**Wilderness 70 Sled Dog Race**

**Greenville, Maine**

**Official Race Rules-70 mile**

 **February 4, 2023**

**In addition to the following rules, the general race rules also apply to this race.**

**A. Course:** The 70 mile race trail is a scenic loop trail that traverses varied terrain across Weyerhaeuser Timber on snowmobile trail and Appalachian Mountain Club property, which offers a non-motorized trail. The course is approximately 65-miles with a safety checkpoint at the halfway point, for mushers that feel they should not continue there is road access; mushers are responsible to get their team out.

**B. Conditions of Entry: The race is limited to 15 teams.** All entries and any changes to entries must be done through Bethany Young at 207-695-2421 or wildernesssleddograce@gmail.com

**Entry Milestones**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Entry Cost** | **Notes** |
| November 1, 2022 | The first day new entries will be accepted | $200.00 (US)  |  |
| November 1, 2022ToDecember 31, 2022 | Partial forfeit of entry | Amount forfeited $25.00 (US) | Withdrawing from race will cause forfeit as indicated |
| January 1, 2023ToJanuary 27, 2023 | Entry Fee Increases | $300.00 (US) |  |
| January 1, 2023ToJanuary 19, 2023 | Partial forfeit of entry | Amount forfeited $100.00 (US)  | Withdrawing from race will cause forfeit as indicted |
| January 20, 2023 | Cut off for withdrawal with return of your entry fee | Forfeit entire entry$200.00Or$300.00 | Withdrawing from race will cause forfeit as indicted |
| January 27, 2023 | Cut off for entry | Entry Cost$300.00 (US)  | No later than 3:00 p.m.  |

**A 50 dollar fee will be charged for any bad checks!**

**All out of country musher’s will need to send money orders, certified checks or pay through the website** [**www.100milewildernessrace.org**](http://www.100milewildernessrace.org) **using PayPal.**

**All entrants must attend the drivers’ meeting on Friday February 3, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion. There will be a 50.00 deposit for race bibs.**

Rabies certificates and parvo vaccinations will be checked.

**C. Number of Dogs:** Drivers must start the race with no fewer than 8 and no more than 10 dogs.

Team size will depend on the trail conditions; the RGO reserves the right to limit the number of dogs in the team.

**D. Race Start:** The official start date is Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Leisure Life Resort in Greenville, Maine. The starting time is 9:00 a.m. eastern standard time. Teams will leave the starting line in 3 minute intervals.

**E. Required Gear:**

**1.)** Drivers shall wear their identifying bibs at the start and finish of the race. At all other times the bibs may either be worn or be displayed prominently on the sled.

**2.)** All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file. All harnesses shall be padded around the neck and chest areas. Reflective tape is required on the harnesses.

**3.)** A flashing red light must be worn by each lead dog from sunset to sunrise.

**4.)** Ganglines may be cable, cable core, or any synthetic or natural material, but chains are not allowed. If cable ganglines are used, the driver must have cable cutters easily accessible.

**5.)** At least 4 booties per dog are required at the race start, they may be on the dogs or in the sled as long as they are available if conditions warrant.

**F. Each driver must have in possession at all times during the race:**

**1.)** A sled capable of accommodating injured or fatigued dogs as well as the required food, materials and equipment. The sled shall be equipped with an adequate brake, brushbow, snowhook, snubline and reflective tape. That same sled must be used throughout the race unless it becomes defective. With the race marshal’s permission, defective equipment may be replaced.

**2.)** A bag capable of safely restraining a struggling dog and, if necessary, covering a severely injured or expired dog. Any expired dog shall be completely covered.

**3.)** Proper cold weather sleeping bag, minimum of 3 lbs.

**4.)** Knife kept easily accessible

**5.)** Hand axe or hand saw. (Wire saws are not permitted.)

**6.)** Adequate first aid kit

**7.)** Whistle

**8.)** Fire starting equipment consisting of a minimum of waterproof matches & a reasonable amount of combustible material such as lint, wax or paper.

**9.)** Working headlamp and an adequate supply of spare batteries

**10.)** A 2 quart pot to heat water

**11.)** Appropriate outer clothing for the conditions shall be in the musher’s possession. An Arctic Parka is recommended.

**12.)** Adequate food for dogs and musher as trail conditions warrant.

**Gear will be checked at the start and the finish. Missing equipment will result in a time penalty.**

**G. Dropped Dogs:** All dogs that are unable to complete the course must finish in the sled.

**H. Outside Assistance:** All food and water to be used during the race must be carried from the start.

**I. Withdrawal from the race:** Drivers wishing to withdraw from the race must wait for the sweeper vehicle for further instruction.

**J. Awards Ceremony:** Purse TBA, awards ceremony to be held at Leisure Life Resort Saturday evening after the completion of the race, time to be determined. All mushers must be present to receive their award.

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