

# Bachelor Butte Dog Derby

## OFFICIAL STAGE RULES

### Pacific Sled Dog & Skijoring Association

#### PSDSA Mission

Our mission is to encourage and promote the sport of running sled dogs and skijoring, both recreationally and competitively, by providing education on dog care, equipment, and training. Our focus is directed toward the safe and humane use of dogs in harness, good sportsmanship, and camaraderie among those who participate in meetings, demonstrations, gatherings and races.

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## SECTION I -- ENTRY

### A. ENTRY FEE

1. The entry fee for the Bachelor Butte Dog Derby shall be noted on the registration form.

### B. DRIVER

1. The driver starting at the beginning of the race shall drive the team throughout the race.
2. The driver must be eighteen (18) years of age or older. An experienced musher, 16-17 years old, that wishes to enter must apply in writing for a waiver of minimum age requirement. Underage applicants (drivers) must supply years of experience, race history, related experiences and references from at least two veteran drivers; and written consent from a parent or legal guardian.
3. Substitution of drivers may be allowed by the Race Marshal up to the start of the Drivers Meeting and only in the case of an emergency.
4. Drivers Meeting - All entering drivers must attend the mandatory Drivers Meeting. Failure of driver to meet first roll call will result in a time penalty. Failure of driver to attend the meeting may result in disqualification.

### C. DOGS

1. Each team must start the contest with a minimum of eight (8) dogs, a maximum of twelve (12). Mushers may designate a pool of fourteen (14) dogs to be marked as 'participating' at the start of the race on Saturday. Dogs may be dropped from the pool, but may not be added.
2. Any dogs NOT meeting the criteria for an Official Health Certificate will not be allowed to run the race.
3. All entered dogs must have current Distemper, Adenovirus-2, Parvovirus, Para influenza and Rabies vaccinations:
  - a. Proof of Distemper, Adenovirus-2, Parvovirus, Para influenza vaccinations must come from a Veterinarian OR, if administered by the driver, records must include type of vaccine, proof of purchase (i.e., receipt), and date of vaccination in writing. The vaccines must have been given between January 31, 2011 and fourteen (14) days prior to the Bachelor Butte Dog Derby race date March 5, 2012.
  - b. Proof of Rabies vaccination must come from a licensed Veterinarian only. Rabies vaccines must be given at least thirty (30) days prior to the Start of the Race and must be current through March 10, 2012.
4. All dogs will be marked prior to the start of the race. If there are two separate teams in the same vehicle, each team will be marked separately.

5. Any dog dropped from the pool, before or during the race, must be marked out and cannot be substituted or re-entered.

#### **D. DRUGS**

1. No injectable, oral or topical drugs that may suppress signs of illness or injury may be used on a dog. A driver may not inject ANY substance into his/her dogs. No drugs or other artificial means may be used to drive a dog or cause a dog to perform or attempt to perform beyond its natural ability.

2. THE FOLLOWING DRUGS AND TREATMENT ARE PROHIBITED:

- a. Anabolic Steroids
- b. Analgesics (prescription and non-prescription)
- c. Anesthetics
- d. Antihistamines
- e. Anti-inflammatory drugs including but not limited to: Cortico-steroids (except those provided by the BBDD Veterinarians for use on feet.), Antiprostaglandins, Non-steroids, Salicylates, and DMSO.
- f. Bronchodilators
- g. Central Nervous System Stimulants
- h. Cough Suppressants
- i. Diuretics
- j. Injectable Anticholinergics
- k. Muscle Relaxants
- l. Tranquilizers & Opiates
- m. Anticonvulsants
- n. Acupuncture is not allowed

3. It is the intent of these rules that no drugs or other artificial means be used to drive a dog beyond its natural ability. A driver must have his/her team free from any prohibited drugs during the race. If, in the opinion of a Race Veterinarian, it is necessary to use one of these drugs for the dog's well-being, administration of any such DRUG will be done only after the dog has been dropped.

4. The use of blood doping -- i.e., injection of whole blood, packed blood cells or blood substitutes -- is prohibited.

5. Use of ANY prohibited substance will result in disqualification or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Race Marshal.

#### **E. EQUIPMENT**

1. All harnesses shall be padded around the neck and chest areas.

2. All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file.

3. Some type of sled shall be drawn.

4. Above said sled shall be equipped with an adequate working brake (not only a track), brush-bow, snow-hook and reflective tape on the rear stanchions of the sled.

5. Above said sled shall include a sled bag capable of restraining and completely enclosing a struggling dog and, if necessary, covering a severely injured dog. Sprint bags are not acceptable.

6. Reflection tape a minimum of twelve (12) inches by one (1) inch wide must be on all dog harnesses.

7. A working headlamp shall be worn and must be turned on at all times from dusk to dawn.

8. At least one lead dog must be equipped with a working light, which must be turned on, from dusk to dawn, that is visible from the front when approaching the team.

#### **F. MUSHER'S MANDATORY GEAR (REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES)**

- \* One (1) complete working headlamps capable of reaching lead dog.
- \* Knife
- \* Sleeping bag
- \* Promotional materials (not to exceed ten (10) pounds)
- \* A cutter you know will cut your cable gang-line
- \* Set of booties (4) for each dog.
- \* First Aid Kit (to consist of Ace bandage, pressure dressing and tape—to be used in case of major bleeding)
- \* Matches, lighter or other fire starter
- \* One (1) day's food ration for the driver and each dog in team.

Disposal of required items other than for their specifically intended purpose is strictly prohibited. Any team snacking on the trail may not leave trail food or litter behind.

### **SECTION II -- OFFICIATING**

#### **A. RACE OFFICIALS**

1. The Race Marshal has the final word over all safety considerations for both the dogs and drivers. S/He has the authority to interpret rules at the Drivers Meeting, alter any participant's official running time, disqualify dogs, teams or drivers, and determines winners and subsequent placements.
2. The Trail Boss will supply any information as required by the Race Marshal for the purpose of providing the best possible decision.
3. The Race Veterinarians are consulting specialists to the race on matters pertaining to dog care and treatment. Dogs are under the care of the Chief Veterinarian and the Veterinarians from the start of the race until after the Awards Banquet. The Race Veterinarians will be available prior to and during the race for consultation, first aid, and major medical situations. Race Veterinarians may prevent a dog from leaving the starting line for medical or health concerns. If the driver is not in agreement, a consultation between the Veterinarians and Race Marshall will result in a final decision.

#### **B. CONDUCT AND DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Drivers are responsible for the conduct of themselves, their dogs and their designated handlers whether they are in the race area, on the trail, or dealing with race personnel, officials or the general public.
2. **IF THE RACE MARSHAL DETERMINES THAT A DRIVER, HANDLER, OR TEAM AT ANY TIME - WHETHER IN THE RACE AREA OR ON THE TRAIL -- IS ACTING IN A WAY THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE SPORT, THAT TEAM WILL BE PENALIZED OR DISQUALIFIED. ALL OFFICIAL DECISIONS ARE FINAL. COMMON SENSE AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP SHALL PREVAIL.**

#### **C. PROTESTS AND HEARINGS**

1. Any driver wishing to register a written protest must do so at the finish line on the day that the alleged infraction occurs.

2. Any occurrence on the final day must be reported within one (1) hour after arrival at the Finish Line.
3. PROTESTS must be submitted directly to the Race Marshall and shall not be discussed with spectators, media representatives or the general public prior to a decision being handed down. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in disqualification.
4. An official decision will be made by the Race Marshall following a hearing attended by all parties involved.

## **SECTION III -- THE RACE**

### **A. START/FINISH**

#### **1. Bib Numbers**

- a. The starting positions for the race shall be determined by a draw to be done as prescribed on the Race entry form.

#### **2. Start**

- a. Pre-start Schedule - Each driver's sled and mandatory equipment must be ready and available for inspection at anytime upon Judges request.
- b. Common Start-time/Differential Allotment
  - i. For elapsed time purposes, the race will be a common start event. Each driver's elapsed time will be calculated. Any driver who cannot leave the starting line within ten (10) minutes of the last team's departure will be disqualified unless extenuating circumstances prevail.
- c. Single Starts - There will be single starts. Any changes due to safety concerns will be announced at the Drivers Meeting.

#### **3. Finish**

- a. The nose of the lead dog crossing the Finish Line signals a team's official finish. In the event that the driver is not with the team when it finishes, the finish time will be officially recorded when the driver crosses the line after the team.
- b. No entrant has officially finished until time cards have been verified by an official for mandatory accumulated time and differential.

4. No Man's Land - There will be no calling of the trail in "No Man's Land." This section of the trail will be announced at the Drivers Meeting.

### **B. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**

#### **1. Drivers and teams may not receive outside assistance.**

- a. Drivers must not use planned outside assistance on the race course.
- b. Drivers may assist each other in appropriate ways in an emergency.
- c. In a case where a dog's or musher's life or limb is in threatening danger, any outside assistance is acceptable.

#### **3. Other Assistance**

- a. Drivers must accept rides on motorized vehicles in an emergency. Such incidents must be reported to a Judge at the next checkpoint.
- c. Drivers may not arrange for any person or persons to instruct them on the race course. Requests for directions along the way are acceptable.
- d. Pacing of any kind is strictly prohibited.
- e. Two-way radios are prohibited.
- f. Cellular phones are prohibited.
- g. GPS and SPOT units are permitted.
- h. Ski poles are permitted except within 50 feet of another team and "No Man's Land."

## **C. MANAGEMENT/HANDLING OF DOGS**

1. The cruel and/or inhumane treatment of any dog by any driver is strictly prohibited and will be penalized by disqualification and barring from future events.
2. Whips are not allowed.
3. Expired Dogs
  - a. Any dog that expires on the trail for any reason must be taken to the finish line. Expired dogs must be covered completely when being carried in the sled. The driver must stay at in the parking lot until the Chief Veterinarian comes to investigate the situation. At that time, there will be an interview between the driver and Race Officials. The driver MAY be allowed to continue/finish the race contingent on the Gross Necropsy and/or only after approval of the Chief Veterinarian and Race Marshal.
  - b. Any dog that expires during the race will have a Necropsy performed by a licensed Veterinarian according to ISDVMA Necropsy Guidelines.
  - c. Trophies and other awards may not be handed out until the final results of the Histopathology portion of the necropsy are returned (may take 4-6 months). If it is determined that the cause of death was other than natural causes, the team will be disqualified.
  - d. If the Necropsy determines the cause of death to be abuse, the team will be disqualified and barred from participation in any future events.
4. Hauling Dogs
  - a. A driver may not allow any of his/her dogs to be hauled by another team.
  - b. A dog hauled in a driver's sled must be handled in a humane fashion.
5. Loose Leaders
  - a. There will be no loose leaders. All dogs will be in the team or on the sled.

## **G. RUNNING THE COURSE**

1. The Trail
  - a. Participants of the Bachelor Butte Dog Derby and related events are guests of the Deschutes National Forest, Oregon State Snowmobile Association, Sisters Sno-Go-Fers, and Central Oregon Snowbusters. In consideration of this fact, drivers will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner, and at no time demand "rights" to the trail.
  - b. Teams inadvertently leaving the trail must regain the course at the point at which they left it and then continue on.
  - c. Two or more teams may not be tied together except in an emergency. Any team so involved must notify a judge at the next checkpoint.
  - d. Any team snacking on the trail may not leave trail food behind.
2. Passing
  - a. When being passed, an overtaken team must let the team that is overtaking them fully overtake them before proceeding. The passed team must use common sense and common courtesy in determining when to continue on. When overtaking another team, the driver shall call "trail," and the overtaken team must relinquish the trail to the passing team when necessary.
  - b. When neither of the teams is able to pull away from the other, the drivers shall mutually agree on the appropriate team to lead out. In no way is the passing rule designed to assist a team in "manipulating" its way into trail position.
  - c. In a head-on passing situation, the homeward-bound team has the right of way and the outward-bound team must relinquish the trail. The exception to this rule is when the outward-bound team is moving downhill. In this case, the outward-bound team has the right of way.

### **3. Lost Teams**

- a. In the event of a lost team, the team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control of the team, provided the team and driver complete the entire race trail and comply with the rules. All teams must follow the trail as marked.
- b. A driver may receive assistance from another contestant in recovering his/her team.
- c. The driver may not finish a stage of the race with a dog missing and may not continue the race until the dog is found.
- d. A driver who has lost his/her team may accept any assistance he/she can find.

### **4. Safety**

- a. Always use your head lamp to signal snow machines while traveling at night. During daylight hours, travel can be more challenging as the snowmobiles will not be able to see the light of your headlamps. Be cautious.

### **5. Non-Competitiveness**

- a. The Race Marshall may remove a participant from the race if they are deemed non-competitive.

## **H. WEATHER AND TRAIL CONDITIONS**

1. The race will continue under all but the most severe trail and weather conditions. Drivers must be prepared to run in cold, wind, storms, and over sections of bare ground if necessary.
2. In the event of questionable trail conditions, the Board of Directors will make a decision to postpone or modify the course, no less than seven (7) days before the race.
3. A panel consisting of the Race Marshal and the Trail Boss assume responsibility for any further postponement or alteration of starting location. The primary consideration will be the safety and the well being of the dogs and drivers.

## **SECTION IV--AWARDS PRESENTATION**

All drivers finishing the race must be present at the Awards Banquet. Failure to appear will result in forfeiture of any winnings.

## **SECTION V – BIBS**

Drivers are required to wear their race bibs on the outside of their outer clothing at all times, from the beginning of the race through the finish.

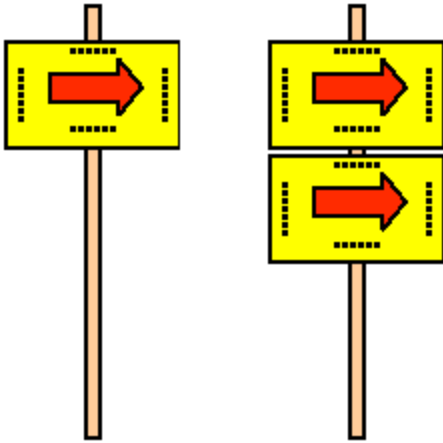
## **SECTION VII -- CLAIMS**

Each driver agrees to hold the Pacific Sled Dog & Skijoring Association, Bachelor Butte Dog Derby, race sponsors, and other contributors harmless from any claim or demand based on any alleged action or inaction by the driver, his dogs, agents, or others acting on his/her behalf. The driver also agrees to release Pacific Sled Dog & Skijoring Association, Bachelor Butte Dog Derby, race sponsors and agents and employees from any claim, or demand resulting from injury to the driver, his/her dogs, or his/her property. Each driver shall sign any and all documents as may be requested by the Corporation to evidence the foregoing. These documents will be executed at registration. Any driver who does not sign the documents requested by the BBDD will not be allowed to participate in the race.

**OFFICIAL POLICY STATEMENT** -- Upon the request by a musher or handler, the Chief Veterinarian will be available for continued care and treatment of dogs after the finish of the race until the dogs or team leaves Central Oregon.

# Trail Markers

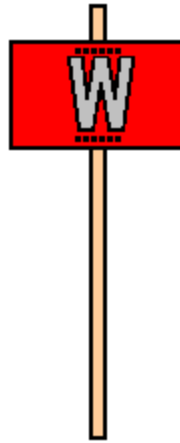
Trail Markers



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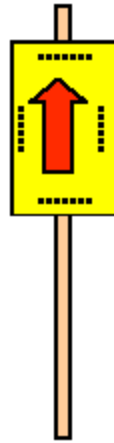
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Wrong Way Marker



Place on closed Trails

Confidence Marker

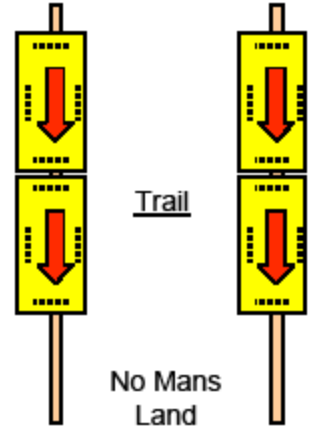
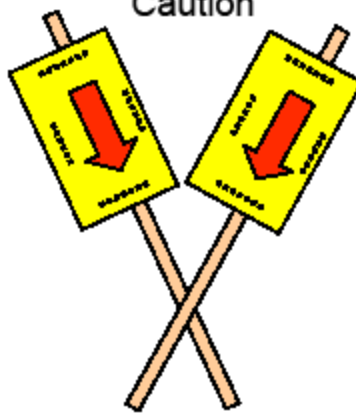


150'+/- after turn & as-needed through out Trail



Mile Marker  
Every 5 miles

Caution



No Mans  
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