

IRONPOOCH, LLC
RACER PARTICIPATION AND DOG-HANDLER AGREEMENT

Event:	Best Friend Ever Trail Run & Race
Date:	October 03, 2026 (or announced postponement date)
Location:	Timberline Lodge Base, Bolton Valley Resort, Vermont

PART I – GENERAL ATTENDEE TERMS

1. Event and Risks. I understand that the Event includes my presence at, travel within, and use of the Event area, parking areas, trails, facilities, vendor areas, and related activities before, during, and after the scheduled program (collectively, the “**Event Activities**”). I understand that Event Activities involve inherent and other risks that can cause property damage, illness, serious bodily injury, permanent disability, or death to me, accompanying minors, my dog(s), other people, and other animals. These risks include, without limitation:

- crowds of adults, children, dogs of different sizes and temperaments, and interactions with unfamiliar people and animals; bites, scratches, kicks, pulling, entanglement, escaped or uncontrolled dogs, fights, startling, and unpredictable animal behavior;
- uneven, steep, wet, muddy, icy, rocky, wooded, or technical terrain; roots, holes, debris, obstacles, ski-area infrastructure, vehicles, equipment, roads, trails, water, falls, collisions, becoming lost, and limited visibility;
- running, hiking, walking, canicross, physical exertion, fatigue, dehydration, overheating or hypothermia, falls, collisions, equipment failure or misuse, leash or harness entanglement, and my or my dog's inability to complete the course;
- weather and environmental conditions, including rain, wind, lightning, heat, cold, snow, poor air quality, insects, allergens, hazardous plants, and encounters with black bears, bobcats, coyotes, snakes, and other potentially dangerous wildlife; and delayed rescue, evacuation, medical care, or veterinary care in remote terrain;
- communicable diseases and parasites affecting people or animals, even when vaccination, health, sanitation, or screening measures are used; and
- acts or omissions of participants, spectators, dog owners or handlers, vendors, volunteers, contractors, medical or veterinary personnel, venue personnel, and other third parties, including persons whose judgment, coordination, conduct, or animal control is impaired by alcohol, cannabis, medication, or another substance.

The risks listed above are examples only. Other known, unknown, foreseeable, and unforeseeable risks may occur. No course monitor, safety measure, vaccination requirement, medical or veterinary presence, inspection, instruction, or rule can eliminate these risks or guarantee safety.

2. Attendee and Minor Responsibilities. I will follow all posted and communicated Event and venue rules and directions. I will supervise each accompanying minor at all times and will keep minors away from race courses, restricted areas, vehicles, equipment, wildlife, and unfamiliar dogs except as authorized. IronPooch may deny or revoke access, require any person or dog to leave, or modify, postpone, relocate, suspend, or cancel Event Activities in its sole discretion, without creating a duty to supervise attendees or reimburse attendee expenses.

If alcohol is available, it is sold or served by the venue or an independent provider, not IronPooch. I am solely responsible for my consumption and conduct; will not provide alcohol to a minor; and will not drive, enter a race course, or handle a dog while impaired. IronPooch may remove anyone it believes is impaired or acting unsafely.

I am the parent or legal guardian of each minor listed below, consent to the minor's attendance, and accept

this Agreement individually and for the minor to the fullest extent permitted by law. I am responsible for each listed minor's supervision, compliance, conduct, costs, and obligations. Each other adult attendee must accept a separate Event Attendee and Dog-Handler Agreement.

Accompanying Minor Attendee's Full Name:	Age:

3. Dog Handler Certifications and Rules. For each dog I bring or handle, including the participating dog and any additional non-racing dog, I certify and agree that:

- I am the dog's owner or have the owner's permission to possess and handle the dog and authority to make emergency decisions for the dog;
- the dog is currently vaccinated against rabies as required by law and is current on other vaccinations recommended by the dog's veterinarian for attendance at a large gathering of dogs; the dog has no known contagious illness or recent exposure that makes attendance unsafe;
- the dog has no known history of aggression toward people or other animals and is sufficiently socialized, healthy, and controllable for a crowded public event;
- I will keep the dog leashed and under my immediate control at all times, will not leave it unattended, will prevent unwanted contact, and will promptly collect and properly dispose of its waste;
- I will immediately remove the dog if it displays aggression, loss of control, illness, injury, exhaustion, heat or cold stress, or other distress, or if IronPooch directs removal in its sole discretion; and
- IronPooch may rely on the information, attestations, and records provided by racers, dog owners, and handlers without independently verifying them. However, I understand that I may not rely on IronPooch's collection, review, or acceptance of any such information, attestations, or records as confirmation that any dog is disease-free, nonaggressive, healthy, fit to participate, or safe.

List each additional non-racing dog you will bring or handle. (The participating dog is identified separately in Part II.)

Additional dog's name:	Breed/identifying description:

4. Voluntary Assumption of Risk, Release, and Covenant Not to Sue. I voluntarily choose to attend and/or participate with full knowledge of the risks. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks of the Event Activities, including risks arising from the ordinary negligence of a Released Party.

"Released Parties" means IronPooch, LLC; RunSignup, LLC; the venue owner and operator; all event hosts, organizers, promoters, sponsors, rescue organizations, charities, vendors, timing providers, medical and veterinary providers, contractors, volunteers, landowners, governmental entities, and other persons or entities involved in or providing property, products, personnel, or services for the Event; and each of their respective affiliates, insurers, owners, officers, directors, members, managers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns.

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE THE RELEASED PARTIES FOR ANY CLAIM, LIABILITY, LOSS, DAMAGE, COST, OR EXPENSE ARISING FROM OR RELATED TO THE EVENT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, PROPERTY LOSS OR DAMAGE, OR INJURY, ILLNESS, DEATH, LOSS, OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE OF ANY DOG, EVEN IF CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OF A RELEASED PARTY, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT COURSE DESIGN, MAINTENANCE, SUPERVISION, INSTRUCTION, WARNING, SCREENING, RESCUE, OR MEDICAL OR VETERINARY RESPONSE. This release does not apply to claims that cannot lawfully be released.

5. Responsibility and Indemnity. I am solely responsible for my conduct, each accompanying minor, and each dog I bring, own, control, or handle. I accept financial responsibility for injury, death, property damage, cleanup costs, veterinary costs, or other loss caused by or arising from any of them.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Released Parties from third-party claims, damages, liabilities, fines, penalties, judgments, settlements, and reasonable attorneys' fees and costs arising from or related to (a) my breach of this Agreement or Event rules; or (b) the acts or omissions of me, an accompanying minor, or a dog I bring, own, control, or handle. This obligation does not require me to indemnify a Released Party for that Released Party's sole gross negligence or willful misconduct.

6. Emergency Care. If IronPooch reasonably believes emergency medical or veterinary attention is appropriate, I authorize the Released Parties to provide or arrange first aid, evaluation, transport, or treatment for me, an accompanying minor, or my dog. I understand that care may be delayed or unavailable and that no Released Party is obligated to provide care. I am responsible for all related costs. This authorization does not create a duty to provide or arrange care.

7. Photography and Recording. I irrevocably grant IronPooch and its sponsors, licensees, designees, successors, and assigns the unrestricted, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free right to photograph, film, record, reproduce, edit, adapt, publish, display, distribute, license, and otherwise use my and each listed minor's name, image, likeness, voice, statements, performance, and appearance, and images or recordings of my dog(s) (collectively, "**Recordings**"), alone or with other material, in any media now known or later developed, for Event administration, documentation, editorial, advertising, publicity, promotional, commercial, and fundraising purposes. IronPooch will own the Recordings and resulting materials. I waive any right to inspect or approve them, receive notice, attribution, or compensation, or assert claims arising from their authorized capture or use, including claims for privacy, publicity, defamation based on editing or context, or infringement, except to the extent a claim cannot lawfully be waived.

8. General Terms. This Agreement is governed by the law of the state in which the Event occurs, without regard to conflict-of-law principles. Any action relating to this Agreement or the Event must be brought in a state or federal court serving the county where the Event occurs, and I consent to that court's jurisdiction. If any provision is unenforceable, it will be modified to the minimum extent necessary or severed, and the remainder will remain effective. My obligations concerning release, indemnity, Recordings, costs, and dispute terms survive the Event. This Agreement is the entire agreement on its subject and may be accepted electronically. I certify that the information I provide is complete and accurate. Event rules and safety directions, as updated and communicated before or during the Event, and venue-specific waivers and requirements are additional and remain applicable.

PART II – ADDITIONAL RACER TERMS

9. Eligibility, Fitness, and Course Rules. I certify that I meet the minimum age for my registered course and that I and my dog are physically and behaviorally capable of completing that course. I am responsible for consulting appropriate medical and veterinary professionals. I will inspect conditions, use suitable footwear and equipment, carry water or a pocket cup and dog-waste bags, follow the marked course and instructions, yield as directed, and stop if continued participation may be unsafe.

One racer may handle only one dog. The dog must be at least one year old and must wear a leash throughout the race. The leash must be held, attached through appropriate canicross equipment, stored as directed in the dog's harness while the dog remains under effective voice control, or used as an approved 10-to-20-foot tracking lead dragging behind the dog. The dog must remain within 15 feet and under effective control at all times. I will not consume alcohol before or during the race or participate or handle a dog while impaired by alcohol, cannabis,

medication, or any other substance.

10. Participating Dog Authority, Health, and Behavior. I certify and agree that:

- I own the participating dog or have the owner's informed permission for the dog to race with me and authority to make emergency decisions for the dog;
- the dog is currently vaccinated against rabies as required by law and satisfies IronPooch's announced vaccination requirements; all information and documents I submit are accurate and relate to this dog;
- the dog has no known contagious illness, recent exposure that makes participation unsafe, or known history of aggression toward people or other animals;
- the dog is appropriately conditioned for the course, and I will monitor the dog continuously and promptly stop or withdraw for aggression, loss of control, injury, illness, exhaustion, heat or cold stress, or distress;
- I will prevent unwanted contact, promptly collect and properly dispose of waste, and comply with all animal-control, venue, and Event requirements; and
- record review, vaccination requirements, course monitoring, and veterinary presence do not guarantee the dog's health, behavior, fitness, or safety or the health, behavior, fitness, or safety of any other dog.

11. IronPooch Authority. IronPooch may, in its sole discretion and without refund, deny or revoke participation; inspect equipment or documentation; reroute, stop, or remove a racer, impaired person, or dog; shorten, modify, delay, postpone, or cancel any course or the Event; or take other reasonable safety action. Circumstances may include weather, trail or venue conditions, wildfire smoke or poor air quality, public-health or animal-health concerns, emergencies, governmental or venue directions, inadequate staffing, or any condition IronPooch considers unsafe or impracticable.

12. Registration, Event Changes, and Refunds. My registration is personal and may not be transferred without IronPooch's approval. I will ensure that the actual racer and dog match the registration and health information. IronPooch may, in its sole discretion, change the date, start time, schedule, course, distance, route, venue, activities, services, prizes, or personnel; delay, interrupt, shorten, suspend, relocate, postpone, or reschedule the Event; or terminate the Event after it begins.

ALL REGISTRATION FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE EXCEPT IF IRONPOOCH CANCELS THE EVENT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND DOES NOT OFFER A REPLACEMENT EVENT DATE WITHIN 12 MONTHS AT THE SAME VENUE OR A REASONABLY COMPARABLE VENUE IN THE SAME GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA. A POSTPONEMENT OR RESCHEDULING—INCLUDING BECAUSE OF WEATHER, TRAIL OR VENUE CONDITIONS, POOR AIR QUALITY, PUBLIC-HEALTH OR ANIMAL-HEALTH CONCERNS, GOVERNMENTAL OR VENUE DIRECTIONS, EMERGENCY, OR OTHER SAFETY CONCERN—DOES NOT ENTITLE ME TO A REFUND, EVEN IF I CANNOT ATTEND THE NEW DATE. My registration will automatically transfer to the replacement date.

If IronPooch cancels the Event without offering a qualifying replacement date, my sole monetary remedy is a refund of the base registration fee actually paid to IronPooch. Processing or platform fees, donations, merchandise charges, and travel, lodging, meal, equipment, veterinary, and other expenses are not refundable or reimbursable. No refund is due if the Event begins and is later modified, shortened, suspended, or terminated; if I withdraw, fail to attend, arrive late, or cannot participate; or if I or my dog is denied entry, removed, or disqualified for failure to satisfy Event requirements or follow directions. IronPooch may voluntarily offer a credit or other accommodation but is not required to do so.

13. Minor Racers. If the racer is under 18, the signer must be the racer's parent or legal guardian. The signer consents to participation, accepts this Agreement individually and for the minor to the fullest extent permitted by law, agrees to supervise the minor before, during, and after the race, and agrees to be responsible for the minor's compliance, conduct, costs, and obligations. For racers under 13, the parent or guardian must accompany the minor on the course; for racers ages 13-17, the parent or guardian must remain onsite and reasonably available unless IronPooch approves otherwise in writing.

Participating Racer and Dog Information:

Racer name and date of birth

Course (Short or Long)

Dog name, age, breed/ description

Dog owner (if different)

Veterinarian clinic name, email, phone

Rabies vaccination expiration

Acknowledgment and Signature: I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL LEGAL RIGHTS. I SIGN VOLUNTARILY AND INTEND TO BIND MYSELF AND, TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, MY HEIRS, ESTATE, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND ASSIGNS.

Adult signer full legal name

Racer name (if different)

Email / mobile phone

Signature

Date