

THE CALEDONIA CLASSIC 150 MILE STAGE RACE

THE CALEDONIA CLASSIC 200 MILE MID DISTANCE RACE AND RACE RULES...2010

Note #1: These rules apply to two different races. In some areas the same rule applies to both races while in other areas the rules are unique to the specific race. Please read them carefully and ensure that you understand the rule that applies to the race in which you will be competing.

Note #2 A separate document called the Race Schedule will provide specific information about meeting times and location, starting times, detailed information about race route/checkpoints/dog drops (including map), listing of race officials (positions and names), details of purse and payout and other facts about both races. This information will be updated until two weeks before the start of the race when it will become final and you may view it along with other race information on the race website at <http://caledoniaclassic.fsames.com> .

OVERVIEW OF RACES

The Stage Race is a 150 mile three day stage race. The Mid Distance Race is a continuous event run over a 200 mile trail. The Mid Distance Race is a qualifying event for the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race. The respective courses run over Stuart Lake and numerous trails along Stuart Lake in the central interior of B.C. The intent of these races is to promote the sport of dog mushing and to provide mushers with an opportunity to challenge themselves and their dogs in either a stage or mid-distance event.

ENTRY/QUALIFICATIONS

Entries will be accepted until the Mushers' Meeting (unless prior arrangements have been made with organizers due to late arrival)

Entry fee for the Stage Race is \$150.00 (Canadian funds) and for the Mid Distance Race it is \$150.00 (Canadian funds), payable prior to the start of the race.

Each participant must also complete an Entry Form and Release of Liability Form. The Fort St. James Sled Dog Association reserves the right to reject any entry for just cause.

MANDATORY MUSHERS' MEETING AND DRAW

The Mushers' Meeting will take place on Thursday February 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fort St. James High School.

In addition to participants, handlers are strongly encouraged to attend. Driver must be named no later than the Mushers' Meeting.

Only drivers, handlers, team owners and selected race volunteers will participate

in the rules discussion

Drawing for official starting number will take place at this meeting, the order of the draw will be determined in the order that paid entries are received

DRIVERS

The driver starting at the beginning of the race shall drive the team throughout the race.

The driver must be 18 years of age or older.

An experienced musher younger than age 18 who has not completed a similar race may apply to the race committee in writing before the race begins to ask for permission to waive the minimum age rule

The application must include written consent from a guardian

TEAM SIZE

Stage Race mushers may use a pool of 12 dogs and may begin each stage of the race with no more than 10 dogs.

Mid Distance mushers may start with a maximum of 12 dogs and a minimum of 8 dogs

Both Stage and Mid Distance mushers must complete the race with no fewer than 6 dogs in harness and on the gangline

At no time may a team travel with fewer than 6 dogs in harness and attached to the gang line. In the Mid Distance Race, teams must leave the Clubhouse Checkpoint (halfway point) with a minimum of eight dogs in harness and on the gangline.

The use of loose leaders is not permitted.

No "new" dogs may be added to the team after the start of the race (Stage racers may rotate dogs from their pool of 12 dogs)

Dogs must be in musher's control at all times.

No switching of dogs between mushers is permitted.

RACE START

The distance race will start at 8:00 a.m. at Cottonwood Park on the shore of Stuart Lake.

The stage race will start at 9:00 a.m. at Cottonwood Park on the shore of Stuart Lake.

All teams must be in designated staging spot no later than one hour before the start of the race

The race is a mass start format, all teams must start together at the same time however teams deemed by the Race Marshall to be unmanageable in staging area will not be allowed to leave until under control but their start time will begin with all other teams.

The team's location in the mass start line-up will be determined by the number drawn at the Musher's Meeting.

TREATMENT OF DOGS/OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

There shall be no cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs (as determined by the race officials)

No whips or jinglers permitted

All care and feeding of dogs will be done by the musher (except at mandatory layover in Mid Distance Race)

No outside assistance is allowed during the race, including at checkpoints, unless an emergency is declared and judged so by the Race Marshal. At the mandatory layover of the Mid Distance Race, handlers may help the team into and out of the checkpoint. In the event of a lost team, mushers may ask for spectator assistance

Incidental help at a checkpoint is permitted as long as the same help is available to all teams

Teams will be assessed by the Race Vet and Race Officials as necessary

Teams may not be allowed to proceed until cleared by Race Official

MANDATORY GEAR/EQUIPMENT

Every musher will have in their possession during the entire race the following items:

Dog bag suitable for expired dog (sled bag is adequate)

Race bib

Harnesses - all harnesses shall be padded around the neck and chest areas. It is recommended that each harness have two inches of reflector tape on each side of the neck and on each side farther back to reflect snowmobile lights from the front and side

Some type of sled shall be drawn that is equipped with an adequate brake, brush bow and snow hook

Only one sled shall be used throughout the race. With the Race Marshal's permission a broken or damaged sled may be replaced at the musher's expense. No sled shall be replaced without the Race Marshal's approval

Musher's are required to be in possession of functional necklines for the entire team at all times

All gang lines must be made of cable or have a cable core in the centerline
Participants in the Mid Distance Race must also have the following items on their sled:

- Cold weather sleeping bag
- Hand axe with overall length of 22 inches (56 centimetres)
- One pair of snowshoes and bindings
- Light (flashlight or headlight)
- Equipment for feeding and watering dogs
- Vet record tube (if required)
- Adequate amount of dog food for each dog (three days worth is recommended for the Mid Distance Race although dog food may be picked up at the Half Way Checkpoint)
- Eight booties for each dog (at start of race)
- Food and water for musher

Penalty - One hour per missing item will be added to musher's total running time. Teams missing any of these items at start will not be allowed to leave until they are present. Race bib must be worn at race start and finish and must be returned in good condition. For the Mid Distance Race, gear will be checked in at the Clubhouse Checkpoint (halfway point).

VACCINATIONS AND DRUGS

Proof of current rabies, parvo and distemper vaccinations must be available for each dog (signed certificates or proof of purchase of vaccine)

Drug use of any sort will not be tolerated. No injectable, oral or topical drug which may suppress the signs of illness or injury may be used on a dog. No other drugs or 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, this includes water

The veterinarian shall have the authority to collect blood or urine samples at random any point prior to the race and immediately after the race.

The following drugs will be prohibited

- Analgesics
- Anti-inflammatory drugs including but not limited to corticosteroids, antiprostaglandins, non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, DMSO, central nervous system stimulants, cough suppressants, anaesthetics, diuretics, anabolic steroids, muscle relaxants, injectable anticholinergics, antihistamines
- The external use of topical corticosteroids is limited to the feet
- The use of megestrol acetate (Ovaban) and mibolerone (Cheque Drops) as an oestrus suppressant is permitted
- The practice of blood doping is not permitted
- Race veterinarians may utilize any of the listed drugs or other prohibited drugs necessary to maintain a dog's health; however, such dogs will be withdrawn from the race

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

Administration of any drugs other than those mentioned above shall only be done with the prior knowledge and consent of the race vet and the race marshal
Sweats will be allowed without prohibited substances

LOST TEAMS

If a musher loses a team he must make every effort to recover that team as soon as possible.

A musher who receives help from another musher to recover a team will not be penalized.

A musher may request assistance from spectators to recover a lost team if he/she deems it necessary.

If a musher receives help from a spectator to recover a lost team he/she **MUST** report this to the race marshal as soon as possible. Failure to report to the race marshal will result in time penalties or disqualification

If a lost team leaves the trail and is recovered, the team and musher must return to that spot where the team left the trail and continue the race from that point

CONDUCT AND DISQUALIFICATION

Drivers shall be responsible for the conduct of their dogs, their designated handler and themselves at all times during their dealings with each other, handlers, race personnel and volunteers, officials and the public
Common sense and good sportsmanship shall prevail

If the Race Marshal determines that the actions of a driver, handler or team at any time in the race area or on the trail is detrimental to the sport or race, the team may be disqualified or subject to another penalty

PROTEST AND HEARINGS

All protests can be submitted to the Race Marshal at the end of the day's heat (Stage Race) or at the end of the race (Mid Distance Race). A verbal protest must be followed within one hour by a written protest and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 cash deposit

PENALTIES

Failure to adhere to all the published rules shall allow the race officials to penalize a musher, this will be the responsibility of the Race Marshal.

A disqualified musher will forfeit all entry fees, placements and race winnings

The Race Marshal may assess penalties other than disqualification. Policy and rule infractions may result in an issuance of warnings, monetary penalties or time penalties

The musher so involved may request an informal hearing before the Race Marshal and Race Committee

A hearing shall be granted if requested

The Race Marshal will be responsible for judgment in such cases

The decisions of the Race Marshal are final

FINISH

The official finish shall be determined by the nose of the lead dog crossing the finish line.

In the event a driver is not with the team when it crosses, the finish time will be recorded after the musher crosses the finish line

All teams must have completed the course by Sunday midnight. Mushers not finished by this time will be disqualified

WEATHER AND TRAIL CONDITIONS

The race will continue under all but the most severe trail and weather conditions. Drivers must come prepared to run in cold, wind, storms, slush, above freezing temperatures or over sections of bare ground if necessary.

CLEARING TRAIL AND PASSING

Musher setting up camp must clear the trail of their dogs and gear. Any fires must be built a safe distance off the trail

Slower teams must yield to faster overtaking teams and provide the overtaking team sufficient time to untangle if necessary before following

Musher being passed is responsible for controlling their dogs to provide a clean pass

The team being passed cannot pass the overtaking team for a minimum of 5 minutes

LITTERING

Absolutely no littering anywhere along the trail or at checkpoint is permitted
Garbage may be "packaged" and given to a checker at a checkpoint for disposal

Camp Morice (100 mile/half way point...Mid Distance Race)

Drop bags may be brought to Camp Morice by race volunteer

All mandatory gear will be checked in at the Camp Morice

Musher will notify Timer/Checker immediately upon arrival and have Checker note arrival and departure time

Every musher must personally sign in and out of the checkpoint

One six (6) hour stop at the Camp Morice is mandatory

All dogs, sled, gear and musher must remain at checkpoint at all times

DOG DROP

In the Stage Race, no dogs may be dropped on the course. All dogs that started the day must accompany the team at the end of the day

In the Mid Distance Race, mushers may leave sick or injured dogs at the Lucky Pitt Dog Drop and at the Club House (halfway) checkpoint

Dropped dogs must be left with handlers

Mushers are responsible to leave dog(s) in proper condition (i.e. booties and harness off, stake out if necessary)

SPORTSMANSHIP

All mushers must conduct themselves in a civil and sportsmanlike manner beginning from the Mushers' Meeting right through to the end of the Awards Banquet

NO MAN'S LAND

No Man's Land shall be considered the land between Temple Point and Cottonwood Beach (approx. last 2 miles) and the finish line. Within this area, trail does not have to be given at the request of the overtaking musher.

RACE OFFICIALS

The intent of the rules will guide the Race Marshal and Race Judges in their decisions.

The Race Marshal is in charge of all aspects of the race from the pre-race Mushers' Meeting to the Finish Banquet

Race Judges will act as deputies of the Race Marshal

The Race Marshal may waive or reduce monetary or time penalties for unforeseen calamities that may befall a musher

The Race Marshal or a Race Judge in conjunction with a Race Veterinarian shall have final authority to remove a dog(s) from the race for medical or other reasons

Race Veterinarians are present throughout the race to monitor the health and welfare of all dogs, advise mushers in caring for their dogs' medical needs, and provide veterinary treatment for dropped dogs, if necessary

The Chief Timer and Assistant Timers are responsible for timing the race

Collectively these officials comprise the Race Committee