



**CAN-AM CROWN
INTERNATIONAL
SLED DOG RACES**

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In Memory of
WILLARD JALBERT, JR.

CAN-AM CROWN 100

OFFICIAL RACE RULES

March 2, 2024

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In addition to the following rules, the **General Can-Am Crown Rules** also apply to this race.

1. Entry Fees, Refunds & Bib Numbers

The entry fee is \$250

All fees and refunds are in U.S. funds only. Registrations begin on November 1.

Entries will not be confirmed until Can-Am Crown receives the entry fee and all properly completed and executed documents as described in the General Rules. Bib numbers shall be assigned as described in the General Rules: Confirmation of Entries & Assignment of Bib Numbers.

If the race is cancelled by Can Am Crown the entry fee will be refunded in full. Drivers who withdraw from a race that has an active waiting list will receive a partial refund of \$125; otherwise there will be NO refund.

2. Course and Checkpoint

The race course covers approximately 100 miles in a challenging loop over varied terrain that includes forests, brooks, lakes, fields and populated areas. There will be a single checkpoint approximately halfway. The checkpoint is located at the Allagash Town Office.

3. Conditions of Entry

This race is limited to 30 teams.

Can-Am Crown will begin to accept applications after November 1, 2023.

The CAC100 is a challenging race which requires previous race experience. A driver who has finished a race of at least 30 miles will generally qualify for the CAC 100. However, the Can-Am Crown board may accept or reject applicants at its discretion.

All entrants must attend the mushers' meeting on Friday, March 1 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lonesome Pine Ski Lodge. Any driver who misses roll-call at 4:30 will risk losing his/her place in the race.

4. Race Start

The official start date is Saturday, March 2, 2024. The start will be on Main Street, Fort Kent. The starting time will be 8:00 a.m. eastern standard time. Teams shall leave the starting line at two-minute intervals.

Drivers must start the race with at least 8 dogs and not more than 10 dogs.

To allow for verification of dogs and gear by race officials, teams are required to be present at the staging area on Saturday by 6:30 a.m.

5. Required Gear

- Drivers shall wear their identifying bibs throughout the race.
- All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file. All harnesses shall be padded around the neck and chest areas. Reflective tape is required on harnesses.
- In this race it is possible that severe conditions could cause a team to become temporarily stranded. Therefore, Can-Am Crown recommends a dish for each dog (at least one quart capacity).

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- Ganglines may be cable, cable core, or any synthetic or natural material, but chains are not allowed. If cable ganglines are used, the driver must have easily accessible cable cutters which are known to be capable of cutting the gangline.
- At least four booties per dog are required at the race start.
- Spare keys to the driver's vehicle shall be left with the Can-Am Crown Race Committee or a team handler.

Each driver must have in possession at all times during the race:

- A sled capable of accommodating injured or fatigued dogs as well as the required food, materials and equipment. Can-Am Crown recommends reflective tape on the sled. The same sled must be used throughout the race unless it becomes defective. Spare parts are the responsibility of the driver. The sled shall be equipped with an adequate brake, brushbow, snowhook and a snubline that's at least 8 feet long. Note: A snowhook cannot substitute for a snubline. With the Race Marshal's permission, defective equipment may be replaced.

- A bag capable of safely restraining a struggling dog and, if necessary, covering a severely injured or expired dog. Any expired dog shall be completely covered.

- Fire starting material and a 2 quart pot to heat water
- Two 24-inch chains or cables for tethers. Length of tethers must be greater than 22 inches and less than 26 inches.

- Proper cold weather sleeping bag

- One pair snowshoes with bindings and an area of at least 250 sq. in. (1,612 sq. cm) each.

- Knife (must be at hand and immediately available for emergency use)

- Hand axe with minimum overall length 22" (56 cm) or metal frame hand saw. Wire saws are not permitted.

- Adequate first aid kit, including ace bandages & pressure dressings for severe bleeding

- Headlamp

- At least one flashing light for each lead dog. A flashing light must be worn by each lead dog from sunset to sunrise

- Raincoat with reflective tape

- From sunset to sunrise, a reflective strip must be visible on each musher's back.

- Whistle

- The Musher's Manual (supplied by Can-Am Crown) with the records of the team's pre-race veterinary examination.

- In addition to the normal food supply for the race, each driver must carry a one-day supply of emergency dog food (1 pound per dog) provided by Can Am in a sealed unopened container. The emergency food must not be used at any time before the finish of the race, except in an emergency as determined by the race marshal. If the food is used, then it must be re-supplied at the next checkpoint before continuing the race. If a dog is dropped, its supply of emergency food may also be dropped. Emergency dog food may be weighed during a gear check, the dogs' regular food supply and snacks shall not be included in the weighing.

6. Dropped Dogs

Drivers may drop dogs only at the designated checkpoint or near the start where Village Road crosses the Heritage Trail For more specifics see the General Rules: Treatment of Dogs.

Teams must leave the Allagash checkpoint with no less than 6 pulling dogs.

7. Trail Procedure

a. Checkpoint

Handlers are allowed at the checkpoint, but they are not allowed in the area where the dogs are kept, and they are not allowed to help the drivers.

Each driver must personally sign in and out of the checkpoint before continuing. There will be a 3 hour mandatory layover (plus start offset) with a maximum of 5 hours allowed.

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The checkpoint will be staffed with judges, and veterinary service will be available. Water will be provided for dogs and drivers at the checkpoint. Drivers will be fed at the checkpoint.

Each team is allowed to have one drop bag and a separate fuel container, which Can-Am officials will transport to the checkpoint. Unclaimed food and equipment left at the checkpoint become the property of Can-Am Crown.

b. Withdrawal from the Race

Drivers may withdraw from the race at the checkpoint by filling out and signing an official resignation form. Drivers are responsible for retrieving personal gear.

8. Prize Money:

Prize money will be awarded to the twelve teams with the best finish times.

Total Purse = \$12,500 U.S.

Place	Prize\$	Place	Prize\$
1	\$3,500	7	\$600
2	\$2,400	8	\$550
3	\$1,200	9	\$500
4	\$1,000	10	\$450
5	\$900	11	\$350
6	\$750	12	\$300

9. Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony and brunch will take place in Fort Kent on **Sunday, March 3** at **9:00 a.m.** at the Lonesome Pine Ski Lodge.