



*Trappers Special Mid-Distance
Sled Dog Race
Allegany State Park
Allegany, New York*

Mid-Distance Race Rules

January 28 & 29, 2012

A. Race Course:

The race trail covers approximately 30 miles of scenic terrain. There will be 4 checkpoints along the trail.

B. Condition Of Entry:

- There is no qualifier race experience necessary to enter the Trappers Special Mid-Distance Race.
- All Mid-Distance entrants must attend the drivers meeting on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. at Camp Turner.
- All teams must finish with at least 6 dogs on the line.
- All dogs will be marked prior to the start of the race on Saturday.
- Race Marshal has the right to stop any team from running that they feel are unable to handle the course.

C. Race Start:

- The official start date is Saturday, January 28, 2012. The start & finish will be at Camp Turner.
- Teams will leave the starting line at 2 minute intervals beginning at 8:30 a.m.

D. Required Gear:

- Drivers must wear their bibs throughout the race.
- All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file.
- Gang lines may be cable, cable core, or rope, but chains are not allowed.
- A tool capable of cutting cable/rope gang lines.

- 3 pair of booties.
- A sled capable of accommodating an injured or fatigued dog. The sled shall be equipped with an adequate brake, brush bow, snow hook, and snubline. (We recommend a drag matt also due to some steep hills on the course.)
- A sled 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.
- Sleeping Bag (decent cold weather bag)
- Knife
- First Aid Kit.
- Headlamp
- 1 lb. of food for per dog
- food for the driver

E. Dropped Dogs:

- All dogs that are unable to complete the course must finish in the sled bag and cannot be dropped anywhere along the race course. However dogs can be dropped at the start line on the 2nd day if they are injured or unable to run.

F. Passing:

- When one team approaches within 50ft. of another team, the team behind shall have immediate right-of-way upon demand except within 1 mile of the finish line (No Man's Land). .

G. Awards Ceremony:

- The awards ceremony will be held at Camp Turner after the end of the races on Sunday, January 29, 2012.