



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

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CAN-AM CROWN 30
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 \$175. All fees and refunds are in U.S. funds only.

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 \$85; otherwise there will be NO refund.

2. Race Course

The race trail covers approximately 30 miles of scenic terrain that includes forests, brooks, lakes, and fields. A safety station is located near the halfway mark, it is not an official checkpoint.

3. Conditions of Entry

This race is limited to 30 teams.

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

There is no qualifier race experience necessary to enter the Can-Am Crown 30.

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 shall be from Main Street, and the finish shall be at the Lonesome Pine ski lodge in Fort Kent.

To allow for verification of dogs and gear by race officials, teams are required to be present at the staging area on Saturday morning by 7:00 a.m.

Teams will leave the starting line at two-minute intervals beginning at **9:10 a.m.** EST.

Drivers must start the race with either 5 or 6 dogs.

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).
- 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.
- Available equipment must include four booties per dog at the race start. The booties may be on the dogs or in the sled, but they must be available for use if needed.

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. 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.

- 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 qt. pot to heat water

- 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

- Whistle

- The Musher's Manual (supplied by Can-Am Crown) with 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

All dogs that are unable to complete the course must finish in the sled bag and cannot be dropped anywhere along the race course, or at safety stations. However, dogs may be dropped near the start where Village Road crosses the Heritage Trail. . For more specifics see the General Rules: Treatment of Dogs.

7. Outside Assistance

All food and water to be used during the race must be carried from the start of the race.

8. Withdrawal From the Race

Drivers wishing to withdraw from the race must obtain instructions from a Can Am representative before leaving the course.

9. Prize Money

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

Total Purse = \$5,000 U.S.

Place	Prize \$	Place	Prize \$
1	\$1,500	7	\$250
2	\$850	8	\$200
3	\$550	9	\$175
4	\$450	10	\$150
5	\$350	11	\$125
6	\$300	12	\$100

10. 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.