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Section 1 PRE-RACE PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION

Entries are to be forwarded to:

Klondike Dreams
PO Box 268
West Yellowstone MT 59758

Please make checks payable to Klondike Dreams.

Entry Fees: Before January 1st, 2010 - \$750 After January 1st, 2010 - \$1000

Payment of entry fee and submission of a completed entry form constitutes the mushers intent to enter the competition and comply with all rules and regulations. The WYSDR Organization reserves the right to reject entries for just cause.

Mailed entries will be registered according to the postmark of the date sent.

A maximum of 30 teams may enter the competition.

Section 2 VETERINARY EXAMINATION

All dogs participating in the race must undergo a physical examination. Examinations will be performed by the WYSDR veterinary team. Veterinary examinations will be held Friday, February 26th, 2010 at Wild West Pizzeria. Exams will be held 12pm – 5pm on a first come, first served basis. All dogs must be examined at this pre-race veterinary examination or will not be allowed to race. Only dogs in good health will be allowed to participate in the competition.

All dogs participating in the competition must have the following current vaccinations.

- Parvo
- Corona
- Leptospirosis
- Hepatitis
- Distemper
- Bordetella
- Rabies*

Musher must provide proof of all vaccinations during the official pre-race veterinary examination. All dogs not participating in the competition but carried in the musher's or handler's truck or trailer, must have the same vaccinations as the participating dogs.

Section 3 CLAIMS

The musher agrees to hold the WYSDR main sponsor, co-sponsor and other contributors to the races harmless from any claim or demand based on any alleged action or non-action by any musher, his dogs, agents, or others acting on his behalf.

The musher also agrees to release the WYSDR, competition sponsors and their agents and employees from any claim or demand resulting from injury to the musher, his dogs,

property including, but not limited to, lost or dropped dogs and misplaced food and supplies.

The WYSDR has the unrestricted authority to photograph and to gather information on the competition and all participants involved, as well as the authority to use such photographs and information for advertising, public relations or any other publicity purpose related to the competition. The musher shall sign any/all documents that the WYSDR requests in evidence the foregoing.

Section 4 MUSHERS' MEETING

Mushers must attend the Mushers' Meeting. The Race Marshall may waive the rule if a musher is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. In any case, the musher must hold a Musher Meeting with officials prior to the start of the competition. A fine and time penalty will be levied if any of the aforementioned conditions are not met.

After each stage there will be a mandatory Musher Meeting . The time and location will be announced prior to each day's race.

Section 5 RACE START

A. The Race will be held as scheduled regardless of weather conditions. The Race Marshall, Race Director and Chief Veterinarian may change the starting time and place due to bad weather and/or trail conditions.

B. The Stage 1 time trials will be timed and will become part of the musher's official race time. The starting order of the first stage will be determined by the order of sign up.

C. Each musher will choose his starting position for Stage 2 based on the finish order of the Stage 1 time trials. The fastest team will choose first, the second fastest team will choose second, and so on.

D. Starting with Stage 2, the fastest team each day will start in the last position the next day. This procedure will be followed throughout each remaining stage of the race.

E. The overall leader will be required to wear the designated leader bib.

Section 6 DOG IDENTIFICATION

All dogs will be identified, marked and/or tagged with any marking technique provided by the WYSDR. Mushers must list the name of each dog participating in the race.

Section 7 STAGES

Each day of the race is considered a stage. Mushers will be required to show their mandatory gear upon any Race Official's request.

The race will consist of seven stages. Mushers must complete all stages to qualify for prize money, including overall and day monies.

Section 8 RACE TIMING AND STARTING PROCEDURES

A. For Stage 1, all teams will leave the starting line at fifteen (15) minute intervals. A team not clearing the starting chute within 3 minutes of the assigned time (minimum distance 100 feet) shall make way for the next starting team(s) and in no way shall interfere with their progress. Any musher that fails to start at the assigned time may do so 15 minutes after the last scheduled musher and will be assessed a 5 minute penalty.

B. For Stages 2 – 7, all teams will leave the starting line at three (3) minute intervals. Any musher not able to start at the designated time or that fails to clear the starting line will do so three (3) minutes after the last scheduled musher and will be assessed a 5 minute penalty. If a team fails to clear the starting line on the second try, the Race Marshall may invoke a time penalty or withdraw the team.

C. To be valid, each stage and related times must be certified by the Race Marshall. The Race Marshall may refuse to certify the times and not allow a stage if he and the judges find any evidence that reveals irregularities in officiating including trail breaking, marking and timing. The Race Marshall may either cancel the stage or request the stage to be run again.

Section 9 SLED

A. Each musher may choose his own sled providing that it meets the necessary WYSDR requirements, that is tandem hitch with one tow line and not fan type hitch. Braking devices must be placed between the runners and not extend beyond the length of the runners; all sleds must be provided with a brush bow. The sled basket must be a minimum of a five (5) foot long and useable for hauling any injured dogs as well as carrying mandatory equipment and food. The basket length shall be defined as the usable distance measured on a straight line from back to front of the basket. The bag must be of equal dimensions, supported by the basket.

Section 10 SKIING BEHIND SLED

Skiing behind the sled is strictly forbidden.

Section 11 MANDATORY ITEMS

Each musher must have the following items with them at all times.

A. Mandatory Gear

1. Arctic Parka
2. Proper cold weather sleeping bag; minimum weight 4.4 pounds, rated zero (0) degrees Fahrenheit equivalent to minus twenty (20) degrees Celsius.
3. A usable three (3) gallon cooker and appropriate amount of fuel.
4. Axe with head weight 1.5 pounds minimum and a handle to be at least twenty-two (22) inches long.
5. Head lamp and working batteries.
6. Cable gangline and a cable cutter.
7. One pair of snowshoes with bindings , each shoe to be at least 31.5 inches long.
8. Any promotional materials provided by the WYSDR.
9. A veterinary book if provided by the WYSDR Veterinary Team.

B. Mandatory Food:

1. Mandatory food for dogs and mushers must be carried during each stage. The food will consist of a minimum of two (2) pounds of dog food per dog and one (1) day's rations, for the musher.

2. Musher's may carry additional gear at the musher's discretion. Musher's are responsible for carrying out any food not used and/or refuse taken into any areas on the trail.

Section 12 CRUEL AND INHUMANE TREATMENT

CRUEL AND INHUMANE TREATMENT OF DOGS THAT IMPLIES ANY ACTION OR NON-ACTION, CAUSING PAIN OR SUFFERING TO A DOG WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

Section 13 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOGS

A musher may start the race with no more than twelve (12) dogs on the line at any time. No dogs will be allowed in the basket. Dogs will be chosen from a maximum pool of sixteen (16) dogs. No dog may be added to a team once a stage has started. The maximum number of dogs in the team may be reduced to accommodate trail conditions at the discretion of the Race Marshall.

Section 14 JURISDICTION AND CARE

Dogs fall under the jurisdiction and care of the Chief Veterinarian and staff from the time the total pool of dogs entered in the race is declared at the pre-race vet check on the first day, until one (1) hour after the team finishes the last stage or withdraws.

Section 15 DROPPED/PULLED DOGS

- A.** A musher may drop a dog up until the team leaves the starting line.
- B.** The Chief Veterinarian and staff reserve the right to pull a dog from a team at any time. Any dog pulled by a veterinarian from the race will be identified, marked and not allowed to re-enter the race until such a time that the dog is recertified by the Chief Veterinarian. Recertification of dogs must be requested at least two hours prior to the mushers designated start time.
- C.** Care and transportation of all dogs is the responsibility of the musher.

Section 16 DOG CARE

In joint agreement, the Chief Veterinarian and the Race Marshall may penalize a musher if the musher does not take proper care of the dogs, including dropped dogs, from the start until the end of the race. The musher or musher's handler must assist the veterinarian performing the examination or treatment on the musher's dog(s).

Section 17 DOG HANDLING

A dog may not be carried by another team except during an emergency. Dogs must be carried in a humane manner and must be covered. Dogs may not be tied up behind the sled or allowed to run loose.

Section 18 EXPIRED DOGS Any dog expired on the trail must be covered and hauled in the sled to the finish line. The musher must then complete a report and present it to a Race Official along with the dog. Any expired dogs may be necropsied by the Chief Veterinarian.

Section 19 WHIPS

No whips of any kind will be allowed.

Section 20 HARNESSSES

The neck and breast panel of all harnesses must be padded. Harnesses must always be in good condition.

Section 21 DRUG USE

No injectable, oral or topical drug which may suppress the signs of illness or injury may be used on a dog. No drugs or other artificial means may be used to drive a dog or cause a dog to perform or attempt to perform beyond its natural ability. A musher may not inject any substance into their dogs during the race.

The following drugs are prohibited:

- A.** Analgesics (prescriptive or non-prescriptive).
- B.** Anti-inflammatory drugs, including but not limited to:

1. Corticosteroids
2. Antiprostaglandins
3. 3. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories
4. Salicylates
5. DMSO

C. Central nervous system stimulants

D. Cough suppressants

E. Anesthetics

F. Diuretics

G. Anabolic steroids

H. Muscle relaxants

I. Injectable anticholinergics

J. Antihistamines

Dogs are subject to the collection of urine or blood samples, at the discretion of the testing veterinarian, at any point from the pre-race examination until two (2) hours after the teams finish the last stage. The musher or a handler will remain with the dogs. All results will be sealed and signed before the tests are considered complete.

A musher must assist the veterinarian in collecting samples whenever requested. If blood or urine testing of a dog reveals any of the prohibitive drugs in the dog, this rule has been violated regardless of when such drugs were administered to the dog. It should be noted that current drug testing techniques can reveal substances administered up to 2 weeks before the testing. If there is any concern about medications used on the dogs prior to the race, the musher should speak to the chief veterinarian at the pre-race vet check or the musher meeting. Also it should be noted that some non-prescription anti-diarrheals (such as Kaopectate, Pepto-Bismol) and some herbal preparations will cause a positive drug test and therefore are prohibited. Any concerns about these preparations should be addressed prior to the race with the chief veterinarian.

The external use of topical corticosteroids is generally limited to use on the feet. In certain cases, topical eye ointments containing steroids may be allowed by the veterinary team.

The use of megestrol acetate (Ovaban) and mibolerone (Cheque drops) as an estrus suppressant is permitted in intact females. These medications must be declared at the pre-race vet check and recorded by the examining veterinarian at that time.

The practice of blood doping i.e. injection of whole blood, packed blood cells or blood substitutes is prohibited.

Race veterinarians may utilize any of the listed drugs or other prohibited drugs necessary to maintain a dogs health. However, such dogs will be withdrawn from the race. The use of general or local anesthetics will not be allowed in any form unless the dog is withdrawn from the race.

Personal prescriptions written for and carried by the mushers may not be used on the dogs.

Section 22 UNMANAGEABLE TEAM

Mushers may receive aid to control an unmanageable team and may continue in the race providing that it does not interfere with the progress of another team.

Section 23 FOLLOWING MARKED TRAIL

All teams and mushers must complete the entire race as marked and check in whenever requested.

Section 24 DRIVERLESS TEAM

Anyone may stop and secure a driverless team or a loose dog. The musher may recover his dogs either on foot or with another musher's help and then continue the race. Any assistance must be reported to a Race Official at the finish line. Should a team be picked up in an emergency, the team must be returned to where it left the trail if it is to continue in the race.

Section 25 TEAMS TIED UP TOGETHER

Two or more teams may not be tied up together except during an emergency. In that case, the teams involved must notify Race Officials at the finish line.

Section 26 MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Mushers may not receive motorized assistance, except in an emergency. No pacing allowed. Any motorized assistance must be reported to the Race Marshall immediately upon entering a checkpoint.

Section 27 PASSING

When a team catches up with another team within a distance of 50 feet, the team behind has the immediate right-of-way upon request by saying "trail". The musher ahead must slow or stop his dogs and hold them to the best of the musher's ability for a maximum of one (1) minute or until the other team has passed, whichever occurs first. The team which was passed may continue racing yet must remain behind for at least four (4) minutes or one mile before the musher must request the right-of-way.

If the passing team becomes entangled as a result of the passing, the team's driver may require the overtaken team to stop for no longer than one (1) minute.

Section 28 NO MANS LAND

A “no mans land” will begin 1 mile from each finish line. In this area Musers do not have to relinquish trail to a passing musher.

Section 29 PARKING OF TEAM ALONG THE TRAIL

Musers needing to stop momentarily must not interfere with the progress of the other teams.

Section 30 LITTER

No littering on the trail, in camps or parking areas. Musers are responsible for clean-up for team and self, including mandatory gear and food.

Section 31 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

Musers may not receive outside assistance between a stage start and finish. Dog care and feeding between the start and finish is the musher’s responsibility only. If a driver is present in a non-emergency situation, help is limited to holding the sled. If the driver is not present, the team may be stopped and held until the driver or a Race Official claims the team.. Any assistance must be reported to the Race Marshall immediately after that stage.

Section 32 ABANDONED TEAMS/LOOSE DOGS

A. A musher who loses or abandons his team during a stage, whatever the reason, for a period of time in a location that does not allow the musher to exercise direct care and control over the team, may be required to withdraw from the Race.

B. All dogs starting a stage must return to the finish line either on the towline or in the basket. In the event a dog leaves the team during a stage for any reason and cannot be retrieved, a musher cannot continue and is disqualified.

Section 33 ONE MUSER PER TEAM

There will be one musher per team only and that musher must complete the entire competition.

Section 34 RACE PROGRESS

A. The overall leader is required to wear an identifying colored bib provided by the WYSDR.

B. To avoid any delay in the race progress, the Race Marshall may eliminate a team which does not complete two (2) consecutive stages within 175% of the average time of the first three teams of each of these stages.

Section 35 FINISH

An official finish is determined by the nose of the first dog to cross the finish line. If a loose team crosses the finish line ahead of it’s musher, the team shall have finished when the musher crosses the finish line. Arriving teams are required to continue through the closed chute area to avoid delaying other arriving teams.

Section 36 PRIZE AWARDS

- A.** The final prize award ceremony will be held no later than 24 hours following the first team's arrival.
- B.** All mushers who have crossed the finish line up to fifteen (15) minutes before the awards ceremony must be present.

Section 37 GOOD SAMARITAN RULE

A musher will not be penalized for helping another musher during an emergency. Incidents should be reported to a Race Official at the finish line.

Section 38 INTERFERENCE

No musher may tamper with another musher's dog food or gear or interfere in any manner in the progress of any other team.

Section 39 SPORTSMANSHIP

Mushers shall conduct themselves in a civil, sportsmanship like manner throughout the competition. No abusive behavior towards anyone will be tolerated. Mushers will also be responsible for their handler's actions.

Section 40 USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

The WYSDR will endeavor to provide a competition that is free of those drugs and medications that could unfairly enhance the performance of the musher or might endanger the musher's animals or the musher's health. For this reason, the following drugs which are banned by the International Olympic Committee are prohibited from the competition start until the competition ends, including the prize awards ceremony.

Stimulants (amphetamines), ephedrine and related compounds (including anabolic steroids)

- Diuretics
- Blood doping, street drugs and pain killer narcotics, including codeine, cocaine, heroin, and hallucinogens.
- Alcohol above the legal limit imposed by state traffic regulations.

Some physical disorders (i.e. high blood pressure and asthma) are commonly treated with above-listed banned drugs. (i.e. diuretics, metaproterenol and some inhalers). Mushers using these drugs must provide proof of prescription from his treating physician.

Under direct supervision of medical or drug testing staff, a musher may be requested to provide a urine sample 15 minutes after each day's stage.

A positive test or refusal to provide such a sample will subject the musher to disciplinary action(s).

Section 41 RACE OFFICIALS

The Race Marshall and Judge(s) are responsible for the enforcement of all the Race Rules.

A. The veterinary staff is also responsible to assist with enforcement of dog care and treatment rules. In addition, the Chief Veterinarian is responsible to assist the race Marshall in all decisions that involve dog care and treatment.

B. The Race Marshall and Chief Veterinarian will consult with the Race Director prior to trail changes, disqualifications, withdrawals, press releases and penalties. ALL DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.

Section 42 PENALTIES

A rule infraction may lead to the issuance of a warning, fines, time penalties, censure or disqualification.

Any Race Official may issue a warning which must be reported to the Race Marshall. Time penalties are issued by the Race Marshall.

Disqualification by the Race Marshall is based on recommendation of the other Race Officials. The Chief Veterinarian and Race Director will be included in all cases involving cruel and inhumane treatment . The Race Marshall's decision is final.

Warnings may be issued for first time or minor violations

Fines may reach a maximum of US \$5,000.00 per violation and can be deducted from prize money. No musher will be allowed to participate in future WYSDR events until fines are paid.

Time penalties of up to a maximum of five (5) hours per infraction may be issued if unintentional rule breaking gives the musher a time advantage.

Censures: The Board of Directors may censure a musher even once the race is over. A censure may be a warning and could lead to the musher's exclusion from future WYSDR competition.

Any assessed penalty will be presented in writing to the musher.

Section 43 ETHICS ON SPONSORING

The mushers as well as the people who for any reason participate in the race, even if they accompany or represent the mushers or are bound to the mushers by private agreements, must behave according to the spirit established by the WYSDR and refrain from any behavior which may be against this spirit.

For this reason the mushers may not wear clothes and use equipment that are against the interest of the race or cause damage to the race organization or to the official sponsors.

Race bibs will be attached in such a way that the number and the name or names of the official sponsors be and remain perfectly visible during the entire race.

As for the sleds, the Race Organization reserves the right to have a communication space of 36" x 24" on one side of each sled.

Every musher and handler participating in the Wild West Stage Race gives their authorization to the WYSDR organization to supply and broadcast the photos and video footage representing the musher and

his dogs taken before, during and after the event. The musher allows the WYSDR to transmit these authorized uses to other parties.