

Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Races Cancelled Due to Unseasonal Weather Conditions

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The Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Races, a pinnacle event in the world of winter sports, slated to begin on March 2, has been officially cancelled until next year. This difficult decision comes after careful consideration of the current weather patterns that have left our trails without sufficient snow coverage.

A heavy rain storm in the forecast and a period of unseasonably warm weather are causing trail conditions to deteriorate rapidly.

Can-Am President Dennis Cyr said, "The health and safety of our participants, both the dedicated mushers and their incredible dogs, are our top priorities. The unique challenges presented by the lack of snow have led us to conclude that moving forward with this year's race could compromise the well-being of all involved. It is a decision made with heavy hearts but necessary caution."

"We are deeply saddened to cancel the Can-Am Crown," said Vice President Sarah Brooks. "This race is not just an event; it's a tradition that celebrates the remarkable bond between mushers and their sled dogs, as well as the rugged beauty of Maine's winter landscape. However, we must put the safety of our participants first."

The Can-Am Crown Planning Committee extends our sincerest gratitude to our sponsors, volunteers, the Town of Fort Kent and the Aroostook County community for their unwavering support and understanding. Plans are already underway to ensure the return of the Can-Am Crown International Sled Dog Races next year, promising to bring back the excitement, competition, and camaraderie that have defined this event for nearly three decades.

For updates and more information, please visit our website at <https://can-am-crown.net/>. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2025, under more favorable conditions, to celebrate the spirit of sled dog racing together.