

2021 Watchee 100 Sleddog Qualifier Race Rules

Introduction

The Watchee 100 Sleddog Qualifier Race is a sub-arctic wilderness race located in Churchill, MB. This race will be used as a qualifier by Churchill and area kennels for the Hudson Bay Quest (HBQ).

Driver's Meeting

The mandatory driver's meeting will take place on March 18th, 2021 at 1400 hours. Location to be announced

Race Organizers - Hudson Bay Quest Race Committee

Race Start

1. The official start time for the race is March 19th, 2021 at 1200 pm (local time is CST).
2. Starting Line location will be announced at least one week prior to start date.
3. Any team that cannot leave the starting area within sixty minutes of their designated mandatory start time may be disqualified.

Mandatory Sled Bag Gear (at start area)

- A proper cold weather sleeping bag (<-25°C)
- Hand axe with overall length of 22 inches or a snow knife (saws are not appropriate)
- Two man or greater cold weather tent (tarps are not appropriate)
- Minimum 3-gallon cooker and 1 litre of fuel
- Minimum one (1) set of boots (4 boots) for each dog on the team
- 3 lbs. of dog food
- Fire starting device
- First Aid Kit (triangular bandage, tape, gauze, and regular bandages)
- Signaling device (mirror, whistle, etc.)
- Knife
- Cable cutters (if you have cable gangline)
- Spot Device

Race Course

The course covers approximately 100 miles of sub-arctic wilderness. The trail consists of tundra, snowmobile trails, forest, snow covered roads, and creeks. A marked trail will have participants travel to Watchee Resort with a minimum 2 hrs. and maximum 4 of rest, then return to Churchill Finish Area.

Scratch/ Withdraw/ Disqualification

4. During the race, drivers wishing to end their participation in the race may do so by notifying the Race Marshall.
5. A team may be involuntarily withdrawn from the race by the Race Marshal. This decision would be made to protect the dogs, the driver, or the event itself, and does not imply deliberate misconduct or rule violation.
6. A driver's failure to comply with these rules will result in disqualification, or a time penalty.

7. Disqualified drivers will forfeit all placements.

Dog Sled

8. Only one sled per team will be used throughout the race.
9. Each driver has a choice of sled, subject to the condition that some kind of sled or toboggan is equipped with a brake and/or snow hook.
10. The sled or toboggan must be capable of safely negotiating a 200+ mile (320 kilometre) trail, hauling any injured or fatigued dogs, and required mandatory equipment.

Team Size

12. Drivers must start the race with no less than eight (8) dogs and no more than ten (10).
13. Finishing teams must have at least six (6) dogs.
14. Expired dogs do not count as a dog on the team for the minimum number required.
15. All dogs on a driver's team will be marked and no additional dog or substitute dogs will be added to the team once the team leaves the starting line.
16. If a dog expires while participating in the race, said dog is to be transported to Watchee Checkpoint or Churchill Start/Finish Line and reported to the Race Marshall.

Checkpoint/Mandatory Stop

17. There will be one checkpoint, Watchee Resort, which is also the location of the mandatory stop. Each driver must personally check in and sign out at the checkpoint before moving on.
18. The time into the checkpoint is recorded upon the team's arrival.
19. There will be a mandatory stop of minimum 2 and maximum 4 hours at Watchee Resort, the halfway point of the race.

Race Finish

20. Teams will be considered finished by completing the designated course, completing their mandatory rest and finish by returning to the designated finish line.
21. The 100-mile run will be completed within 24 hours from the designated start time. (this includes stop/rest time + time differential + run time)
22. Total run time maybe extended due to unforeseen circumstances.

Note:

- a) All mandatory equipment must be in the sled bag at the starting line of the race and also at the finish line. Any drop bags that are requested to be sent to Watchee Resort Checkpoint will be for emergency purposes only. Any supplies used from emergency drop bags will result in a time penalty being added to the mushers finish time.
- b) No outside assistance shall be given or received that maybe conceived as an advantage to any musher without it being reported to a Race Judge or Race Marshal.

2021 Watchee 100 Sleddog Race Operations

Registration will open on February 1st, 2021.

Registration Fee is \$100 cdn. Paid at time of registration.

Registration will close on February 28, 2021 at 23:59 hours. Any withdrawals on or before this date will be fully refunded.

Driver's Meeting will be held on March 18th, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Race Marshal will attend by in person or by other communications. This is a mandatory meeting for all competitors. Any musher/s not attending this meeting will be considered withdrawn from the race. At this meeting bibs will be assigned to each competitor.

Mandatory Sled dog Veterinarian Examination will be held at 9:00 am on March 18th at a designated area.

Teams competing in this race must be in the designated start area before 10:00 am March 19th, 2021. Sled Bag checks and final veterinarian checks will be completed at that time.

Team with Bib #1 will leave the starting line at 12:00 pm. Teams will have 4 minutes to clear the starting Line Chute. The next team (Bib #2) will leave at 12:05 pm and each additional team will leave in order in 5-minute intervals. All teams will leave at their designated times with all their dogs in harness and attached to the gangline with all mandatory gear carried on the sled.

Teams will follow the marked trail from Churchill to Watchee Resort Checkpoint. No deviations from the marked trail will be allowed. Teams leaving the trail that are lost must turn around and return to the trail where they left the marked trail. Then continue on the marked trail. Any deviations from the marked trail will be investigated and reported to the Race Marshal.

Upon arrival at Watchee Resort each team must sign in and will be escorted to an assigned camping spot. Any veterinarian concerns must be brought to the attention of the Watchee Checkpoint Judge or Checkpoint Veterinarian.

Teams may depart Watchee Checkpoint anytime after the minimum 2 hours of rest by signing out and leaving the Watchee Checkpoint. No team may stay within the checkpoint for more than 4 hours. A sled bag check for mandatory equipment maybe carried out at this checkpoint but is not required.

Teams will follow the marked trail from Watchee Checkpoint to Churchill Finish Line. No deviations from the marked trail will be allowed. Teams leaving the trail that are lost must turn around and return to the trail where they left the marked trail. Then continue on the marked trail. Any deviations from the marked trail will be investigated and reported to the Race Marshal.

Once a team crosses the Churchill finish line, each team will stop for a mandatory sled bag check. Once the sled bag check is completed the team will proceed to their dog truck and a veterinarian check will commence at that time. Once the veterinarian check is completed. Dogs maybe removed from the team.

Any race participants wishing to register any competition complaints must do so within 1 hour of finishing or dropping out from the race. Complaints must be given to a race official. (Race Judge, Race Marshal)

Competition complaints will not be received by a Race Veterinarian or any member of the HBQ Organizing Committee.

Once the race is completed, each musher will be contacted by the Hudson Bay Quest Race Committee and advised of their finishing time and instructed on how to receive any race awards.

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Registration Form

Racer's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you currently censured by any dog racing organization? (check one)

Yes No

Have you ever been convicted of any animal abuse or neglect?

(check one) Yes No

Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing above you have verified that you have read and understood the 2021 Watchee 100 Sleddog Qualifier Race Rules.

If you have not read the Rules & Regulations, you will not be able to send this form or register.