# **ROCKY MOUNTAIN SLED DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **RACE RULES**

## **ENTRY**

Entry fees: Open Class \$75

6 Dogs \$60

Skijor \$25

Junior \$0

Receipt of entry fee will constitute the Musher's intent to enter the race and acknowledge that said Musher agrees to comply with the race rules.

### START ORDER

Starting order will be determined by "Bib Draw" the evening before race day 1. The start order on race day 2 will follow the fastest time out first.

Teams will leave the start at two minute intervals.

A team missing its designated start time will wait till after the last team leaves in said class. No time penalty will be added.

### **DRIVER RULES**

There will be one driver per team. The driver starting the race must finish the race.

All entry fees must be paid in full at time of registration and prior to the race meeting.

All drivers must attend each race meeting.

All teams must complete the course as marked.

When overtaking another team, the driver shall call "Trail" or otherwise indicate their intention to pass.

The overtaken team must yield to the passing team and if necessary slow, stop or assist the passing team.

Exception to the passing rule will exist only in "No Man's Land", designated and marked as the last mile of the course.

In the case of a lost team, the driver will not be disqualified provided they regain control of the team and complete the course. Drivers may use any means available to regain control of the lost team.

A team has officially finished when the nose of the lead dog in team crosses the finish line.

A driver shall be responsible for the conduct of their team and self throughout the event. If the conduct of a driver is determined unprofessional by the Race Marshall that driver may be disqualified.

The Race Marshall has final say on any and all matters that may arise.

The most important rule: Have fun, enjoy yourself and promote the sport!

#### Dogs & Equipment

Teams entered in the Open Class race must start with a minimum of 8 dogs.

Teams entered in the 6 Dogs Class may not start with more than 6 or less than 5.

Skijor teams entered may not start with more than 2 dogs.

All dogs participating in each race shall be vaccinated against Parvo, Distempter, and Rabies. Proof of vaccinations must be shown if requested. All dogs shall be in good physical condition with no obvious or visible ailments which would prevent them from safely or humanely completing the event.

Dogs may be dropped from a team, but not dogs may be added.

All dogs shall be connected in the team or within the sled. A driver crossing the finish line with a loose dog will be disqualified.

Cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs will not be tolerated and result in driver disqualification.

All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double line.

Some type of sled shall be drawn, exception skijors.

All sleds shall be equipped with an adequate braking system, snow hook and sled bag capable of carrying a dog(s).