



Irving Woodlands/Mad Bomber 100

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Race Rules

A. Conditions of Entry

1. Drivers and Conditions of Entry

Each driver agrees to hold Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, Irving Woodlands/Madbomber 100 Race Committee, race sponsors and other contributors, and all race volunteers harmless from any claim, demand, or injury based on any alleged action or inaction by the driver, his/her dogs, agents, or others acting in his/her behalf.

Before participating in the Irving Woodlands/Madbomber 100 race, each driver must agree to the foregoing by signing all documents required by the Race Committee. Documents must be signed at the time of registration.

Due to the limited number of teams the Eagle Lake 100 race can accommodate in order to run a safe and effective race, entry will be limited to TWO TEAMS per kennel PLEASE. The race is open to the first 25 teams who submit completed entries.

Only registrants with **completed entry packets** will be considered registered for the purpose of this count. Please make sure to include all required materials when registering for the race. Materials include:

- Entry form
- Musher profile
- Entry fee
- Parent/guardian waiver if applicable

A musher must be at least 18 years old to compete in the Irving Woodlands/Madbomber 100 unless a waiver is obtained. Application must include years of experience and written consent from a parent or guardian. Mushers must have successfully completed a race of 30 miles or more to compete in this race. Apply for "parent/guardian waiver" to:

Irving Woodlands/Madbomber 100 Race Committee
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Entry opens September 1, 2009. The first random draw for race starting position will be done with all entries postmarked on or before October 1, 2009. Entries will accumulate with postmarks after October 1, and will be sorted by date, then and randomly drawn by date, until we have filled our race roster. Entry fee is **\$175 in US funds** until December 15, 2009

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After December 15, 2009, the entry fee increases to **\$225 in US funds**.

Any entrant who withdraws from the race before December 15, 2009 will receive a \$120 refund.

No refunds after December 15, 2009.

Registration deadline is 7:00 p.m. on January 15, 2010. ALL TEAMS EXPECTING TO COMPETE MUST CHECK IN AT THE DRIVERS MEETING BEFORE THIS DEADLINE OR YOUR ENTRY WILL BE WITHDRAWN. Drivers unable to attend the MANDATORY Driver's Meeting *may* be excused at the discretion of race officials. Notification of inability to attend drivers meeting MUST be made to Tenley Bennett at (207)444-5207 before 3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2010, OR YOUR ENTRY WILL BE WITHDRAWN.

LATE ENTRIES: *In the event there remain openings in the race roster after 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2010, race officials MAY allow entries until the start of the race. Start positions of LATE ENTRIES will be in order of receipt of completed entry packet and at the end of the field of entries. ANY LATE ENTRY ALLOWANCE is at the discretion of race officials only.*

However, in the event this race is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, entry fees will be refunded minus \$25 for handling and race preparation costs.

The Irving Woodlands/Madbomber 100 Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry and may honor the censures of another sled dog racing organization.

Receipt of the **entry fee, musher profile, and completed entry form** will confirm that the musher intends to enter the race and agrees to comply with all race rules.

The Race Committee will provide each driver with an official bib or vest which displays his/her start number. A \$20 deposit will be required. For safety and to ensure correct identification at crossings and checkpoint, the driver, should wear the bib/vest throughout the race. Bib numbers will be assigned based on entry postmark date; ties will be broken by random draw by the race committee.

Any driver who cannot leave the start line as scheduled will be rotated to the end of the starting lineup, but the driver's recorded start time shall remain unchanged. Be prepared to start as scheduled to avoid lost time.

Upon approval by the Race Marshall, substitution of qualified drivers may be made until one hour before the race starts.

The driver starting the race shall drive the team throughout the race.

All winners must attend the awards ceremony to receive their prize money. Exceptions made for medical emergency only.

2. Dogs

All dogs must be available for physical examinations before the start of the race. Drivers must start the race with not less than 8 dogs and not more than 10 dogs. Drivers must finish the race with not less than 6 dogs.

No drugs or other artificial means may be used to drive a dog beyond its natural ability. A vet may randomly collect and test blood and urine samples at any time during the race to determine the presence of prohibited drugs. It will be the driver's responsibility to assist the vet in collection of these samples. **BEFORE the start of the race, the vets must be notified of any dog receiving prescribed medications.**

The following drugs are permitted:

- Topical medications (except DMSO)
- Dewormers
- Antibiotics (except procaine penicillin)
- Oestrus suppressants (such as Ovaban or Cheque Drops) without analgesic or stimulative properties

- Oral food supplements (such as Glycoflex, Cosequin, etc.) with solely nutritive properties

All other drugs are prohibited.

All dogs will be marked before leaving the starting line.

At the pre-race check, any dog, which in the opinion of the examining vet should not run the race, shall not run the race. All dogs entered in the race must be current on DHPP, leptospirosis, and rabies vaccinations. It is suggested, but not required, that dogs be current on Bordetella, the vaccine to protect against kennel cough virus. **Vaccinations must be given at least 10 days prior to the day of the race start and proof of all vaccinations must be provided.**

Please bring the **COMPLETED vaccination form and proof of vaccinations** to the pre race check.

Veterinary assistance will be available at the Moose Point Camps checkpoint. At the checkpoint, vets must be allowed to examine any dog which appears to be having problems so that the dog's condition can be assessed and treatment recommended. Only the Race Marshal acting in agreement with a vet can force the dropping of a dog.

Drivers are expected to pay extraordinary veterinary expenses they accrue during the race, including all costs related to emergency evacuation of dogs for veterinary care. Prize money will be awarded minus any unpaid veterinary expenses incurred by the driver.

Treatment of dogs

Whips of any kind or the use of brush, branches or any object as a whip or to create a whip-like noise is expressly prohibited.

Cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs will result in the immediate expulsion of the driver. The race committee, Race Marshall or judges in conjunction with a veterinarian will have absolute determination regarding the cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs.

Any dog that expires for any reason during the race shall be completely covered in a sled bag and taken to the next checkpoint official. A necropsy will be performed at the driver's expense. The death of the dog may result in the disqualification of a driver.

B. Race Marshal and Officials

The Race Marshal shall resolve disputes among drivers and interpret the race rules in regard to infractions and penalties. He/she shall also have the authority to establish rules to cover special or unforeseen situations. Race judges will act as deputies of the Race Marshall.

C. Trail

1. Race Course

Trails will be broken, groomed, and marked before the races. However, due to weather, there is no guarantee of a broken trail during the race.

Irving Woodlands/Madbomber 100 Race trails are designed to minimize road crossings. The race course may be re-routed as conditions require. All teams must follow the trail as marked or as redirected by trail officials.

2. Sportsmanship

The rigors of this race and the history of the sport require that each competitor be courteous, helpful and honorable to a degree that will inspire participants and hosts alike to a concern for the welfare of all. Conduct yourself well enough that the next driver will be welcomed with equal hospitality. Rude and/or inappropriate behavior by drivers or handlers may result in a penalty.

If a driver or his/her agent tampers with another's dogs, food or gear, then the driver will be disqualified.

An overtaken driver and team must relinquish the trail at the request of the overtaking driver by stopping the team and staying there until the rival team has completely passed, except within one mile of the finish line. The overtaken team must avoid "leapfrogging" by not passing the rival team for a minimum of 10 minutes or one mile.

Drivers resting or untangling dogs must clear the trail, making passage safe for other teams.

No litter of any kind shall be left on the trail.

Drivers must not litter the trail with food or other items with the deliberate or unintentional result of distracting following teams. If the Race Marshall determines that a musher's trail litter was detrimental to following teams a time penalty or disqualification will be imposed.

Any driver who uses ski poles must stop poling and place the poles in or on the sled whenever his/her team is within 100 feet (30 meters) of another team. Failure to do so may result in a time penalty.

3. Assistance

The spirit of this race dictates that drivers be self-sufficient. Therefore drivers should not help each other except to ensure safety and animal welfare. A driver will not be penalized for helping another driver whose safety is endangered or for helping to recover a lost team.

No assistance which would result in a competitive advantage may be solicited or accepted.

Between the checkpoint drivers may not accept assistance from any typed of motorized vehicle, **except to recover a lost team**. Drivers are encouraged to solicit or accept any available help recovering a lost team. However, if the Race Marshall determines that a musher has thereby gained a competitive advantage, the Marshall may impose an appropriate time penalty.

Pacing with snowmobiles is prohibited.

Personal handlers will not be allowed at the checkpoint unless requested to pick up a scratched team or dropped dogs.

4. Teams Tied Together

Two or more teams may not be tied together in any way, except to assist a driver in trouble at some immediate location. The drivers of any teams so involved must notify race officials at the next checkpoint.

5. Loose Dogs/Lost Teams

There will be no loose dogs. All dogs will be either on the towline or in the sled. Dogs hauled in the sled must be hauled in a protected, humane manner. A driver must make immediate efforts to secure a dog which becomes loose.

A lost team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control, provided that the entire race course is covered by both team and driver. A driver may accept help from another driver in recovering his/her team however, a time penalty may be imposed if the musher gained a competitive advantage.

6. Switching Dogs

Dogs shall not be switched between teams after they have officially left the start line.

7. Driver's Report: Rule Violations and Safety Problems

It is the duty of each driver to report trail safety problems and violations of these race rules in writing. Such reports can be requested from and presented to a race judge at the checkpoint or finish. The race judge will gather information and relay it to the Race Marshal for action.

Failure of a driver to comply with the race rules will result in disqualification or time penalty as assessed by the Race Marshall.

D. Pre Race Check/Driver's Meeting /Race Start

Pre race vet checks can be completed either Friday, January 15 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at (location to be determined) or Saturday, January 16, from 7:00 – 10:30 a.m. Please indicate on your entry form which vet check you would prefer since space on Friday will be limited to a first come, first served basis and the race committee would like to know how many teams *might* arrive for a Friday vet check. Vet checks that can't be completed on waiting teams Friday will be performed on Saturday morning.

A mandatory *Driver's Meeting* will be held Friday, January 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at a location to be named later.

Race start is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Eagle Lake public beach on Old Main Street. Teams will leave the starting line at two-minute intervals.

Teams shall be present at the staging area 4 hours before the race start to allow for inspection of dogs and gear by race officials.

Drivers may prepare one drop bag for the checkpoint, weighing no more than 30 pounds. The container must be properly identified and sealed in order to ensure undamaged delivery to the checkpoint.

E. Course and Checkpoint

The race course includes an approximate 50 mile trail from Eagle Lake to Moose Point Camps and back, including varied terrain such as forests, brooks, lakes and fields. The race committee will use an over-land trail whenever possible and will minimize brook and lake crossings. However, given unpredictable weather conditions during the race, teams may have to cross open water at brooks. The race committee will make every attempt to provide an over-land trail AROUND Fish River Lake. There will be a single checkpoint approximately halfway in the race, located at Moose Point Camps on Fish River Lake.

Hot water and bedding will be provided for each team at the checkpoint, and food and shelter will be available for the drivers.

F. Required Gear and Penalties:

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 harnesses.

Flashing red lights must be worn on all lead dogs from sunset to sunrise. A 15 minute penalty will be assessed for teams not using flashing lights.

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.

At least eight booties per dog are required at the race start.

Each driver must have the following items in possession at all times **if not the following penalties will be assessed:**

- A sled capable of accommodating injured or fatigued dogs as well as the required food, materials and equipment. Spare parts such as runners are the responsibility of the driver. The sled shall be equipped with an adequate brake, brushbow, snowhook and snubline. That same sled must be used throughout the race unless it becomes defective. With the Race Marshall's permission, defective equipment may be replaced.
- 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.
- Enough 18" chains or cables to tether the number of dogs the driver is allowed to drop. **5 minute penalty per missing chain.**
- Proper cold-weather sleeping bag. **30 minute penalty**

- One pair snowshoes with bindings and an area of at least 250 sq. in. (1612 sq. cm) each. **10 minute penalty**
- Knife (kept easily accessible) **15 minute penalty**
- Hand axe with minimum overall length 22" (56cm) or metal frame hand saw. Wire saws are not permitted. **10 minute penalty**
- Adequate first aid kit. **15 minute penalty**
- Headlamp and extra batteries. **15 minute Penalty**
- Emergency flares or pocket mirror. **5 minute penalty**
- Fire starting material and a 2-qt. pot to heat water. **10 minute penalty**
- One day supply of emergency food for driver and dogs; dog food calculated at 1 lb. per dog. If a dog is dropped, its supply of emergency food may also be dropped. **5 minutes per lb. penalty**
- Cable Cutters (if cable ganglines are present) **10 minute penalty**

G. Dropped dogs

Drivers may drop dogs only at the designated checkpoint. A team must leave the checkpoint with at least 6 dogs on the towline and traveling under their own power. The race committee will make every attempt to transport dropped dogs from the check point back to Eagle Lake however, handlers should be prepared to drive their own dog truck to the check point to pick up their own dropped dogs if requested. Handlers should also be prepared to transport their scratched team from the check point.

H. Trail Procedure

1. Checkpoint

Each driver must personally sign in and out of the checkpoint before continuing. The checkpoint will be staffed with judges, volunteers, and veterinary service will be available. Hot water, food and lodging will be available at the checkpoint. Unused food and equipment left at the checkpoint will be available for pick up at the awards banquet. Unclaimed food and equipment left after the awards banquet become the property of Irving Woodlands/Madbomber 100 Race Committee.

2. Mandatory Layover

There will be a **4 hour** mandatory layover at Moose Point Camp on Fish River Lake. A maximum of 6 hours of layover time will be allowed.

3. Withdrawal from the race

Drivers may withdraw from the race at the checkpoint by filling out and signing an official race withdrawal form.

I. Prize Money At this time there is a Total Purse of \$5000 which may increase before race time!

1 st	\$1200	4 th	\$650	7 th	\$250	10 th	\$100
2 nd	\$900	5 th	\$450	8 th	\$200		
3 rd	\$750	6 th	\$350	9 th	\$150		

J. Awards Ceremony

An awards banquet will take place on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at a location to be named later from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Awards presentation will begin at 11:30 a.m. Drivers must be present at the awards ceremony to receive any prizes, awards, and purse checks.

Questions and other requests for information can be directed to:

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