

Caledonia Classic 50 Mile Race Rules

Registration Details:

Early bird pricing ends Dec.1, 2024: 100 mile \$150, 50 mile \$100

Registration fees after Dec. 1, 2024: 100 mile \$250, 50 mile \$200

50% registration refund until Dec. 1, 2024, no refund after Jan. 1, 2025

Last day to register is **Jan. 15, 2025**

No late registration after Jan.15, 2025 and mushers can't switch races after Jan.15, 2025. No exception.

1. Mandatory Musher's Meeting

All mushers must attend the meeting and the vet check. It is recommended that all handlers attend the meeting. All entries must be paid in full prior to the end of the meeting.

2. Race Start:

Refer to schedule page for time and place. All teams must be in designated staging spot no later than one hour before start time. Teams deemed by Race Marshall to be unmanageable in staging area will not be allowed to leave until under control.

3. The race is a mass start format.

4. Handler:

Once the race has started, the handler cannot give any assistance to the musher unless there is an emergency for either dogs or musher. If assistance is given to a musher the Race Marshall must be notified immediately.

5. Number of Dogs:

Start with 4 dogs minimum, 6 dogs maximum and must finish with no less than 4 dogs. No loose leaders. No dogs may be added to a team after the start of the race. Dogs must be in musher's control at all times. Switching of dogs between mushers is not permitted.

6. Gear and Equipment:

The following items must be presented to the checker before the Race Start as well as at the finish line:

1. Hand ax with an overall length of at least 22 inches/56 centimeters.
2. Functional head lamp.
3. One dog bag suitable to carry a dog (sled bag is adequate).
4. Race bib worn at all times.

5. The sled must be equipped with a functional break.

6. Matches/lighter

Penalty - One hour per missing item will be added to musher's total running time. Teams missing any of these items at the start will not be allowed to leave until items are present. RACE BIB must be worn at all times and must be returned in good condition. Gear will be checked in at the finish line.

7. Mandatory Supplies:

The following items must be in the Musher's possession at the start of the race:

A) Adequate amount of dog food per dog for the duration of the race.

B) One set of booties for each dog, can be on the dog or in the sled.

All dog food, gear and other supplies to be used must be carried in the sled from the start. Dog food can be consumed during the race.

8. Treatment of Dogs

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 only (except at Dog Drop). Only mushers may assist one another during the race. No outside assistance is allowed during the race unless an emergency is declared and judged so by the Race Marshall.

9. 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.

10. Dog Drop:

There are no dog drops. Musher is responsible for getting their dogs to the finish line.

11. 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 following drugs will be prohibited:

Analgesics, Anti-inflammatory drugs including but not limited to cortico steroids, ant prostaglandins, non steroidal, calculates, DMSO, central nervous system stimulants, cough suppressants, anaesthetics, diuretics, anabolic steroids, muscle relaxants, injectable anticholinergics, antihistamines. The external use

of topical cortico-steroids 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.

12. Drugs

The musher must have their dog team free of all prohibited drugs and foreign substances from the beginning of the race until the team has finished the race. Dogs that are continuing in the race shall not receive any of the following:

1. Any substance by injection
2. Acupuncture
3. Cold laser therapy
4. Corticosteroids or anabolic steroids
5. Any seizure medications

13. LOST TEAMS

If a musher loses a team, they 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, they **MUST** report this to the Race Marshall as soon as possible. Failure to report to the Race Marshall 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. The Race Marshall will decide if a penalty is needed.

14. SLED

Only one sled per musher will be used throughout the race. Sled repairs must not be a significant alteration of size or reduction of weight.

15. 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 Marshall 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.

16. PROTEST AND HEARINGS

All protests can be submitted to the Race Marshall within one hour of the end of the race. A verbal protest must be followed within one hour by a written protest and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 cash deposit.

17. 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 Marshall. A disqualified musher will forfeit all entry fees, placements and race winnings. The Race Marshall 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 Marshall. A hearing shall be granted if requested. The Race Marshall will be responsible for judgment in such cases. The decisions of the Race Marshall are final.

18. 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 Saturday 5pm. Mushers not finished by this time will be disqualified.

19. 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.

20. LITTERING

Absolutely no littering anywhere along the trail is permitted.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. Purse

Purse will be announced on the website before the race.

24. RACE OFFICIALS

The intent of the rules will guide the Race Marshall and Race Judges in their decisions. The Race Marshall 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 Marshall. The Race Marshall may waive or reduce monetary or time penalties for unforeseen calamities that may befall a musher. The Race Marshall or a Race Judge shall have final authority to remove a dog(s) from the race for medical or other reasons. The Chief Timer and Assistant Timers are responsible for timing the race. Collectively these officials comprise the Race Committee.

25. Censure:

The Committee may reject any entries submitted for any reason of past conduct.

26. THE DECISIONS OF THE RACE MARSHALL ARE FINAL!!