixteen (16) entries per session.
2. Competition Team (consists of one dog and one handler):
 - A. A dog may be entered once per session, with a maximum of three sessions per day, not including the Daily Final Jump Off. Dogs are allowed two jumps at each session.
 - i. During competition sessions, any team with more than one handler on the dock will be considered a "team training on the dock". Team training on the dock is allowed; however, the team **will not be eligible** for placing in the respective competition session or the Final Jump Off.
 - ii. Only one dog will be allowed on the dock at a time.
 - B. Pushing or pulling a dog up the stairs, on the dock or into the water is strictly prohibited.
3. Chase Object:
 - A. A chase object may be used to entice the dog to jump into the water. If used, the chase object must be throwable, floatable and retrievable. This chase object may not be edible, cannot sink, dissolve or be an animal (dead or alive). Examples of acceptable chase objects: bumper, ball, dead fowl trainer or frisbee. The handler is expected to always keep the dog under control while approaching the dock, on the dock and when chasing a thrown object.
4. Dock/Pool:
 - A. Dock: Forty (40) feet long by eight (8) feet wide with a turf surface.
 - B. Pool: Forty (40) feet long by sixteen (16) feet wide.
5. Staging Area (space near the dock where teams line up for jumps):
 - A. All teams in a competition session must stay in the staging area until completing their second jump.
 - B. Teams waiting to jump must stay at least eight (8) feet away from the base of the dock steps while another dog is on the dock.
6. Jumping:
 - A. Dogs are allowed 90 seconds per jump.
 - B. A jump refusal is considered one jump.
7. Practice:
 - A. Practice time, if available, would take place approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of a competition session. One (1) minute and/or one (1) jump will be allowed per team to complete a practice jump. Additional practice jumps may be allowed if time permits. Practicing/training a dog on the dock when the dock is closed is prohibited unless authorized by Wisconsin State Fair staff.
8. Competition Divisions:
 - A. A Competition session will include two jump divisions:
 - i. Open Division: Dogs with jumps ranging from 0" – 18'11"
 - ii. Pro Division: Dogs with jumps 19' or greater
 - B. A team's placing in a division will be determined by the best jump in an individual competition session.
 - i. Placing in a division will be made on a session-by-session basis.
 - ii. A team's division for the Daily Final Jump Off will be based on the team's longest jump of the day.
9. Individual Session: Scoring Procedure, Passing, and Resolving Ties
 - A. Scoring is based on the distance the dog jumps from the end of the dock into the pool. The official jump distance will be measured from the lateral midpoint of the end of the dock to the point at which the base of the dog's tail (where the tail meets the body) breaks the water's surface.
 - B. In both jumps, the jump distances will be recorded. The longest of the two jump distances will be assigned as the team's distance score. The team with the longest distance score wins.
 - C. If a dog walks down the exit ramp and jumps into the pool from the ramp the score will be recorded as a refusal.
 - D. If a dog jumps into the water while the handler is on the dock, but prior to the throwing of a chase object, the team may, at the judge's discretion, be allowed a re-jump.

- E. If a tie occurs for first, second, third or fourth place between two (2) or more teams in a competition session, each team's next longest jump distance will be used to break the tie. If a tie remains a one jump "jump-off" shall occur until the team with a longer jump is declared the winner.

DOCK DIVING SESSION AWARDS (Per Competition Session)

Section	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Open	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette
Pro	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette

100 gift bags (value ~\$15), courtesy of Pet Food Experts, will be provided to exhibitors in the dock diving and tunnel competitions (one per person).

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR DOCK DIVING DAILY FINAL JUMP OFF

- Each day, the top seven dogs with the longest jumps in both the Open and Pro division will qualify for the Daily Final Jump Off.
- A "Bubble Board" will be posted after each session to list the longest jump of the day for each team. After the last competition session, the final "Bubble Board" will be posted and the seven dogs with the longest jump in each of the divisions will advance to the Daily Final Jump Off.
- If multiple dogs have the same bubble score, each team's next longest jump will break the tie. If the next longest jump is also tied, both teams will qualify for the Daily Final Jump Off.
- It is the handler's responsibility to determine if their team has advanced to the Daily Final Jump Off.
- An individual dog may compete only once in a daily final jump off or championship.
- Each team will be allowed two jumps in the Daily Final Jump Off. There is no entry fee for the Final Jump Off.
- If a team competing in the Open Division Daily Final Jump Off jumps 12 inches or more over the division cut-off, that team will automatically be moved into the Pro division and placed accordingly in the Pro division.
- The four dogs with the longest jumps in each division will be the Daily Final Jump Off Winners. The winners must complete a W-9 form before prizes will be awarded.

DOCK DIVING DAILY FINAL JUMP OFF AWARDS

Section	Champion	Reserve Champion	Third Overall	Fourth Overall
Open	\$100 and Rosette	\$75 and Rosette	\$50 and Rosette	\$25 and Rosette
Pro	\$100 and Rosette	\$75 and Rosette	\$50 and Rosette	\$25 and Rosette

RULES SPECIFIC TO TUNNEL CHALLENGE

- The Wisconsin State Fair Tunnel Challenge event is open to all breeds of dogs. This timed competition is a series of obstacles which must be completed without faults in a pre-determined sequence.
- Entry Limit:** 15 dogs per session
- Competition Area
 - Practice: Handlers, as a group, will be allowed ten (10) minutes on the competition field to walk through the course approximately 15 minutes before the competition begins.
 - Only one handler and one dog are allowed in the competition area during competition.
 - Treats and toys are not allowed during competition. A toy or treat may be left at the entrance to reward your dog after completing the run.
 - Dogs may run with a flat buckle collar or martingale, no prong, head halters or harnesses may be worn during competition. Dog's feet may be wrapped if you choose.
- Competition Flow
 - Each team will run the tunnel obstacle course twice in a running order, chosen randomly, and posted in the competition staging area. It is the responsibility of the handler to know the team's position in the running order.
 - Each dog must complete the tunnel obstacles in a pre-determined number sequence.
 - A run begins by passing through the timer at the first obstacle. Each run ends the course by passing through the timer when exiting the last numbered obstacle.

5. Scoring
 - A. To qualify for placing, teams must complete the obstacle run in the correct number sequence within 3 minutes. After 3 minutes, the team will be asked to leave the course. If both team runs are over 3 minutes, they will be disqualified.
 - B. Faults: Dogs off-course and handlers touching dogs or obstacles will be considered faults. If a dog's head **and** front feet enter a tunnel out of sequence, it will be considered an off-course. Refusals will not be called. The number of faults will be used to determine final placing.
 - C. Clean Run: A run with no faults will be considered a "clean run". The best "clean run" time between the teams' two runs will be recorded as their score and will be used to determine placing.
6. Awards
 - A. The top four teams with the fastest clean run times will be awarded prizes. The winners must complete a W-9 form before prizes are awarded.
 - B. If there are fewer than four clean runs, the team with the fastest time and the fewest faults will receive the next placing.
 - C. If a tie occurs in the top four places, the tied teams' second qualifying time will be used to break the tie. If a tie remains, each team will be given one additional run. The team with the fastest clean run time will win.

TUNNEL CHALLENGE AWARDS (Per Competition Session)

Champion	Reserve Champion	Third Overall	Fourth Overall
\$100 & Rosette	\$75 & Rosette	\$50 & Rosette	\$25 & Rosette

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