

2009 Copper Basin 300 Race Rules

Pre-Race Rules

1. Entry fee is \$380 if received by December 31, 2008; otherwise the fee is \$500. Fee is to be paid in U.S. funds and is nonrefundable after December 31, 2008. A minimum purse will be published on cb300.com no later than December 15, 2008.
2. All entrants must be mushers in good standing with the Copper Basin 300 (CB300).
3. Attendance at the drivers meeting is **MANDATORY!**
4. Awards presentation will be at a time and place announced by the CB300 Race Marshal. All drivers must attend. Any driver not attending will forfeit all winnings.
5. Food and fuel drops shall be securely packed in reinforced bags provided by the musher. All fuels must be packaged separately. Each bag (**including straw which will be provided by CB300 at the food drop**) must be clearly marked with the musher's name and checkpoint. Drops must be delivered to the CB300 Race Committee prior to musher registration.
6. All dogs must have current rabies and Distemper/Parvo vaccinations. Proof shall be presented at registration in the form of a detailed purchase receipt.
7. Mushers must register at CB300 Race Central no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, January 9, 2009.

General Race Rules

1. Mushers are required to carry the following gear at all times:
 - A. Cold weather sleeping bag
 - B. Hand ax with overall length of 22 inches
 - C. One pair of snowshoes with bindings, each snowshoe to be at least 250 square inches in size collapsible snow shoes are not allowed.
 - D. Three gallon capacity cooker and cooking gear
 - E. Adequate food for dogs and musher
 - F. Eight booties for each dog
 - G. Assigned CB300 armband and sled banner (banner to be visible at all times).
2. Drivers must keep the trail and check-in area clear of their dogs and gear, especially dog food, at all times.
3. Only one driver per team is allowed. Drivers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age by the start of the race.
4. No driver may tamper with another driver's dogs, food, or gear.
5. Any sled that has been damaged beyond repair may be replaced with the approval of a CB300 Race Judge. All sled repairs must be performed by the driver. No significant alterations as to weight or size will be allowed.
6. Pacing is not allowed.
7. A musher may not receive outside assistance or planned help with their team or equipment. All care and feeding of dogs will be done only by that team's musher. Handlers may not haul water. Drivers may accept food and/or lodging from sources available to all mushers. In the event a driver has to go to their truck for any reason, a CB300 Race Official must accompany them.
8. A driverless team or loose dog may be stopped and secured by anyone. The driver may recover their team by foot, musher, or vehicle and continue the race. Any assistance

must be reported to a Race Judge at the next checkpoint. A musher may not be accompanied by or accept assistance from any motorized vehicle except when recovering a loose dog or driverless team.

9. A driver wishing to withdraw must do so at a checkpoint or disqualification will result.
10. Drivers shall conduct themselves in a courteous and honorable manner at all times. Race Officials, media, and volunteers are all equal participants in this event and it is the driver's responsibility to maintain a courteous rapport with them at all times.

Running the Race

1. Teams will leave the starting line at two-minute intervals. Any driver who cannot leave the starting line in the order drawn will be started after the scheduled departure time of the final team. The Race Marshal may disqualify any driver that cannot leave the starting line within sixty (60) minutes of the last team's scheduled departure time.
2. Drivers must personally sign in and out of each checkpoint. A driver is not checked in until they have all the required gear. Mushers must leave the checkpoint within sixty (60) minutes of signing out.
3. The Race Marshal, in consultation with other Race Officials, may assess time and/or monetary penalties by the time the musher reaches the next checkpoint.
4. All teams must follow the course as marked.
5. When one team approaches within fifty (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 (no man's land). The passed team must remain behind at least 15 minutes before demanding the trail. Ski poles may not be used within one hundred (100) yards of another team.
6. A one (1) hour penalty will be assessed for littering on the trail and especially at the checkpoints! Handlers are required to pick up booties, straw, dog waste, and other litter within thirty (30) minutes of the musher leaving the checkpoint. The Race Committee will provide bags for litter at all checkpoints.
7. Drivers must start the race with no fewer than eight (8) dogs and no more than twelve (12) and must finish the race with no less than five (5) dogs in harness. No dogs will be added or replaced after the start of the race.
8. The CB300 will be a 300 mile race with a total of twenty (20) hours of layovers (plus start differential). Layovers are composed of one mandatory and a time accumulation (details follow).
 - A. One (1) mandatory layover of eight (8) hours plus start differential at any checkpoint.
 - B. An additional accumulation of twelve (12) hours at any of the checkpoints. **IN 30 MINUTE INCREMENTS**
9. A driver has up to one (1) hour after finishing the race to file any grievances.
10. The Race Marshal has the authority to withdraw a team that is out of the competition and is no longer making a valid effort to compete.

Dog Care

1. Mistreatment of dogs will be cause for immediate disqualification from the CB300. Such action will be reported to all major race organizations. The Race Marshal and Race Judges have authority over this matter. If further arbitration is required it will be

handled by a quorum of the CB300 Board of Directors in a timely manner. Whips will not be permitted.

2. Injured, sick, or fatigued dogs may be dropped at designated checkpoints only. Drivers are responsible for their own dropped dogs. Drivers will have the means to safely carry dogs in the sled. Dogs will not be led behind.
3. No drug which may suppress the signs of illness or injury may be used on a dog. A musher may not inject any substance into his or her dogs. No other drugs or other artificial means may be used to cause a dog to perform beyond its natural ability. The CB300 adopts the Iditarod's list of prohibited drugs.
4. Any dog that expires during the race must be loaded and covered in the sled and taken to the next checkpoint or the checkpoint just passed and submitted to the Race Marshal, a Race Judge, or a Race Veterinarian. All dog deaths will be treated as a priority, with every effort being made to determine the cause of death in a thorough and reliable manner.
 - A. All dogs entered in the race are under the jurisdiction of the CB300, the chief veterinarian and veterinary staff from the time they enter the staging area at the start until after completion of the race.
 - B. The Race Marshal or his/her appointed judges will determine whether the musher should continue or be disqualified.
 - C. Dog deaths resulting in disqualification are:
 1. Signs of cruel, inhumane or abusive treatment
 2. Cause of death is heat stress or hyperthermia
 3. A musher will be disqualified if he/she had been advised in writing by a race veterinarian or judge to drop the dog at a previous checkpoint, but opted not to do so, unless the cause of death is clearly unrelated to this written recommendation.
 - D. The musher will not be penalized and may continue the race if:
 1. Cause of death can not be determined
 2. The cause of death is due to a circumstance, nature of trail, or force beyond the control of the musher. This recognizes the inherent risks of wilderness travel.
 3. Cause of death is from some unpreventable or previously undiagnosed medical condition.
5. Drivers will be responsible for any veterinary fees incurred by an injured, sick, or expired dog.
6. The Race Marshal and Race Veterinarians may make on-the-spot non-rule decisions regarding dog health or care.

Good Luck and have a great race.