

**The 100 Mile Wilderness Sled Dog Race
Greenville, Maine
Official Race Rules-100 mile
February 6, 2010**

In addition to the following rules, the General Race Rules also apply to this race.

A. Course and Checkpoint:

The 100-mile race trail is a scenic out and back course that traverses varied terrain. There is one checkpoint: the location is North of Kokadjo at Medawisla sporting camps off of the Golden Road. Over 60 miles of trail will not be on snowmobile trail as it traverses the Appalachian Mountain Club property on the "Camp to Camp trail". The course will be a minimum of 100 miles.

B. Conditions of Entry: As space is limited at the start and checkpoint this years race is limited to 15 teams. Applicants must be able to document (on entry form) to the satisfaction of the Race Giving Organization (RGO) that they have completed one or more of the following: a race of two days duration of no less than 30 miles each day or a race of no less than 60 miles in one day or by permission of the Race Marshal. All initial entries and subsequent changes to entries must be done through the Greenville Town Office. See entry form for more information.

Entry Milestones

Date	Event	Entry Cost	Notes
November 14, 2009	The first day new entries will be accepted	150.00 (US)	
November 14, 2009 to December 31, 2009		Amount forfeited \$50.00 (US)	Withdrawal from race will cause forfeit as indicated.
January 1, 2010	Late entry fee starts	\$200.00 (US)	
January 1, 2010 to January 21, 2010	Partial Forfeit of entry	Amount forfeited \$75.00 (US)	Withdrawal from race will cause forfeit as indicated.
January 22, 2010	Cut off for withdrawal and return of part of your entry fee	Forfeit entire entry.	
February 5, 2010	Cut off for entry	\$200.00 (US)	No later than 6:00 PM prior to the drivers' meeting.

A \$50.00 fee will be charged for any bad checks!

All out of country musher's will need to send money orders or certified checks.

All entrants must attend the drivers' meeting on Friday, February 5, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion on Pritham Ave. There will be a 20.00 deposit for race bibs.

A Veterinarian will examine all teams on Friday, February 5, 2010 at Inland Fisheries and Wildlife on Village Street starting at approximately 2:00 p.m.

C. Number of dogs: Drivers must start the race with no fewer than 8 dogs and no more than 12 dogs. Each dog shall be marked by the RGO. When leaving the checkpoint, a driver must have at least 6 fit dogs attached to the gangline and traveling under their own power.

D. Race Start: The official start date is Saturday, February 6, 2010 in Greenville, Maine. The starting time is 9:00 a.m. eastern standard time. Teams are required to be at the staging area by 7:00 a.m. to allow for verification of dogs and gear by race officials. Teams will leave the starting line at two-minute intervals.

E. Required Gear:

- 1.) Drivers shall wear their identifying bibs at the start and finish of the race and out of the checkpoint. At all other times the bibs may either be worn or be displayed prominently on the sled.
- 2.) All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file. All harnesses shall be padded around the neck and chest areas. Reflective tape is required on the harnesses.
- 3.) A flashing red light must be worn by each lead dog from sunset to sunrise.
- 4.) Ganglines may be cable, cable core, or any synthetic or natural material, but chains are not allowed. If cable ganglines are used, the driver must have cable cutters easily accessible.
- 5.) At least 4 booties per dog are required at the race start.

F.) Each driver must have in possession at all times during the race:

- 1.) A sled capable of accommodating injured or fatigued dogs as well as the required food, materials and equipment. The sled shall be equipped with an adequate brake, brushbow, snowhook, snubline and reflective tape. That same sled must be used throughout the race unless it becomes defective. With the race marshal's permission, defective equipment may be replaced.
- 2.) A bag capable of safely restraining a struggling dog and, if necessary, covering a severely injured or expired dog. Any expired dog shall be completely covered.
- 3.) Proper cold weather sleeping bag, minimum of 3 lbs.
- 4.) One pair of snowshoes with bindings and an area of at least 250 sq. inches each.
- 5.) Knife kept easily accessible
- 6.) Hand axe or metal frame hand saw. (Wire saws are not permitted.)
- 7.) Adequate first aid kit
- 8.) Pocket mirror
- 9.) Whistle
- 10.) Fire starting equipment consisting of minimum of waterproof matches and reasonable amount of combustible material such as paper, lint or wax.
- 11.) Working headlamp and an adequate supply of spare batteries
- 12.) Raincoat
- 13.) Cooker and pot capable of boiling 1 gallon of water (sterno cans are not acceptable).
- 14.) In addition to the normal food supply for the race, a minimum one-day supply of emergency food for **driver and dogs**, dog food calculated at 1 lb per dog may be weighed by the RGO prior to the start. The emergency dog food should ordinarily be kept until the driver reaches the finish. If it is used during the race, then a 4-hour penalty will be added to the driver's time, unless the race marshal rules that extreme conditions justified the use of the food. If the emergency food supply is used, then it shall be re-supplied at the checkpoint.
- 15.) Appropriate outer clothing for the conditions with reflective material on the back shall be in the musher's possession and worn after sunset. An Arctic Parka is recommended.

Gear will be checked at the start and the finish. Missing equipment will result in a time penalty. For reassurance and safety, drivers may also request a gear check upon departure of the checkpoint.

Caution: Life threatening hypothermia can develop rapidly when clothing becomes wet due to weather conditions or excessive perspiration. Therefore, the RGO strongly recommends that each musher carry a change of clothing in a waterproof container.

G. Food and Gear Shipment and Retrieval:

Food and gear may be shipped to the Checkpoint by means of Personal handlers or by the RGO. No matter which method of shipping is used, it must be placed in coolers, or double bagged in cloth (burlap) or woven plastic bags weighing no more than 50 lbs. each. Bags or coolers must be clearly marked with the driver's name. Each team is allowed no more than 2 containers.

Any food and gear requiring shipment by the RGO must be brought to the location of the driver's meeting where it will be transferred to an RGO vehicle. Drivers will be given their checkpoint (drop) bag at a checkpoint Staging area upon arrival. Drop bags are to be used only at the checkpoint. Access to vehicles is not allowed. Non-mandatory gear and rubbish may not be dropped on trail. Equipment and food left at Checkpoint which is clearly marked will be delivered to the race finish site in Greenville only if clearly marked with the name of the driver. Unmarked or unclaimed food and gear left at the checkpoint will become the property of the RGO.

H. Trail Procedures:

1. Checkpoint - Each driver must personally sign in and out of the checkpoint before continuing. Veterinary assistance and hot water will be available at the checkpoint.

2. Dropped Dogs - Drivers may drop dogs only at the designated checkpoint or at the start. See the General Rules section C.8 for more specifics. If the Race Marshal and the Chief Veterinarian agree that a dog is not fit to continue the race, then the dog must be dropped. Dropped dogs will be examined by a Veterinarian and will receive appropriate care.

3. Veterinary Examinations - If a driver requests a veterinary examination of a dog or dogs at the start, checkpoint or finish, then a Veterinarian will provide it as soon as possible. Teams may be examined by a Veterinarian at the finish of the race.

4. Required Layover and Offset of Start Intervals -

Total required layover time shall be a minimum of 2 hours (Plus the starting offset time). A layover begins when the driver signs in and ends when the driver signs out. The two-minute start intervals will be offset by requiring additional layover time for the earlier starters. These offset times will be added to the 2 hour layover required at the checkpoint. **Each driver is encouraged to determine his/her own actual departure time based on the condition of their team.** There will be a minimum of one experienced distance musher at the checkpoint for the purpose of trying to help answer inexperienced drivers questions.

5. Personal Handlers- Personal handlers are allowed at the start, the checkpoint and the finish. No handlers will be allowed within the designated staging area of the checkpoint.

(See General Race Rules, Para C.2. c. for more details.)

If personal handlers appear on the racecourse then the team shall be disqualified. Personal handlers may observe the race and pick up dropped dogs, but they are not allowed to help the drivers or teams in any other way unless the Race Marshal specifically authorizes it. To avoid disqualification, drivers should be certain that their handlers are aware of these restrictions.

I. Cut off Time and Finishing Terms: Any driver who has not left the checkpoint by 10:00 p.m. Saturday, February 6, 2010 will not be allowed to finish the race. Checkpoint personnel will be present until the last team has left the trail. Any team that scratches or does not meet the cut off time is responsible for the transportation of their team and gear.

J. Withdrawal from the race: Teams will be permitted to scratch at the checkpoint or West Branch Pond Camps without cost to the musher if handler is available to pickup team. Teams scratching at any other location may be charged for the cost of extracting the team and driver. Drivers wishing to withdraw from the race must wait for the sweeper vehicle for further instruction.

H. Awards Ceremony: The awards ceremony will be hosted and located at the Greenville's American Legion Post at 10:00 AM on February 7, 2010. Purse to be announced.