

## MCDMA Race Policy and Procedures and Rules revised 11/04/2021

### Unless otherwise stated, typical race day procedure is as follows:

1. Classes: Race classes shall be 4 dog, 3 dog Jr., 1 dog Skijor, 2 dog skijor, 1 dog Jr., 6 dog, either 8 or 10 dog, and Open class for all races
2. Sign up is at 9:30-10 AM for Juniors, Skijor and Limited. Noon for Open.
3. Entry fees: Entry fees must be paid prior to the drawing at all races
4. Designated driver: The designated driver must be specified at the time of sign up for all races. Any driver under the age of 18 years will be required to submit written permission of their parent or guardian, Drivers age 15 through 17 who wish to race other than Junior classes must submit written endorsement by an officer of a recognized dog racing club (other than parent or guardian) stating which classes the driver is deemed competent to enter.”)
5. Drawing for positions is at 10:00, noon for Open.
6. Race starts at 10:30.
7. Teams leave at 2 minute intervals except 4 dog and skijor which have 1 minute intervals.
8. In order to accommodate the number of classes within the limited daylight hours of our race season, the starting order and the intervals between classes are as shown below. Drivers intending to run in multiple classes are required to plan accordingly and secure necessary help to properly care for and put away their dogs from earlier classes and get their team for the upcoming class ready to start on time.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Starting Time</u>
4 dog	first
3 dog Junior	10 minutes after the last 4 dog team leaves
Skijorrers skijor	10 minutes after the last 4 dog team returns. 2 dog skijor followed by 1 dog skijor
6 dog	15 minutes after the last Skijorrer returns
8 or 10 dog	15 minutes after the last 6 dog team returns
Open	30 minutes after the last 8 or 10 dog team returns
1 dog Junior	will be scheduled on race day

9. It is not the responsibility of the club to provide sled holders- We have installed a quick release at the start chute. Please rig a snub line with a metal “O” ring on the right side of your sled.
10. Trail Use: Anyone not involved in running the race shall not use the trail until after the completion of the race.

### Race Cancellation Policy (revised 11/4/2021):

1. Temperature cut off: For preliminary sprint races no colder than –20 F. For championship or distance races there is no cut off. Race officials will determine the temperature at the time for the start of the 1<sup>st</sup> class using a designated thermometer located at the track. Race officials may delay the start for up to one hour if they believe the temperature will rise above the cut off

within that time. Musherers are advised that weather conditions for Willow, AK may be available on line and are often similar to those at the track. Musherers are responsible for providing cold weather protective equipment appropriate for the physical characteristics of their particular breed of dogs and for themselves.

2. Poor Trail Conditions: Poor trail conditions which may lead to the cancellation include lack of snow, too much snow, wind drifted trails, excessively soft or punchy trails, icy trails or other unanticipated conditions. When a question is raised as to the suitability of the trail for racing, the final decision to hold or cancel a scheduled race will be made by the race committee. Where there is disagreement among committee members a decision will be made by a majority vote of the committee. When it is unlikely that conditions will improve before race day, the committee will decide by Thursday evening preceding the race. Where the committee believes that there is a significant chance of improvement or when trail conditions deteriorate after Thursday evening, the decision will be made on the morning of the race.

### **Race Rules**

1. MCDMA follows ISDRA rules( See ISDRA website) with the following additions.
2. Dogs: Dogs can only be raced in one event per day except 1 dog Jr.
3. Starting: Any team leaving the starting line before their scheduled time will be disqualified.
4. Protests: The protest must be accompanied by a \$10 filing fee. Filing fee will be returned if decision is in favor of the protestor.
5. A driver shall be disqualified if a dog on their team dies during the race.
6. Additions and /or changes to race rules will be handled in the following manner: 1.) The President shall ask if there are any considered changes to the race rules at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for vote. 2.) All considered changes will be presented in final form at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the vote. 3.) A list of considered changes may be mailed or made available electronically to each member in good standing at least seven (7) days prior to the date set for the vote. 4.) Voting will be members in good standing present at the designated meeting.

### **Preliminary Races Points Awards**

1. Points: Points for preliminary races are accrued on the following basis:
  - a. First place, 5 points
  - b. Second place, 4 points
  - c. Third place, 3 points
  - d. All other finishers, 1 point
  - e. Points may be accumulated in each class run.
  - f. Individuals must participate in the majority of points races per class to be eligible for high points champion. (rev spring 09)
  - g. In the event of a tie for overall points, the individual that ran more races will be the winner. If an equal number of races were run, the lowest overall time will determine the winner.