

INAUGURAL RUNNING OF THE RETAMA PARK CHIHUAHUA DERBY 2014

Logistics & Overview Plan



EVENT DATE

November 22nd (Saturday)

NUMBER OF DOGS

Limited to first 40 that register, 10 alternates in case of scratches and no shows.

ALSO a minimum of 12 dogs must register to conduct the event.

RULES

Dogs do **NOT** have to be registered Chihuahuas but must resemble the breed (at discretion of event officials). May **NOT** exceed 12 inches in height to top of shoulder. Dogs **MUST BE ENTERED** at Retama Park administrative office, or at event partner location or by email at tomharris@retamapark.com. No entry fees. Entries will close by Nov 13th or when limit is reached. Entries **MUST INCLUDE**, owner's name, dog's name, contact phone number & completed registration form (available at Retama Park or partner location) which must be in by 5 pm, Nov 13th.

TRIALS

The number of dogs will be divided into equal numbered trial events if possible, example: 40 = 5 trials with 8 dogs each. Then the final race will include the winners of those trials and be the Retama Park Chihuahua Derby. 8 names at a time will be drawn from a hat (or box) for each trial event.

LOGISTICS

Small racing blankets will need to be fashioned from basic colors as post position dictates. Colors are #1 Red, #2 White, #3 Blue, #4 Yellow, #5 Green, #6 Black, #7 Orange, #8 Pink. Blankets adjustable by 2 strips of Velcro. We will have a staging area for dogs & owners. We will have 2 Retama team members to coordinate the groups of dogs and escort them to the race track for their race (this person would make sure dogs have their blankets on and stand in proper post order at the track).

We will have a starter with a small flag and a judge at the finish line to call the winner (may be able to use photo finish or video if needed). Owners will need to have a partner on the track as one person holds their dog behind the start line (**HOLDER**) and the other stands behind the finish line to encourage the runner (**THE CALLER**). **ANY DOG LET GO EARLY IS DISQUALIFIED.** The Caller may use treats, doggy bones, toys or the like to encourage their dog to race home in front.

The dog **MUST CROSS THE FINISH LINE FIRST** to be declared the winner. All decisions by the judges are final. Distance for the races will be 50 feet.

AWARDS

Will be given to the winner of the final race: "The Retama Park Chihuahua Derby."
Consolation prizes will be given to all participants. Prizes TBA.

