



MCDMA Race Policy and Procedures

Unless otherwise stated, typical race day procedure is as follows—

1. Sign up is 9:30-10:am for Juniors, Skijorers & Limited classes, Noon for Open.
2. Drawing for positions is at 10:00, 12:00 for Open;
3. Races start at 10:30.
4. Teams leave at 2 minute intervals; except 4-dog & Skijor which have 1 minute intervals.
5. ~~There is a 10 minute interval between classes (time between last team to return and first of the next class to leave) except between 4-dog, 3-dog jr, & skijor where the next class will start 10 minutes after the last team of the previous class starts.~~
6. ~~Starting order of classes is 4-dog, 3-dog jr, Skijor, 6-dog, 8-dog, Open Class.~~

Revised 12/18/2010 meeting:

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 |
| Skijorers | 10 minutes after the last 4 dog team returns |
| 6- dog | 15 minutes after the last Skijorrrer returns |
| 8- dog | 15 minutes after the last 6 dog team returns |
| Open | 30 minutes after the last 8 dog team returns |
| 1-dog junior | will be scheduled on race day |

Su-Valley Championship & Montana Creek Championship Races

1. Sign-up/drawing is the Friday prior to races. (Website will be updated closer to race date with location of sign-up/drawing) Mail in entries ok if received by Thursday



prior to race. Mail payment and class entry info to: MCDMA, PO Box 971, Willow, AK 99688.

Late fee of \$25.00 for signing up at the race and you leave last in class.

2. First class starts at 10 am. Be at the track earlier for painting.
3. Sunday start is in Saturday finish sequence (no reverse start).

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.

Race Cancellation Policy (Rev. 7/09)

Temperature cut off: For sprint races no colder than -25F. For distance races there is no cut off. Race officials will determine the temperature at the time for the start of the 1st 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. Mushers are advised that weather conditions for Willow, AK may be available online and are often similar to those at the track. Mushers are responsible for providing cold weather equipment appropriate for the physical characteristics of their particular breed of dogs and for themselves.

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.

2. Sleds must be in accordance with ISDRA rules. (Rev. 7/09)
3. Whips: No whips are allowed in any races in any classes, for any purpose. Rev. 11/15/08
4. Dogs: Dogs can only be raced in one event per day.
5. Starting: Any team leaving the starting line before their scheduled time will be disqualified. Musher's are responsible for controlling their teams at all times.

Preliminary Races Points Awards

6. Points: Points for preliminary race series 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, then the lowest overall time will determine the winner.
7. Trail use: Anyone not involved in running the race shall not use the trail until after the completion of the race.
8. Protests: Any musher with a protest must make a verbal request immediately following the race, and file such a protest in writing within one (1) hour of completion of the race. The protest must be accompanied by a \$10.00 filing fee; filing fee will be returned if decision is in favor of the protestor.
9. Classes: Race classes will be 4-dog, 3 dog Jr, Skijor, 1 dog Jr., 6-dog, 8- dog and Open Class for all races.
10. Entry Fees: Entry fees must be paid prior to the drawing at all races .



11. Designated Driver: The designated driver must be specified at the time of sign-up for all races .

*****From Standing Rules:** Club standing rules state "Any driver under (18) years of age will be required to submit (1) written permission of their parent or guardian and (2) written endorsement by an officer of a recognized dog racing club (other than parent or guardian) stating which classes driver is deemed competent to enter."

12. MCDMA also follows ISDRA Rules, see link from club info page on website.