

Sprint musher notes for 2019

6-dog and 4-dog sprint events will be mostly consistent with ISDRA rules (see http://www.isdra.org/Resources_Directory/Frame.htm)

Skijor rules are posted below.

Rules specific to this race will be identified by the Race Marshall during the musher's meeting.

In addition, please note:

1. Important to be courteous with handlers and other mushers. There are four young mushers on the trail and three of them will be in their first race. Helpers are not always familiar with sled dogs so be patient with them.
2. Trail is wide with lots of room for passing. There may be some overflow and rough ice chunks. It has been groomed.
3. Start positions will drawn. Pure Breed teams will race first.
4. 1 minute interval starts. It is musher's responsibility to be ready at given start time. There will be warnings of start times over the PA system.
5. Day 2 fastest teams out first
6. Front of sled on the start line, front of skis on start line for skijor.
7. No race rabbit
8. Four-dog teams/skijor teams will go across the lake to "Temple point" and return.
9. Six-dog teams run across the lake to one mile past temple point and then take the right hand trail which will meet back up with main trail.

**** Important that all teams stay left at first intersection****

**** Six dog teams stay left at second intersection****

**** There will be people on the trail at each intersection****

**** On Saturday, distance finishers may be coming in during the skijor event. Please be aware of the need to head-on pass. We may delay skijor start if necessary ****

Standard ISDRA Speed Race Rules and Procedures shall apply to skijoring classes with the following exceptions:

1. DRAWING

Drawing for the starting order of the skijoring class shall be by team size, three (3) dog, two (2) dog and one (1) dog. Late entries shall be added in order of receipt, regardless of the number of dogs being run. For multiple heat races, skijorers will leave the starting line in order of overall finish time of the previous heat, regardless of the number of dogs being run.

2. TEAM SIZE

Skijoring teams shall consist of a maximum of three (3) dogs and a minimum of one (1) dog.

3. EQUIPMENT

Skijoring teams must be attached via harness and tow-line to the skijorer's belt in a safe and secure manner, leaving the skijorer's hands free of the line. The line length shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet and a maximum of twelve (12) feet as measured from the skiers belt buckle to the snap on the dog's harness.

The minimum width of the skijoring belt across the back shall be three (3) inches. In the interest of safety, there must be a release device within arm's length of the skijorer.

All dogs must have a neckline attached except for a dog run in single lead position.

4. STARTING

The tips of the skijorer's skis shall determine the starting point of the team.

5. PASSING

Skijorers need not come to a full stop, but must slow, yield the trail and give immediate right-of-way upon demand. Once a team has been passed, that team shall not repass for two (2) minutes or one-half (1/2) mile except by mutual agreement of both drivers. Unless passing or in the no-right-a-way zone, a competitor must maintain a minimum distance of twenty (20) feet between his/her dogs and the skijorer in front.

6. FINISHING

The nose of the Lead Dog(s) shall determine the finish time of the team.

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