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The Can-Am Crown Corporation establishes and promotes this series of popular, competitive sled dog races with emphasis on safety, animal welfare, good sportsmanship, and accessibility to the public.

Both musher and sled dog are athletes and require similar consideration. To protect the sport of dog sledding, we must be very sensitive to issues of human safety and animal welfare. We are committed to adopting and enforcing the highest standards in each of these areas so that the sled dog may always be allowed to fulfill its instinctive drive and know true contentment, and the driver may display discipline, personal responsibility, cooperation and leadership.

The following rules apply to all Can-Am Crown races.

1. Drivers

Each driver agrees to hold Can-Am Crown, Inc., race sponsor(s) and other contributors (sponsors and contributors of the corporation as distinguished from the sponsors of the individual driver) harmless from any claim or demand based on any alleged action or inaction by the driver, his dogs, agents, or others acting in his/her behalf. The driver also agrees to release Can-Am Crown, Inc., sponsors and agents and employees from any claim or demand resulting from injury to the driver, his/her dogs, or his/her property.

Can-Am Crown, Inc. and the race sponsors shall have the free authority to photograph and otherwise collect information about the race and all participants therein and to use such photographs and information for advertising, public relations, brochures, posters, or other publicity. Drivers shall display sponsorship banner and/or bibs at the race start and finish as requested by Can-Am Crown.

Before participating in a Can-Am Crown race, each driver must agree to the foregoing by signing all documents required by the Corporation. Documents may be signed at the time of registration.

A musher must be at least 18 years old unless a waiver is obtained by applying to Can-Am Crown Corporation. Application must include years of experience and written consent from parent or guardian.

The Can-Am Crown Directors reserve the right to waive entry requirements if in their judgment an applicant is likely to finish the race in good standing. However, all applicants must be able and willing to adhere to the rules of the race. In no case will the limit on the number of entries be exceeded. Can-Am Crown reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and may honor the censures of another sled dog racing organization.

A driver with a pre-existing medical condition may be allowed to enter the race, provided that the condition is under control and does not prevent the driver from adhering to all of the race rules.

2. Vaccinations

All dogs entered in the race shall have had **Rabies and DHPP** [distemper, hepatitis (adenovirus 2), parainfluenza, and parvovirus] vaccinations within the 36 months previous to the race and at least 21 days before the start of the race. Additionally, all dogs must have had a **leptospirosis** vaccination within the 12 months prior to the race and at least 21 days before the start of the race. Yearling dogs must have had a booster for DHLPP and Rabies given within one year of their puppy vaccination series.

All required vaccinations must be administered at least 21 days before the start of the race (i.e. before **February 10, 2024**).

Bordetella immunization is recommended.

Owners should consult with a veterinarian for proper timing of these vaccinations.

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(Can-Am Crown strongly recommends annual vaccination against all four leptospirosis serovars. Most DHLPP vaccines provide protection from leptospirosis serovars (strains) L. canicola and L. icterohaemorrhagiae. Infection by two other serovars, L. grippityphosa and L. pomona, is becoming more common.)

3. Vaccination Records

Drivers must provide proofs of vaccination.

Owners who vaccinate their own dogs shall submit purchase invoices and organized medical records indicating that each dog has been vaccinated within the time period prescribed above.

Validated rabies certificates must be presented to prove that rabies vaccinations are current.

When all vaccinations are completed and in compliance with the requirements listed above, drivers should submit copies of proofs of vaccination and the completed Uniform Canine Vaccination Record (UCVR) for all dogs that might be entered in the race. These should be sent to Can-Am Crown as soon as possible but no later than **February 10, 2024** to allow time for verification prior to the race.

These can be emailed to vaccinations@can-am-crown.net.

Or mailed to:

Can-Am Crown Inc.

Attn: Vets

P.O. Box 171

Fort Kent Mills, ME 04744

Drivers should bring copies of all vaccination records with them to the pre-race veterinary examination on **Friday, March 1, 2024** in case there are any questions.

Please note: A completed UCVR is not proof of vaccination, its purpose is to ensure that the driver organizes his/her records and checks vaccination dates to be sure that they are in compliance with race rules.

4. Drugs

No drugs or other artificial means may be used to drive a dog beyond its natural ability. Before the start of the race, the Chief Veterinarian must be notified of any dog receiving any prescribed medications. Such medications must be entered into the team's Musher's Manual. Any dog that has previously received prohibited medication(s) will be evaluated by the Chief Veterinarian to determine if the dog is eligible to compete, based on drug half-life and withdrawal times.

The following drugs are permitted (with exceptions noted):

- Topical medications (except DMSO and CBD which is a metabolite of cannabis)
- Dewormers
- Antibiotics (except procaine penicillin)
- Anti-diarrheals (except those with salicylates, e.g., Pepto-Bismol)
- Oestrus suppressants (such as Ovaban or Cheque Drops) without analgesic or stimulative properties
- Oral food supplements (such as Glycoflex, Cosequin, etc.) with solely nutritive properties

All other drugs are prohibited including dog food manufactured with CBD and any other oral formulation of CBD..

5. Registrations and Bib Numbers

Starting on **Wednesday, November 1, 2023** Can-Am-Crown will begin accepting applications for the 2024 races through our online registration at can-am-crown.net. Applications will be considered **Pending** until they satisfy all of the following criteria:

- The application is complete including; musher biography, photo, qualifying race experience, list of lead dogs and housing needs
- The entry fee has been paid
- Receipt of a signed waiver from parent or guardian (if the musher is a minor).
- The driver meets the Can Am experience qualifications

Applications that meet all the above requirements will be considered **Valid** and the first 30 **Valid** applications for a given race will be placed on the **Confirmed** list for that race. If there are more than 30 **Valid** applications for a race any additional applications will be placed on a **Waiting** list (see below).

On **Sunday, February 18, 2024** the Can-Am Board will assign bib numbers to the **Confirmed** applications using a random bib draw. Once the bib numbers have been assigned, if any of the "bibbed" entries resign from the race their bib number will be given to the next entry from the **Waiting** list or any new **Valid** application. If there is no one in the **Waiting** list that bib number will remain unassigned (a Ghost).

Can Am will stop accepting new applications at 4 PM on **Thursday, February 29, 2024**. Any applications that are still **Pending** at that time will be rejected and receive a full refund.

It is the responsibility of the driver to inform Can-Am Crown immediately if he/she wishes to withdraw from either the **Confirmed** or **Waiting** list.

6. Waiting Lists

Any **Valid** applications in excess of 30 per race will be offered an opportunity to be placed on the **Waiting** list. If they opt **not** to be placed on the **Waiting** list their application will be cancelled and their payment will be refunded.

Full refunds will be issued to anyone who;

- Chooses not to be placed on the **Waiting** list,
- Requests to be withdrawn from the **Waiting** list, or
- Is still on the **Pending** or **Waiting** list on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

If one of the **Confirmed** entries withdraws, then the next driver on the **Waiting** list will be moved to the **Confirmed** list. Drivers withdrawing from the **Confirmed** list will be subject to the refund schedule (see individual race rules).

It is the responsibility of the driver to inform Can-Am Crown immediately if he/she wishes to withdraw from either the **Waiting** or **Confirmed** list.

7. Alternates, Substitutions & Transfers

Substitute drivers must be previously named as alternates on the original driver's entry form or by official notification to Can-Am Crown at least 30 days before the race. This will ensure that Can-Am Crown has time to assess the qualifications of possible substitutes. If an alternate, or alternates, are not named on the musher's entry form or at least 30 days before the race, then a substitute might

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not be allowed. However, the Race Marshall shall have the authority to allow a qualifying substitute until one hour before the race starts.

If a confirmed entrant wishes to transfer from one Can-Am Crown race to another Can-Am Crown race for which the driver is qualified, then the entrant may withdraw from the original race and enter the other race, provided that an open position is available. Transfer from a shorter race to a longer race will only require payment of the difference in the entry fees. Transfer from a longer to a shorter race does not require extra payment, but there shall be no refund.

8. Registration (Check-In)

All drivers or their representatives are required to check in at the Lonesome Pine ski lodge any time between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 1, 2024**.

At check-in, CAC will provide each driver with an official bib or vest which displays his/her start number. A \$40 deposit will be required.

All drivers or their representative must also report to the **Vaccination Check table**. When the vaccine check is complete, the driver or representative will be given a number to place on their vehicle. This will indicate to the veterinary team the order in which veterinary exams will be conducted.

If the driver or representative fails to check in before 4:00 p.m., then Can-Am Crown cannot guarantee that team a position in the race.

9. Veterinary Examinations

All dogs must be available for physical examinations before the start of the race.

Each dog must be identified by the dog's name legibly printed on or attached to the collar.

Unless other arrangements are made with the Chief Veterinarian, all teams will be examined sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on **Friday, March 1, 2024 in order based on the numbers assigned at the Vaccination Check table**. The examinations will be conducted in the parking lot at the Lonesome Pine Ski Lodge unless otherwise announced.

At the pre-race veterinary examination, any dog which, in the opinion of the Chief Veterinarian, should not run the race, shall not run the race. If the Chief Veterinarian believes that a dog has a contagious illness, then the dog must be removed from the area, and the Race Marshall may also reject the entire team for the safety of the other teams. In addition, if the Chief Veterinarian believes that a dog is too vicious to be examined safely, then that dog shall be rejected. Only the Chief Veterinarian, acting in agreement with the Race Marshall, can force the dropping of a dog during the race.

Most race-related veterinary expenses are paid by Can-Am Crown. However, drivers are expected to pay extraordinary veterinary expenses they might incur during the race. Can-Am Crown may, at its discretion, charge a driver for any medical supplies administered to a team before the start of the race. Prize moneys will be awarded minus any unpaid veterinary expenses charged to the driver. Drivers with unpaid Can-Am veterinary bills will not be allowed to register for Can-Am events.

Once Can-Am Central closes, soon after the last 250-mile team crosses the finish line, services will no longer be provided by the Can-Am Crown veterinary team. During the running of the 250-mile race, services for 30-mile and 100-mile teams may still be provided if a veterinarian is present at Can-Am Central. The drivers of the 30-mile and 100-mile teams should be prepared to contact one of the local veterinary practices if a Can-Am veterinarian is not available after these two races finish.

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After the races, drivers/owners may contact private veterinary services. A list of providers will be available at Can Am Central.

10. Drivers' Meetings

All drivers must attend the drivers' meetings on **Friday, March 1** at the Lonesome Pine Ski Lodge. The meeting for the 30-mile and 100-mile drivers will begin at 4:30 pm. The meeting for the 250-mile drivers will begin at 5:30 pm. Attendance will be promptly checked by roll-call. Any driver who misses roll-call will risk losing his/her place in the race.

We will offer a rookie meeting for drivers in all 3 races following the 250 drivers meeting.

11. Race Marshal and Officials

The Race Marshal shall resolve disputes among drivers and interpret the race rules in regard to infractions and penalties. He/she shall also have the authority to establish rules to cover special or unforeseen situations.

Failure of a driver to comply with the race rules and cooperate with officials may result in disqualification or a monetary or time penalty as assessed by the Race Marshal.

The Race Marshal and Chief Veterinarian will be the final authority in determining if a dog will be dropped. The Race Marshal will have ultimate authority in all other disputes from the start of the race to the finish.

Race judges and/or Checkpoint coordinators will act as deputies of the Race Marshal.

12. Race Course

The Can-Am Crown races are distance races. There are no permanently established trails. The race organizers rely on the good will of major and minor landowners who allow the use of portions of their land for the yearly development of race trails. Trail conditions and locations will vary from year to year according to weather conditions and logging operations. There will be hills and there may be other challenges.

Can-Am Crown relies on private landowners for the use of trails and checkpoint facilities. Please respect their property.

Trails will be broken, groomed, and marked before the races, and trails will be broken again on the morning of the races. However, due to weather, there is no guarantee of broken trails during the races.

Can-Am Crown race trails are designed to minimize road crossings. The race course may be re-routed by the race organization as conditions require.

13. The Start

Each race will start as scheduled unless a majority of the Can-Am Crown Board of Directors agrees that conditions warrant a delay. In no case will a race start be delayed more than 24 hours. If a Can-Am Crown race is canceled, then the entry fees for that race will be refunded in full.

All dogs must be approved and marked by the veterinary team before leaving the starting line.

Any driver who is not prepared to start as scheduled at the starting line, or who fails to arrive at the staging area before the deadline stated in the individual race rules, will be rotated to the end of the starting lineup, but the driver's official start time shall remain unchanged.

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The driver starting the race shall drive the team throughout the race.

14. Outside Assistance

The spirit of this race dictates that drivers be self-sufficient. Therefore, drivers should not help each other except to ensure safety and animal welfare. A driver will not be penalized for helping another driver whose life is endangered or for helping to recover a lost team.

No assistance which would result in a competitive advantage may be solicited or accepted without consultation and pre-approval of the Race Marshal or Checkpoint Coordinator.

Between checkpoints, drivers may not accept assistance from any type of motorized vehicle, except to recover a lost team. Drivers are encouraged to solicit or accept any available help recovering a lost team. (However, if the Race Marshal determines that a musher has thereby gained a competitive advantage, then the Marshal may impose an appropriate penalty.)

Personal handlers may help a driver and team before the team starts and after the team finishes. During the race, personal handlers may transport and care for dropped dogs which have been released by the veterinary staff. If personal handlers appear on the race course or at any prohibited checkpoint location, then the team shall be disqualified.

15. Trail Procedures

All teams must follow the trail as marked or as redirected by trail officials.

An overtaken team must yield the trail at the request of a driver who wishes to pass. The overtaken team must move to the side of the trail as far as possible and slow down or stop until the overtaking team has completely passed. To avoid "leapfrogging", a passed team must remain behind at least 5 minutes before requesting to re-pass. Within one mile of the finish line, drivers are not required to yield the trail, and the 5-minute rule does not apply.

Any driver who uses ski poles must stop poling and place their poles in or on the sled whenever; 1) they are passing another team or 2) another team is attempting to pass and calls out "Poles" or "Trail".

Pacing with snowmobiles is prohibited.

Drivers resting, setting up camp, or untangling dogs must clear the trail of their dogs and gear, making passage safe for other teams.

Any fires must be built a minimum of 15 feet off the trail edge.

Drivers who litter the trail shall be penalized.

If it becomes necessary to feed dogs on the trail, the driver must clear all leftover food off the trail before continuing. The driver may be disqualified or censured if food or litter on the trail harms or delays a following team.

16. Treatment of Dogs

Whips of any kind or the use of brush, branches or any object as a whip or to create a frightening noise will be cause for disqualification.

Cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs will result in the immediate expulsion of the driver. The race committee, Race Marshal or judges in consultation with a veterinarian will have absolute determination regarding the cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs.

If the Chief Medic, Chief Veterinarian or the Race Marshal believes that a driver's physical or mental condition may endanger the welfare of the team, then the Race Marshal may demand that the team be dropped from the race.

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From the pre-race veterinary examination until the finish of the race, any dog receiving a prohibited medication or any injection will be removed from further competition.

A veterinarian may randomly collect blood and urine samples at any time during the race to test for the presence of prohibited drugs. It will be the driver's responsibility to assist the veterinarian in collection of these samples. Any driver refusing to allow the collection of such samples shall be disqualified.

Two or more teams may not be tied together in any way, except to assist a driver in trouble between checkpoints. The drivers of any teams so involved must notify race officials at the next checkpoint.

There shall be no loose dogs. All dogs shall be either on the gangline or in the sled. Dogs hauled in the sled must be hauled in a protected, humane manner. A driver must make immediate efforts to secure a dog which becomes loose.

A lost team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control, provided that the entire race course is covered by both team and driver. A driver may accept help from another driver in recovering his/her team without penalty.

Dogs shall not be switched between teams after they have officially left the start line.

A driver may drop a dog or dogs for any reason or no reason. To drop a dog, the driver and a veterinarian must sign a dropped dog form, at which time the dog is officially and irrevocably dropped from the race.

Dogs may be dropped only at designated checkpoints or near the start, where Village Road crosses the Heritage Trail. Drivers should not return to the Start Line for any reason. If a driver drops a dog at the Village Road crossing, the number of dogs remaining in the team must still equal or exceed the minimum required at the race start. Dogs shall not be dropped at safety stations.

Any dog that expires for any reason during the race shall be completely covered in a sled bag and delivered as soon as possible to a race official. The Chief Veterinarian will examine the body to determine the cause of death. If needed, a full necropsy shall be performed at the driver's expense.

17. Sportsmanship

The rigors of this race and the history of the sport require that each competitor be courteous and honorable to a degree that will inspire similar behavior in all participants and volunteers.

Rude or inappropriate behavior by a driver or his/her handler may result in a penalty being applied to the driver.

If a driver or his/her agent tampers with another's dogs, food or gear, then the driver will be disqualified.

Possession or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs by drivers is strictly prohibited from the day of the race start until the finish.

18. Resigning From a Race (Scratching)

To quit a Can-Am Crown race, a driver must sign an official resignation form and present it to a Can-Am Crown official. Any driver who quits a race without properly notifying officials may be barred from future races. Exception may be made if a driver leaves the trail to protect the health or life of a dog or person, but a race official or Can-Am Central (834-5626) must be notified as soon as possible.

Drivers who scratch are not eligible for prize money or refunds.

Scratched or disqualified teams must stay off the race trails. Can-Am Crown officials will take responsibility for evacuation of scratched or disqualified teams and drivers.

19. Rule Violations and Safety Problems

It is the duty of each driver and race official to report trail safety problems and violations of these race rules. Official report forms are included in each driver's Musher's Manual and in Appendix B of the Can-Am Crown Race Rules book. Reports shall include the time, date, nature of the rule violation or safety problem, approximate location on the trail, name or bib number of the violator (if known), and names of witnesses (if any). Such reports must be presented immediately to the Race Marshal, Race Judge or Checkpoint Coordinator who will gather information and relay it to the Race Marshal for action.

Protests and reports of rule violations are Confidential and shall not be discussed with any other persons, including spectators or media. Only the Race Marshal may issue statements to the media regarding protests and violations.

Complaints will be kept on file and reviewed by the CAC board. If the evidence indicates a pattern of unsportsmanlike behavior, the board may censure a driver.

Any driver who makes a false complaint may be fined \$100 per incident.

20. Penalties

Failure of a driver to comply with the race rules and cooperate with officials may result in disqualification, a monetary fine or other penalty as assessed by the Race Marshal.

The Race Marshal shall resolve disputes among drivers and interpret the race rules in regard to infractions and penalties.

The Race Marshal also has the authority to establish rules to cover special or unforeseen situations.

The following penalties have been suggested by the Can-Am Crown rules committee. The Race Marshal has the authority to modify these penalties based on the circumstances of the violations.

A. Disqualifying Violations

1. Cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs.
2. Death of a dog unless a veterinary examination indicates that the death was not due to the actions or negligence of the driver and was not due to failure of the driver to follow the advice of the Race Marshal or a Can-Am Crown veterinarian.
3. Driver or agent tampering with another's dogs, food, or gear.
4. Substitution of drivers during the race.
5. Switching dogs between teams after the start.
6. Racing with a dog which has been officially dropped.
7. Dropping a dog at any place other than the start or an official checkpoint.
8. Administration of a prohibited medication or any injection to a dog by a driver or the driver's agent at any time from the start to the finish of the race.
9. Presence of prohibited drugs in a dog's urine or blood. At the pre-race exam, the Chief Veterinarian must be notified of any dog receiving prescribed medications. Disqualifications, return of prize money, and censure if drug test reveals presence of prohibited drugs.
10. Allowing a personal handler to help during the race. Personal handlers are allowed to help a driver and team before the team starts and after the team finishes. During the race, personal handlers may transport and care for dropped dogs which have been released by the veterinary staff. No other help is allowed except by express approval of the Race Marshal, a judge, or a checkpoint coordinator.
11. Racing with an unmarked dog. Disqualification unless the dog can be positively identified as a dog accepted at the pre-race exam as a member of the team and as a starter.
The original Musher's Manual may be required as evidence for a positive identification.
12. Refusing to allow a Can-Am Crown veterinarian to examine a dog.

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13. Refusing to allow a Can-Am Crown veterinarian to collect samples for drug testing.
14. Littering the trail with food or other items. Disqualification, censure, fine, or warning depending upon nature, intent, and seriousness of the infraction.
15. Use of whips, brush, branches or any object to frighten or strike dogs.
16. Failure to drop a dog which the Chief Veterinarian and the Race Marshal have demanded to be dropped.
17. Soliciting or providing assistance which could result in a competitive advantage, except to ensure safety and animal welfare. No penalty for helping another driver whose life is endangered. Otherwise, the violation may be penalized by disqualification, fine, or warning depending upon circumstances.
18. Personal handlers are allowed to be present at the start, Portage, Allagash, and the finish. If personal handlers appear on the race course or at any other checkpoint, then the team shall be disqualified.
19. Racing with fewer than the required number of dogs in harness.
20. Accepting assistance from any type of motorized vehicle, except to recover a lost team.
21. At the pre-race exam, failure to notify the Chief Veterinarian of any dog receiving prescribed medications could result in disqualification if the medication causes a drug test to indicate the presence of prohibited drugs.
22. Teams tied together, except to assist a driver in trouble between checkpoints. The team being towed could be disqualified depending upon circumstances and distance towed.
23. Accessing vehicles during the race except by express approval of the Race Marshal.
24. Failure to follow the trail as marked or as redirected by trail officials.
25. A lost team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control, provided that the entire race course is covered by both team and driver. A driver may accept help from another driver in recovering his/her team without penalty. Drivers are encouraged to solicit or accept any available help recovering a lost team. (However, if the Race Marshal determines that a musher has thereby gained a competitive advantage, then the Marshal may impose an appropriate penalty.)
26. Failure to personally sign in and out of official checkpoints before continuing. This applies only to the 100-mile and 250-mile races. Driver and team must return to the checkpoint for proper sign-in and sign-out to avoid disqualification.

B. Monetary Violations - Subject to a fine of \$100.00 or other penalties as indicated.

27. Possession or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs from the day of the race start until the finish. There shall be a \$100 fine for the first offense. Disqualification for a second offense.
28. Refusing to allow an overtaking team to pass when "trail" is demanded, except within one mile of the finish.
29. To avoid "leapfrogging", a team which has been passed on the trail must wait at least 5 minutes before attempting to pass the other team. Failure to wait for 5 minutes will result in a \$100 fine. This 5 minute rule does not apply within one mile of the finish line or if passing a team which has stopped on the trail.
30. Quitting a race without properly notifying officials. Driver may be barred from future races.
31. Exhibiting a pattern of unsportsmanlike behavior. Driver may be barred from future races.
32. Failure to stop poling and place the poles in or on the sled when within 100 feet (30 meters) of another team or when an approaching driver calls "Poles" or "Trail".
33. Rude and/or inappropriate behavior by a driver or his/her handler. The driver may be barred from a future race.
34. If cable ganglines are used, failure to have cable cutters on person or in handlebar bag. Dropping gear and rubbish at any place other than a checkpoint.

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35. Intentionally loose dogs. A driver must make immediate efforts to secure a dog which becomes loose. Dogs must be either on the tow line or on the sled.
36. Failure to report trail safety problems and violations of the race rules to race officials. Higher fines may be imposed if an injury results because of failure to report an unsafe condition.
37. Pacing with snowmobiles.
38. Submitting a false complaint.
39. Failure to completely cover an expired dog. Driver may be censured or barred from a future race.
40. Building a fire less than 15 feet from the trail, except in an emergency.
41. Not having a flashing light on each lead dog from sunset to sunrise.
42. Missing Musher's Manual at a checkpoint.
43. Failure to leave an adequate supply of food for each dropped dog. A fine of \$100 per dropped dog per day.
44. Missing required gear. Missing equipment must be replaced before a driver may continue the race.
45. Missing emergency dog food.
46. Failure to wear and display the identifying bib number as specified in the race rules

Appendix A: ISDVMA Evaluation Criteria

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International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association

The following are criteria the ISDVMA uses to evaluate the health and welfare of dogs and teams in competition and to determine the fitness of any dog or team to continue:

A. Evaluation of overall body condition:

1. Obese, heavy layer of fat covering ribs and all boney protuberances, making palpation difficult.
2. A layer of fat covering the ribs and boney protuberances, but can palpate without difficulty.
3. A thin layer of body fat, but all areas are easily palpated.
4. No obvious body fat, no intercostal concavity. Boney protuberances seen.
5. No body fat, intercostal concavity and boney protuberances very prominent.
6. A change in 2 positions may result in a dog being held or dropped from the event. Any dog in category 5 will be dropped from competition unless sufficient layover time is used to upgrade the animal's condition.

B. Vital signs which may render a dog subject to disqualification:

1. Dehydration
 - a. 10-12% - Severe loss of skin elasticity, capillary refill time >3 seconds, markedly sunken eyeballs, shock in debilitated animals, involuntary muscle twitching, cold extremities.
 - b. 7-8% - Definite inelasticity of skin, capillary refill time 2-3 seconds, slight
 - c. 5% - Slightly doughy inelasticity of skin, dry mucous membranes. Drop or rehydrate before continuing.
2. Abnormal heart rate - irregular and/or a heart rate that does not decrease below 120 bpm after 1 hour and capillary refill time remains elevated.
3. Body temperature greater than 103°F after one hour.
4. Hypothermia as indicated by a rectal temperature of less than 99°F
5. Lung sounds with evidence of edema, rales or cough.
6. Non-responsive diarrhea with blood.
6. Red or brown urine
7. Frostbite injuries that cannot be protected from refreezing or are accompanied by substantial swelling
8. Illnesses/injuries requiring treatment with pharmaceuticals not available at a checkpoint or which would result in a positive drug test

C. Lameness:

Any non-weight bearing lameness renders a dog subject to disqualification. Pain and/or swelling, accompanied by lameness also can render a dog subject to disqualification. Any loss of range of motion or symmetry will be considered in evaluating lameness and ability to continue. Shoulder injuries should be considered the most serious in evaluating the ability to continue.

D. Mental attitude:

There is to be no dragging of teams or dogs out of check points. A sled dog's desire should be to continue the event; when that desire is sufficiently diminished and repeated attempts to leave end in failure, that team or dog is then discouraged from leaving.

E. Drug policy:

No dog participating in a race shall carry in its body any drug substance, its metabolites or analogs which are foreign to the natural dog as excepted by race veterinarians and race committee.

Appendix A: ISDVMA Evaluation Criteria

F. Dropped dog policy:

It is expected that race animals dropped from competition during an event are cared for as directed by a veterinarian. All efforts will be made on the part of the total race organization and participants to provide adequate care, assuring that all dropped dogs will regain normal function as soon as possible.

Any of the criteria in this guideline, plus anorexia and exhaustion, will lead to a deterioration in dog's desire to continue and will further render the dog subject to disqualification.

Appendix C: Musher Resignation Form

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I, _____ Bib # _____

In the Can Am Crown _____ Sled Dog Race do hereby voluntarily resign from the race and waive all entitlement to prize money, trophies or other rewards for my participation.

Signature of Musher

Can-Am Crown Officer

Witness

Date and Time

Location: _____

If available, give the GPS coordinates of the point where the musher scratched. Otherwise, describe the location.

To Scratch: Remove the form, sign it and present it to a Can-Am Crown race official or call Can Am Central at (207) 834-5526

