

## BURGER RUN 2018 RACE RULES

~Celebrate the memory of Annette Verbanac in this festive fun run by racing your team from Pleasant Valley Store to Angel Creek Lodge all while looking forward to a great burger and beverages~

### **RACE RULES**

**Qualifications:** All drivers must be members in good standing with the TRDMA. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age by the start of the race. Underage mushers must have board permission to participate.

**Race Details:** The race will start at Pleasant Valley Store and end at Angel Creek Lodge. All mushers will receive a meal ticket; which includes a burger, coffee, tea or soda from Angel Creek Lodge. The bar will be open for service as well.

**Fees:** The entry fee is \$30 for members. Current membership is required and available online. Same-day race signs-ups will be available.

**Purse:** Prize donations from local businesses and vendors will be given out for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place. There will also be a prize for the red lantern finisher.

**Draw for start position:** 10:00 a.m. with dog teams first followed by the skijorer draw.

**Mandatory musher meeting following the bib draw:** Attendance at the drivers' meeting at 10:15 a.m. is mandatory.

**Race cancellation:** If the temperature at Pleasant Valley Store is colder than -40 degrees Fahrenheit at 11:00 a.m. the race may be cancelled. The race marshal will poll the participants to obtain a consensus. After the race is started, it will continue regardless of temperature.

### **GENERAL RACE RULES**

**Sleds:** Only one sled may be used during the race. Sled must have brush bow, sled bag, and a working brake. Any repairs must be done exclusively by the driver. No significant alterations as to weight or size will be allowed. Sled and equipment must be in good repair. Equipment will be inspected before the musher will be permitted to start the race. No caboose or towing device of any type will be allowed.

**One driver per team:** Only one driver per team or set of skis.

**Following the trail:** All teams must follow the trail as marked. Deviations/shorter routes will be assessed a penalty. Every effort will be made to keep trail markers in place, but TRDMA cannot be responsible for acts of nature or malicious acts. Two stakes on the side of the trail the turn is on will mark turns; e.g. a left turn will have two markers side-by-side on the left hand side of the trail; a right turn will have markers on the right.

Intersections that are to be traveled straight through will have a single marker on the right and left side of the trail.

**Calling Trail:** Respect your fellow racers. If you're being overtaken by another team within 50 feet of your team and the driver is calling trail you must stop your team. This means stop. Do not just lightly touch your brake. It is your responsibility to ensure your team isn't interfering with other team while passing and have your sled pulled over as far as you can out of the way. The passed team must remain behind at least five minutes before asking for the trail right-of-way to re-pass.

**Keep the trail clear:** Drivers resting their team must keep the trail clear of their dogs, food, and gear at all times as to not obstruct the trail for other mushers.

**Littering prohibited:** A minimum 30-minute time penalty will be assessed for littering on the trail. Booties are considered litter. Drivers are ultimately responsible for the cleaning of their staging areas.

**Number of dogs:** Teams must have no fewer than four, and no more than 12 dogs to start the race. No dogs may be added to a team after the start.

**Proof of vaccinations is required:** All dogs must have current Rabies, Distemper, Parvo, and Bordetella vaccinations with proof to be presented at the pre-race drivers meeting. Copies of rabies certificates and purchase receipts for the other vaccines are acceptable as proof. Dogs may be checked for health and fitness by a licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician the morning of the race. Dogs considered unfit will not be allowed to start the race.

## **SKIJORING RULES**

**Number of dogs:** One dog minimum, three dogs maximum. No loose leaders. No dogs may be added to a team or swapped between teams after the start of the race. Dogs must be in the skier's control at all times. All dogs must finish the race.

**Mandatory Gear:** Working headlight and assigned starting bib; which must be visible at all times. Metal-edged skis and pulkas are permitted.

## **RUNNING THE RACE**

**Race start:** 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2018

**Time penalties:** All time penalties accrued will be applied at the finish.

**Protests:** A driver may protest any action of a competitor that he/she feels is contrary to the intent of these rules. To be recognized as a legitimate protest, the infraction(s) observed by a musher must be presented to a race official in writing as soon as is practicable after finishing, and in no case more than 24 hours after a musher finishes the race. The race marshal's decision shall be final.

## **DOG CARE**

**Mistreatment of dogs is prohibited:** Mistreatment of dogs will result in immediate disqualification and possibly a ban from future TRDMA races and events. This type of behavior will be reported to all major race organizations. Race officials reserve the right

to determine what is considered mistreatment. Dogs that require muzzles are prohibited. An expired dog will result in disqualification.

**Carrying dogs/Adding/swapping:** Injured, sick, or fatigued dogs must be carried in the sled or dog bag. Expired dogs must be carried to the finish line and reported to race officials. The dogs you start with must be the dogs you finish with. No swapping of dogs among teams or other outside sources.

**Drugs:** No oral or topical drug which may suppress the signs of illness or injury may be used on a dog at any time before or during the race. Use of drugs will result in disqualification and possible future banning from all TRDMA races. This behavior will be reported to all major race organizations.

**Race assistance:** No planned help is allowed during the race. No driver may receive outside assistance except for starting and finishing the race, if a team is unmanageable, or if an emergency exists. No driver will accept any assistance from a motorized vehicle, including pacing. A lost team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control of it, provided the team and driver complete the course and comply with rules. A driver may receive assistance from another driver in recovering a lost team.

**Courteous behavior:** All drivers shall conduct themselves in a courteous and honorable manner at all times. Officials, media, volunteers and fans are all equal participants in the race and it is the driver's responsibility to maintain a courteous rapport with them at all times.

**Withdrawal from the race:** A driver wishing to withdraw may do so only at the checkpoints (start/finish). If you cannot finish the course and prefer to mush your team home or to a nearby road crossing you must notify officials immediately so volunteers are not left waiting for you to finish.

**Race Description:** The trail route departs east from Pleasant Valley Store to the 27 mile Chena Hot Springs Road crossing. After the road crossing, the trail will head straight to Angel Creek Lodge. The distance from the road crossing to Angel Creek Lodge is approximately 30-32 miles.