



1917-1983-2008 RULES

1. The race will be started at 10:00 AM March 26, 2008, on Front Street opposite Barracks Square, Nome, Alaska; but the judges may, by unanimous decision, on account of stormy weather, postpone the race until a later date.
2. The route will be from Nome to Safety; thence to Dixon; thence to Topkok Hill; thence over or around Topkok Hill; thence to Timber Road House; thence to Council; thence over the head of Melsing Creek to Boston Creek, across the Fish River Valley to Telephone Creek, over the divide to Death Valley; thence across Death Valley to Camp Haven; thence to First Chance; thence over the divide into Gold Run; thence to Candle, and from Candle to Nome over the same route.
3. Teams will start two minutes apart, the first team leaving at 10:00 AM and the time of each team starting be recorded as at 10:00 AM.
4. Each team must take all of the dogs with which it started to Candle and return with the same dogs, and none others, to the starting point at Nome.
5. The team accomplishing this in the least time will be declared the winner of the race, and the team accomplishing this in the second best time will be declared second, and the team accomplishing this in the third best time will be declared third.
6. When any team in the race meets another, the right of way shall belong to the homeward-bound team, and it shall be the duty of the person driving the outgoing team to get out of the way of the homeward-bound team and assist it in passing.
7. When one team shall overtake another team going in the same direction, the team behind shall have the right of way, and it shall be the duty of the driver in front to pull out of the trail and assist the driver of the team behind in passing; and in the event that one team shall pass another, and the team behind shall hang on to the team in front for half an hour, then the team behind shall have the right of way, and upon demand of the driver behind, the team ahead shall pull out of the trail and assist the team behind in passing; except that this rule shall not apply to the homeward stretch from Fort Davis to Nome.

8. Each team shall have the choice of its own sled, subject only to the condition that some kind of a sled be drawn and at the option of the drivers, sleds may be changed during the race.
9. At all roadhouses and public stopping places along the route, the first team arriving shall have the choice of public stable room, and any interference by any parties afterward arriving, is strictly prohibited.
10. During the race each team and its driver shall have all of the assistance he desires, subject, however, to the following limitations:

First: During the race no team shall be allowed at any time in any manner to use any other dogs than those started with.

Second: Pacing in any and all of its forms is strictly prohibited; nor shall any team connected in any way with any team in the race, follow any racing team until all of the racing teams shall have passed the next telephone station; nor shall any such team precede any racing team on the trail by a less distance than one telephone station; and said team or teams shall at all times be subject to the directions of the judges of the race.

Third: No team shall be allowed to secure any other team to haul any of its dogs or its driver.

Fourth: No team shall have any person other than the driver take hold of the sled while the team is in motion, which interference is in the driver's power to prevent.

Fifth: No teams shall have any person or persons to instruct the driver while his team is actually traveling.

- 11. The cruel and inhumane treatment of dogs by any driver is strictly prohibited under penalty of losing the race and forfeiture of the owner's team.**
12. Every person entering or driving a team in the race will be required to conduct himself in a perfectly fair and honorable manner, under penalty of forfeiture of the prize and his dog team, and expulsion from the club.
- 13. In awarding the cup and prize money, these rules shall be interpreted by the judges according to their spirit; it being understood that the race is to be awarded on merit, and not on technicality.**
14. The driver of any team quitting the race shall report the same to the judges in Nome, before he makes any movement toward returning to the starting point; and thereafter, his movements shall be subject to the direction of the judges.

15. The race shall not be decided by the judges until all of the teams starting in said race have returned to Nome, or the owners thereof waive the right of protest in writing; and in no event shall such decision be rendered until twenty four hours after three teams shall have finished the course.
16. In the event of a driver of a team in the race being behind and away from his sled and team at the finish of the race, the finishing time of such team shall be the time the driver crosses the tape.
17. In consideration of the premises and the mutual promises herein contained each entry agrees with the Nome Kennel Club to abide by the rules of the race as herein set forth, otherwise to forfeit his team to the Nome Kennel Club; and for such purpose agrees to make or cause to be made, a bill of sale covering his team if so demanded by the judges of the race and as evident of such agreement hereto sets his hand and seal.