

ANNETTE'S BURGER RUN

2013 RACE RULES

Celebrate the memory of Annette Verbanc by racing your team from Pleasant Valley Store to Angel Creek Lodge.

RACE RULES

Qualifications: All drivers must be members in good standing with the TRDMA. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age by the start of the race. No one convicted of animal abuse or neglect will be eligible to enter the race. TRDMA may honor censure by any other sled dog racing organization.

Race Details: The race will start at Pleasant Valley Store and end at Angel Creek Lodge. This is a fun run. All mushers receive a free burger at Angel Creek.

Fees: The entry fee is \$25 for members of the TRDMA in good standing.

Registration: Registration will start at 9:00 A.M on February 11, 2012. Race bibs will be distributed at the time of registration.

Draw for start position: THIS IS A MASS START RACE.

Mandatory Driver's meeting: Attendance at the drivers' meeting at 10:00 A.M. is mandatory. Any driver not in attendance is subject to penalty or disqualification. Race cancellation: If the temperature at Pleasant Valley Store is colder than -39 degrees Fahrenheit at 10:00 A.M, the race start may be race cancelled. The Race Marshall will poll the participants to obtain a consensus. After the race is started, it will continue regardless of temperature.

Proof of vaccinations required: Proof of vaccinations are not needed for this race. Although it would be good for the sake of your dogs that they are current.

GENERAL RACE RULES

Mandatory gear:

- Snow hook
- Braking device
- Sled or dog bag
- Headlamp

- Handler with dog truck (Race Marshall may make exceptions)
- Assigned starting bib which, must be visible at all times

Teams must have all mandatory gear to start the race and will be checked. All gear and equipment must be in good operating condition or else team will not be allow to race.

Keep the trail clear: Drivers resting their team must keep the trail clear of their dogs, food and gear at all times, i.e. you must camp at least 10 feet off the trail.

One driver per team: Only one driver per team.

Following the trail: All teams must follow the trail as marked. Deviations/shorter routes will be assessed a penalty. Every effort will be made to keep trail markers in place, but TRDMA cannot be responsible for acts of nature or malicious acts. Two stakes on the side of the trail the turn is on will mark turns; e.g. a left turn will have two markers side-by-side on the left hand side of the trail; a right hand turn will have markers on the right. Intersections that are to be traveled straight through will have a single marker on the right and left side of the trail.

Trail right-of-way: When one team approaches to within 50 feet of another team, the team behind shall have the immediate right-of-way upon demand, except within one mile of the finish line. The driver ahead must stop his or her dogs and hold them to the best of his or her ability for a maximum of one minute or until the other team has passed, whichever occurs first. The passed team must remain behind at least five minutes before demanding trail right-of-way. Teams that do no yield will be penalized.

Littering prohibited: A minimum thirty minute time penalty will be assessed for littering on the trail. Booties are considered litter. Drivers are ultimately responsible for the cleaning for their staging areas.

Number of dogs: Teams must have no fewer than 5, and no more than 10 dogs to start the race. No dogs may be added to a team after the start.

Dog marking: The Two Rivers Dog Mushers Association may mark all dogs leaving the starting line.

No loose leaders: Loose leaders are not allowed. A driver must make every effort to secure a dog that becomes loose.

SKIJORING RULES

Number of dogs: 1 dog minimum, 3 dogs maximum. No loose leaders. No dogs may be added to a team after the start of the race. Dogs must be in skijorer's control at all times. No switching of dogs between skijorers is permitted. All dogs must finish the race.

Mandatory Gear:

- Working headlamp
- Snow hook
- Cable gang lines or picket lines to stake dogs at checkpoints or other campsites
- Assigned starting bib which, must be visible at all times
- Skijorers will be permitted to carry a set of replacement skis. Metal edged skis are permitted

All dog food, gear and other supplies to be used must be carried from the start.

All other general rules concerning dog care, procedures, littering and behavior on the trail apply to skijorers as well as mushers as far as applicable. Skijorers are responsible for the hauling and caring of themselves and their dogs.

RUNNING THE RACE

Race start: Race will start at 11 A.M. on Saturday, February 9, 2013, and will use a “mass start”. The Race Marshal will discuss how the start will be conducted at the drivers’ meeting.

Time penalties: All time penalties accrued will be applied at the finish.

Protests: A driver may protest any action of a competitor that he/she feels is contrary to the intent of these rules. To be recognized as a legitimate protest, the infraction(s) observed by a musher must be presented to a race official in writing as soon as is practicable after finishing, and in no case more than twenty-four (24) hours after a musher finishes the race. The Race Marshall’s decision shall be final.

DOG CARE

Mistreatment prohibited: Mistreatment of dogs will cause immediate disqualification from the race. Such an action will also be reported to all major race organizations. The race marshal will have absolute authority over this matter.

Signal whips: Signal whips will not be permitted.

Dog drops: Injured, sick or fatigued dogs must be carried in the sled or dog bag. Dogs cannot be led behind a sled.

Drugs and drug testing: No injectable drugs may be used unless administered by the race veterinarian. Oral or topical drugs that may suppress the signs of illness or injury may not be carried or used. No drugs or artificial means may be used to drive the dogs beyond their natural ability. Race officials may require urine or blood samples for

random drug testing. Drivers will be required to cooperate with race officials to accomplish the gathering of samples.

Expired dogs: Any dog that expires during the race for any reason must be taken to the next checkpoint or returned to the checkpoint last passed and submitted to the race marshal, a judge, or a race veterinarian. A licensed veterinary pathologist or veterinarian will perform a necropsy on all expired dogs. The driver will be responsible for necropsy expenses. The death of any dog may result in the disqualification of the driver, and/or prohibition from entering future races.

Tampering: No driver may tamper with another driver's dogs, food, or gear.

Sleds: Only one sled may be used during the race. Sled must have brush bow, sled bag, and braking device. Any repairs must be done exclusively by the driver. No significant alterations as to weight or size will be allowed. Sled and equipment must be in good repair. Equipment will be inspected before the musher will be permitted to start the race.

Race assistance: No planned help is allowed during the race. No driver may receive outside assistance except for starting and finishing the race, if a team is unmanageable, or if an emergency exists. No driver will accept any assistance from a motorized vehicle, including pacing. A lost team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control of it, provided the team and driver complete the course and comply with rules. A driver may receive assistance from another driver in recovering a lost team.

Courteous behavior: All drivers shall conduct themselves in a courteous and honorable manner at all times. Officials, media, volunteers and fans are all equal participants in the race and it is the driver's responsibility to maintain a courteous rapport with them at all times.

Race Description: The trail route departs east from Pleasant Valley to the 27 mile Chena Hot Springs Road crossing. After the road crossing the trail will head straight to Angel Creek Lodge. The distance from the road crossing to Angel Creek Lodge is approximately 30-32 miles.