2027 Can Am Crown
CAC Date Suplement

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN DATES		
ITEM	**ACTIVITY**	**DATE / TIME / DETAILS**
Reg-1	Online race registration opens	Sunday, November 15, 2026 @ 12:00 noon
Reg-2	Race Entry Fees.	• 250 mile race: Fee $350 • 100 mile race: Fee $250, • 30 mile race: Fee $175
Reg-3	Partial Refunds for applicants who withdraw by	Friday, February 19, 2027. • 250 mile race: Refund $250. • 100 mile race: Refund $175 • 30 mile race: Refund $125
Reg-4	All required vaccinations must be administered no later than	Friday, February 12, 2027
Reg-5	Vaccination records should be submitted to Can-Am Crown by	Friday, February 19, 2027. Or upon registration, for those who register after February 19.
Reg-6	Random Bib Draw	Sunday February 28, 2027 @ 1:00 pm
Reg-7	Online registration closes	Tuesday, March 2, 2027 @ 12:00 noon
Reg-8	Pre-Race Check-In and Veterinary exams at Knights of Columbus Hall	Friday, March 5, 2027; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Reg-9	Last- minute in-person registrations at Knights of Columbus Hall	Friday, March 5, 2027; 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Reg-10	Registration applications cutoff	Friday, March 5, 2027 @ 12:00 noon
Reg-11	Driver's meetings at Knights of Columbus Hall • 30-mile & 100-mile drivers • 250-mile drivers • Rookie drivers	 Friday, March 5, 2027 @4:00 pm Friday, March 5, 2027 @ 5:00 pm Friday, March 5, 2027 @ 6:00 pm
Reg-12	250 and 100-mile teams bring drop bags to Knights of Columbus parking lot	Friday, March 5, 2027; 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Reg-13	Bib deposit amount	$40.00

RACE SPECIFIC DATES		
ITEM	**ACTIVITY**	**DATE / TIME**
100-1	100-mile teams report to Main Street Staging area	Saturday, March 6, 2027 @ 6:30 am
100-2	100-mile race, first team starts	Saturday, March 6, 2027 @ 8:00 am
100-3	100-mile race Awards Ceremony at Lonesome Pine Lodge	Sunday,March 7 @ 9:00 am
30-1	30-mile teams report to Main Street Staging area	Saturday, March 6, 2027 @ 7:00 am
30-2	30-mile race, first team starts	Saturday, March 6, 2027 @ 9:10 am
30-3	30-mile race Awards Ceremony at Lonesome Pine Lodge	Sunday, March 7 @ 9:00 am
250-1	250-mile teams report to Main Street Staging area	Saturday, March 6, 2027 @ 8:00 am
250-2	250-mile race, first team starts	Saturday, March 6, 2027 @ 10:20 am
250-3	250-mile race, Checkpoint Departure deadlines •Portage •Rocky Brook •Camp Sil-Ver •Allagash	 Sunday March 7 @ 6:00 am Sunday March 7 @ 8:00 pm Monday March 8 @ 10:00 am Tuesday March 9 @ 6:00 am
250-4	250-mile, latest allowable finish	Tuesday March 9 @ 2:00 pm
250-5	250-mile, Race Review at Knights of Columbus Hall	Tuesday March 9 @ 4:00 pm
250-6	250-mile Awards Ceremony at Knights of Columbus	Tuesday March 9 @ 6:00 pm



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CAN-AM CROWN GENERAL RULES

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This Rule Book must be used with the corresponding CAC Date Supplement document, which specifies the actual dates and times for the current year's race activities. Each Rule Book entry that requires a specific date or time will reference the applicable Item in the CAC Date Supplement.

- *Items Reg-1 through Reg-13 refer to Registration and pre-race activities*
- *Items 100-1 through 100-3 refer to times for the 100-mile race.*
- *Items 30-1 through 30-3 refer to times for the 30-mile race.*
- *Items 250-1 through 250-6 refer to times for the 250-mile race.*

The Can-Am Crown Corporation establishes and promotes this series of popular, competitive sled dog races with emphasis on safety, animal welfare, good sportsmanship, and accessibility to the public.

Both mushers and sled dogs are athletes and require similar consideration. To protect the sport of dog sledding, we must be very sensitive to issues of human safety and animal welfare. We are committed to adopting and enforcing the highest standards in each of these areas so that the sled dog may always be allowed to fulfill its instinctive drive and know true contentment, and the driver may display discipline, personal responsibility, cooperation and leadership.

The following rules apply to all Can-Am Crown races.

Drivers

Each driver agrees to hold Can-Am Crown, Inc., race sponsor(s) and other contributors (sponsors and contributors of the corporation as distinguished from the sponsors of the individual driver) harmless from any claim or demand based on any alleged action or inaction by the driver, his dogs, agents, or others acting in his/her behalf. The driver also agrees to release Can-Am Crown, Inc., sponsors and agents and employees from any claim or demand resulting from injury to the driver, his/her dogs, or his/her property.

Can-Am Crown, Inc. and the race sponsors shall have the free authority to photograph and otherwise collect information about the race and all participants therein and to use such photographs and information for advertising, public relations, brochures, posters, or other publicity. Drivers shall display sponsorship banner and/or bibs at the race start and finish as requested by Can-Am Crown.

Before participating in a Can-Am Crown race, each driver must agree to the foregoing by signing all documents required by the Corporation. Documents may be signed at the time of registration.

A musher must be at least 18 years old unless a waiver is obtained by applying to Can-Am Crown Corporation. Application must include years of experience and written consent from parent or guardian.

The Can-Am Crown Directors reserve the right to waive entry requirements if in their judgment an applicant is likely to finish the race in good standing. However, all applicants must be able and willing to adhere to the rules of the race. In no case will the limit on the number of entries be exceeded. Can-Am Crown reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and may honor the censures of another sled dog racing organization.

A driver with a pre-existing medical condition may be allowed to enter the race, provided that the condition is under control and does not prevent the driver from adhering to all of the race rules.

Vaccinations

All dogs entered in the race shall have had **Rabies and DHPP** [distemper, hepatitis (adenovirus 2), parainfluenza, and parvovirus] vaccinations within the 36 months previous to the race and at least 21 days before the start of the race. Additionally, all dogs must have had a **leptospirosis** vaccination within the 12 months prior to the race and at least 21 days before the start of the race. Yearling dogs must have had a booster for DHLPP and Rabies given within one year of their puppy vaccination series.

All required vaccinations must be administered at least 21 days before the start of the race, by the date shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-4**

Bordetella immunization is recommended.

Owners should consult with a veterinarian for proper timing of these vaccinations.

(Can-Am Crown strongly recommends annual vaccination against all four leptospirosis serovars. Most DHLPP vaccines provide protection from leptospirosis serovars (strains) L. canicola and L. icterohaemorrhagiae. Infection by two other serovars, L. grippotyphosa and L. pomona, is becoming more common.)

Vaccination Records

Drivers must provide proofs of vaccination.

Owners who vaccinate their own dogs shall submit purchase invoices and organized medical records indicating that each dog has been vaccinated within the time period prescribed above.

Validated rabies certificates must be presented to prove that rabies vaccinations are current.

When all vaccinations are completed and in compliance with the requirements listed above, drivers should submit legible copies of proofs of vaccination and the completed Uniform Canine Vaccination Record (UCVR) for all dogs that might be entered in the race. These records should be submitted by the date in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-5.**

These can be emailed to vaccinations@can-am-crown.net.

Or mailed to:

Can-Am Crown Inc. Attn: Vets

P.O. Box 171, Fort Kent Mills, ME 04744

Drivers should bring copies of all vaccination records with them to the pre-race veterinary examination on **Friday (CAC Date Supplement Reg-8).**

Please note: A completed UCVR is not proof of vaccination, its purpose is to ensure that the driver organizes his/her records and checks vaccination dates to be sure that they are in compliance with race rules.

Drugs

No drugs or other artificial means may be used to drive a dog beyond its natural ability. Before the start of the race, the Chief Veterinarian must be notified of any dog receiving any prescribed medications. Such medications must be entered into the team's Veterinary Diary. Any dog that has previously received prohibited medication(s) will be evaluated by the Chief Veterinarian to determine if the dog is eligible to compete, based on drug half-life and withdrawal times.

The following drugs are permitted (with exceptions noted):

- Topical medications (except DMSO and CBD which is a metabolite of cannabis)
- Dewormers
- Antibiotics (except procaine penicillin)
- Anti-diarrheals (except those with salicylates, e.g., Pepto-Bismol)
- Oestrus suppressants (such as Ovaban or Cheque Drops) without analgesic or stimulative properties
- Oral food supplements (such as Glycoflex, Cosequin, etc.) with solely nutritive properties

All other drugs are prohibited including dog food manufactured with CBD and any other oral formulation of CBD..

Registrations and Bib Numbers

The Online registration will open on the date is shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-1**. Applications can be submitted through the online registration system at can-am-crown.net. Applications are **Pending** until they satisfy all the following criteria:

- The application must be complete, including musher biography, photo, qualifying race experience, and list of lead dogs.
- The entry fee is paid (see below).
- A signed waiver from parent or guardian has been received (if the musher is a minor).
- The driver meets the Can Am experience qualifications.

Entry Fees are shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-2.**

Applications that meet all the above requirements will be **Valid** and the first 30 **Valid** applications for a given race will be placed on the **Confirmed** list for that race. If there are more than 30 **Valid** applications for a race any additional applications will be placed on a **Waiting** list (see below).

The Online registration system will close and stop accepting online applications at the time shown in CAC Date Supplement Reg-7.

New last-minute applications may be submitted in-person to Can-Am on **Friday** at the time shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-9.** These applications must be submitted on the official Can Am Crown Registration Application form. Can-Am will review these applications and accept them if all requirements have been satisfied.

Can-Am will stop accepting any new applications on **Friday** at the time shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-10,** any applications that are Pending at that time will be rejected.

A random bib draw will be held at the time shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-6. Bib numbers will be** assigned to the **Confirmed** applications. Once the bib numbers have been assigned, if any of the "bibbed" entries resign from the race their bib number may be given to the next entry from the **Waiting** list or any new **Valid** application. If there is no one on the **Waiting** list that bib number will remain unassigned (a Ghost).

Partial refunds may be available for applicants who withdraw by the date shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-3.**

Waiting Lists

Any **Valid** applications in excess of 30 per race will be offered an opportunity to be placed on the **Waiting** list. If they opt **not** to be placed on the **Waiting** list their application will be cancelled and their payment will be refunded.

Full refunds will be issued to anyone who;

- Chooses not to be placed on the **Waiting** list,
- Requests to be withdrawn from the **Waiting** list, or
- Is still on the **Waiting** list at the time shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-10.**

If one of the **Confirmed** entries withdraws, then the next driver on the **Waiting** list will be moved to the **Confirmed** list. Drivers withdrawing from the **Confirmed** list will be subject to the refund schedule (see individual race rules).

Alternates, Substitutions & Transfers

If a registered driver is unable to race, they may nominate a substitute by submitting the substitute's name and qualifications to Can-Am Crown as soon as possible. The substitute must meet the eligibility requirements as determined by Can-Am Crown or the Race Marshal. The Race Marshall shall have the authority to allow a qualifying substitute until one hour before the race starts.

If a confirmed entrant wishes to transfer from one Can-Am Crown race to another Can-Am Crown race for which the driver is qualified, then the entrant may withdraw from the original race and enter the other race, provided that an open position is available. Transfer from a shorter race to a longer race will only require payment of the difference in the entry fees. Transfer from a longer to a shorter race does not require extra payment, but there shall be no refund.

Pre-Race Check-In

All drivers or their representatives are required to check in on **Friday** at the time shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-8.**

At check-in, CAC will provide each driver with an official bib or vest which displays his/her start number. A deposit will be required, see **CAC Date Supplement Reg -13.**

All drivers or their representative must also report to the **Vaccination Check table**. When the vaccine check is complete, the driver or representative will be given a number to place on their vehicle. This will indicate to the veterinary team the order in which veterinary exams will be conducted.

If the driver or representative fails to check in during this period, then Can-Am Crown cannot guarantee that team a position in the race.

Veterinary Examinations

All dogs must be available for physical examinations before the start of the race.

Each dog must be identified by the dog's name legibly printed on or attached to the collar.

Unless other arrangements are made with the Chief Veterinarian, all teams will be examined on **Friday** at the time and location shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-8.** The order of examinations will be based on the numbers assigned at the Vaccination Check table.

At the pre-race veterinary examination, any dog which, in the opinion of the Chief Veterinarian, should not run the race, shall not run the race. If the Chief Veterinarian believes that a dog has a contagious illness, then the dog must be removed from the area, and the Race Marshall may also reject the entire team for the safety of the other teams. In addition, if the Chief Veterinarian believes that a dog is too vicious to be examined safely, then that dog shall be rejected. Only the Chief Veterinarian, acting in agreement with the Race Marshall, can force the dropping of a dog during the race.

Most race-related veterinary expenses are paid by Can-Am Crown. However, drivers are expected to pay extraordinary veterinary expenses they might incur during the race. Can-Am Crown may, at its discretion, charge a driver for any medical supplies administered to a team before the start of the race. Prize moneys will be awarded minus any unpaid veterinary expenses charged to the driver. Drivers with unpaid Can-Am veterinary bills will not be allowed to register for future Can-Am events.

Once Can-Am Central closes, soon after the last 250-mile team crosses the finish line, services will no longer be provided by the Can-Am Crown veterinary team. During the running of the 250-mile race, services for 30-mile and 100-mile teams may still be provided if a veterinarian is present at Can-Am Central. The drivers of the 30-mile and 100-mile teams should be prepared to contact one of the local veterinary practices if a Can-Am veterinarian is not available after these two races finish.

After the races, drivers/owners may contact private veterinary services. A list of providers will be available at Can Am Central.

Drivers' Meetings

All drivers must attend the drivers' meeting for their race on **Friday** at the times shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-11.** Rookie drivers must also attend the Rookie meeting.

Attendance will be promptly checked by roll call. Any driver who misses roll call will risk losing his/her place in the race.

Race Marshal and Officials

The Race Marshal shall resolve disputes among drivers and interpret the race rules regarding infractions and penalties. He/she shall also have the authority to establish rules to cover special or unforeseen situations.

Failure of a driver to comply with the race rules and cooperate with officials may result in disqualification or a monetary or time penalty as assessed by the Race Marshal.

The Race Marshal and Chief Veterinarian will be the final authority in determining if a dog will be dropped. The Race Marshal will have ultimate authority in all other disputes from the start of the race to the finish.

Race judges and/or Checkpoint coordinators will act as deputies of the Race Marshal.

Race Course

The Can-Am Crown races are distance races. There are no permanently established trails. The race organizers rely on the goodwill of major and minor landowners who allow the use of portions of their land for the yearly development of race trails. Trail conditions and locations will vary from year to year according to weather conditions and logging operations. There will be hills and there may be other challenges.

Can-Am Crown relies on private landowners for the use of trails and checkpoint facilities. Please respect their property.

Trails will be broken, groomed, and marked before the races, and trails will be broken again on the morning of the races. However, due to weather, there is no guarantee of broken trails during the races.

Can-Am Crown race trails are designed to minimize road crossings. The race course may be re-routed by the race organization as conditions require.

The Start

Each race will start as scheduled unless a majority of the Can-Am Crown Board of Directors agrees that conditions warrant a delay. In no case will a race start be delayed more than 24 hours. If a Can-Am Crown race is canceled, then the entry fees for that race will be refunded in full.

All dogs must be approved and marked by the veterinary team before leaving the starting line.

Any driver who is not prepared to start as scheduled at the starting line, or who fails to arrive at the staging area before the deadline stated in the individual race rules, will be rotated to the end of the starting lineup, but the driver's official start time shall remain unchanged.

The driver starting the race shall drive the team throughout the race.

Outside Assistance

The spirit of this race dictates that drivers be self-sufficient. Therefore, drivers should not help each other except to ensure safety and animal welfare. A driver will not be penalized for helping another driver whose life is endangered or for helping to recover a lost team.

No assistance which would result in a competitive advantage may be solicited or accepted without consultation and pre-approval of the Race Marshal or Checkpoint Coordinator.

Between checkpoints, drivers may not accept assistance from any type of motorized vehicle, except to recover a lost team. Drivers are encouraged to solicit or accept any available help recovering a lost team. (However, if the Race Marshal determines that a musher has thereby gained a competitive advantage, then the Marshal may impose an appropriate penalty.)

Personal handlers may help a driver and team before the team starts and after the team finishes. During the race, personal handlers may transport and care for dropped dogs which have been released by the veterinary staff. If personal handlers appear on the race course or at any prohibited checkpoint location, then the team shall be disqualified.

Trail Procedures

All teams must follow the trail as marked or as redirected by trail officials.

An overtaken team must yield the trail at the request of a driver who wishes to pass. The overtaken team must move to the side of the trail as far as possible and slow down or stop until the overtaking team has completely passed. To avoid “leapfrogging”, a passed team must remain behind at least 5 minutes before requesting to re-pass. Within one mile of the finish line, drivers are not required to yield the trail, and the 5-minute rule does not apply.

Any driver who uses ski poles must stop poling and place their poles in or on the sled whenever; 1) they are passing another team or 2) another team is attempting to pass and calls out “Poles” or “Trail”.

Pacing with snowmobiles is prohibited.

Drivers resting, setting up camp, or untangling dogs must clear the trail of their dogs and gear, making passage safe for other teams.

Any fires must be built a minimum of 15 feet off the trail edge.

Drivers who litter the trail shall be penalized.

If it becomes necessary to feed dogs on the trail, the driver must clear all leftover food off the trail before continuing. The driver may be disqualified or censured if food or litter on the trail harms or delays a following team.

Treatment of Dogs

Whips of any kind or the use of brush, branches or any object as a whip or to create a frightening noise will be cause for disqualification.

Cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs will result in the immediate expulsion of the driver. The race committee, Race Marshal or judges in consultation with a veterinarian will have absolute determination regarding the cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs.

If the Chief Medic, Chief Veterinarian or the Race Marshal believes that a driver's physical or mental condition may endanger the welfare of the team, then the Race Marshal may demand that the team be dropped from the race.

From the pre-race veterinary examination until the finish of the race, any dog receiving a prohibited medication or any injection will be removed from further competition.

A veterinarian may randomly collect blood and urine samples at any time during the race to test for the presence of prohibited drugs. It will be the driver's responsibility to assist the veterinarian in collecting these samples. Any driver refusing to allow the collection of such samples shall be disqualified.

Two or more teams may not be tied together in any way, except to assist a driver in trouble between checkpoints. The drivers of any teams so involved must notify race officials at the next checkpoint.

There shall be no loose dogs. All dogs shall be either on the gangline or in the sled. Dogs hauled in the sled must be hauled in a protected, humane manner. A driver must make immediate efforts to secure a dog which becomes loose.

A lost team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control, provided that the entire race course is covered by both team and driver. A driver may accept help from another driver in recovering his/her team without penalty.

Dogs shall not be switched between teams after they have officially left the start line.

A driver may drop a dog or dogs for any reason or no reason. To drop a dog, the driver and a veterinarian must sign a dropped dog form, at which time the dog is officially and irrevocably dropped from the race.

Dogs may be dropped only at designated checkpoints or near the start, where Village Road crosses the Heritage Trail. Drivers should not return to the Start Line for any reason. If a driver drops a dog at the Village Road crossing, the number of dogs remaining in the team must still equal or exceed the minimum required at the race start. Dogs shall not be dropped at safety stations.

Any dog that expires for any reason during the race shall be completely covered in a sled bag and delivered as soon as possible to a race official. The Chief Veterinarian will examine the body to determine the cause of death. If needed, a full necropsy shall be performed at the driver's expense.

Sportsmanship

The rigors of this race and the history of the sport require that each competitor be courteous and honorable to a degree that will inspire similar behavior in all participants and volunteers.

Rude or inappropriate behavior by a driver or his/her handler may result in a penalty being applied to the driver.

If a driver or his/her agent tampers with another's dogs, food or gear, then the driver will be disqualified.

Possession or consumption of alcohol or any D.E.A. Schedule I or II (*) drug by drivers is strictly prohibited from the day of the race start until the finish.

** See https://www.dea.gov/drug-information/drug-scheduling.*

Resigning From a Race (Scratching)

To quit a Can-Am Crown race, a driver must sign an official resignation form and present it to a Can-Am Crown official. Any driver who quits a race without properly notifying officials may be barred from future races. Exception may be made if a driver leaves the trail to protect the health or life of a dog or person, but a race official or Can-Am Central (834-5626) must be notified as soon as possible.

Drivers who scratch are not eligible for prize money or refunds.

Scratched or disqualified teams must stay off the race trails. Can-Am Crown officials will take responsibility for evacuation of scratched or disqualified teams and drivers.

Rule Violations and Safety Problems

It is the duty of each driver and race official to report trail safety problems and violations of these race rules. Official report forms are included in each driver's Veterinary Diary and in Appendix B of the Can-Am Crown Race Rules book. Reports shall include the time, date, nature of the rule violation or safety problem, approximate location on the trail, name or bib number of the violator (if known), and names of witnesses (if any). Such reports must be presented immediately to the Race Marshal, Race Judge or Checkpoint Coordinator, who will gather information and relay it to the Race Marshal for action. The Race Marshal shall investigate the complaint and, if appropriate, impose a penalty for the violation.

Protests and reports of rule violations are Confidential and shall not be discussed with any other persons, including spectators or media. Only the Race Marshal may issue statements to the media regarding protests and violations.

Complaints will be kept on file and reviewed by the CAC board. If the evidence indicates a pattern of unsportsmanlike behavior, the board may censure a driver.

Any driver who makes a false complaint may be fined $100 per incident.

Penalties

Failure of a driver to comply with the race rules and cooperate with officials may result in disqualification, a monetary fine or other penalty as assessed by the Race Marshal.

The Race Marshal shall resolve disputes among drivers and interpret the race rules in regard to infractions and penalties.

The Race Marshal also has the authority to establish rules to cover special or unforeseen situations.

The following penalties have been suggested by the Can-Am Crown rules committee. The Race Marshal has the authority to modify these penalties based on the circumstances of the violations.

Disqualifying Violations (Subject to Forfeiture of Prize Money)

1. Cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs.
2. Death of a dog unless a veterinary examination indicates that the death was not due to the actions or negligence of the driver and was not due to failure of the driver to follow the advice of the Race Marshal or a Can-Am Crown veterinarian.
3. Driver or agent tampering with another's dogs, food, or gear.
4. Substitution of drivers during the race.
5. Switching dogs between teams after the start.
6. Racing with a dog which has been officially dropped.
7. Dropping a dog at any place other than the start or an official checkpoint.
8. Administration of any prohibited medication or any injection to a dog by a driver or the driver's agent at any time from the start to the finish of the race.
9. Presence of prohibited drugs in a dog's urine or blood. At the pre-race exam, the Chief Veterinarian must be notified of any dog receiving prescribed medications. Disqualifications, return of prize money, and censure if drug test reveals presence of prohibited drugs.
10. Allowing a personal handler to help during the race. See Section 14, Outside Assistance.
11. Racing with an unmarked dog. Disqualification unless the dog can be positively identified as a dog accepted at the pre-race exam as a member of the team and as a starter. The original Veterinary Diary may be required as evidence for a positive identification.
12. Refusing to allow a Can-Am Crown veterinarian to examine a dog.
13. Refusing to allow a Can-Am Crown veterinarian to collect samples for drug testing.
14. Littering the trail with food or other items. Disqualification, censure, fine, or warning depending upon nature, intent, and seriousness of the infraction.
15. Use of whips, brush, branches or any object to frighten or strike dogs.
16. Failure to drop a dog which the Chief Veterinarian and the Race Marshal have demanded to be dropped.
17. Soliciting or providing assistance which could result in a competitive advantage, except to ensure safety and animal welfare. No penalty for helping another driver whose life is endangered. Otherwise, the violation may be penalized by disqualification, fine, or warning depending upon circumstances.

18. Personal handlers are allowed to be present at the start, Portage, Allagash, and the finish. If personal handlers appear on the race course or at any other checkpoint, then the team shall be disqualified.
19. Racing with fewer than the required number of dogs in harness.
20. Accepting assistance from any type of motorized vehicle, except to recover a lost team.
21. At the pre-race exam, failure to notify the Chief Veterinarian of any dog receiving prescribed medications could result in disqualification if the medication causes a drug test to indicate the presence of prohibited drugs.
22. Teams tied together, except to assist a driver in trouble between checkpoints. The team being towed could be disqualified depending upon circumstances and distance towed.
23. Accessing vehicles during the race except by express approval of the Race Marshal.
24. Failure to follow the trail as marked or as redirected by trail officials.
25. A lost team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control, provided that the entire race course is covered by both team and driver. A driver may accept help from another driver in recovering his/her team without penalty. Drivers are encouraged to solicit or accept any available help recovering a lost team. (However, if the Race Marshal determines that a musher has thereby gained a competitive advantage, then the Marshal may impose an appropriate penalty.)
26. Failure to personally sign in and out of official checkpoints before continuing. This applies only to the 100-mile and 250-mile races. Driver and team must return to the checkpoint for proper sign-in and sign-out to avoid disqualification.

B. Monetary Violations.

(Subject to a fine of $100 or other penalties as indicated)

27. Possession or consumption of alcohol or any D.E.A. Schedule I or II (*) drug from the day of the race start until the finish. There shall be a $100 fine for the first offense. Disqualification for a second offense.
    * *See https://www.dea.gov/drug-information/drug-scheduling.*
28. Refusing to allow an overtaking team to pass when "trail" is demanded, except within one mile of the finish.
29. To avoid “leapfrogging”, a team which has been passed on the trail must wait at least 5 minutes before attempting to pass the other team. Failure to wait for 5 minutes will result in a $100 fine. This 5-minute rule does not apply within one mile of the finish line or if passing a team which has stopped on the trail.
30. Quitting a race without properly notifying officials. Driver may be barred from future races.
31. Exhibiting a pattern of unsportsmanlike behavior. Driver may be barred from future races.
32. Failure to stop poling and place the poles in or on the sled when within 100 feet (30 meters) of another team or when an approaching driver calls “Poles” or “Trail”.
33. Rude and/or inappropriate behavior by a driver or his/her handler. The driver may be barred from a future race.
34. If cable ganglines are used, failure to have cable cutters on person or in handlebar bag.

35. Dropping gear and rubbish at any place other than a checkpoint.
36. Intentionally loose dogs. A driver must make immediate efforts to secure a dog which becomes loose. Dogs must be either on the tow line or on the sled.
37. Failure to report trail safety problems and violations of the race rules to race officials. Higher fines may be imposed if an injury results because of failure to report an unsafe condition.
38. Pacing with snowmobiles.
39. Submitting a false complaint.
40. Failure to completely cover an expired dog. Driver may be censured or barred from a future race.
41. Building a fire less than 15 feet from the trail, except in an emergency.
42. Not having a flashing light on each lead dog from sunset to sunrise.
43. Missing Veterinary Diary at a checkpoint.
44. Failure to leave an adequate supply of food for each dropped dog. A fine of $100 per dropped dog per day.
45. Missing required gear. Missing equipment must be replaced before a driver may continue the race.
46. Missing emergency dog food.
47. Failure to wear and display the identifying bib number as specified in the race rules

C. Penalty Procedures

- Can Am Crown will identify any penalties due before the race's award ceremony.
- Time penalties will be applied to the team's Race Run Time, Finish Place and any monetary award may be appropriately altered.
- Monetary penalties will be applied to the prize distribution.
- Any unpaid penalties must be paid within 30 days. If not paid, a 25% late charge will be added to the penalty and the driver will be barred from future races until paid in full.

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CAN-AM CROWN 250

OFFICIAL RACE RULES

CAN-AM CROWN 250 RULES

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

Entry Fees, Refunds & Bib Numbers

Registration applications, entry fees, refunds, and bib number assignments will be processed as described in the Registration and Bib Numbers section of the General Rules.

Course and Checkpoints

The 250-mile race trail is a scenic loop that traverses varied terrain including forests, brooks, lakes, fields and populated areas. The distance, terrain, and variable weather make this a very challenging race. It is a qualifier for the Iditarod and Yukon Quest. Due to the rigors of the course, drivers will have to exercise good judgment in pacing themselves and their teams. Simply finishing is a great accomplishment. The cost of rescuing teams/drivers will be borne by the driver/owner.

There are four checkpoints on the trail. Their locations and mileages will be announced as early as possible, but they are subject to change up to the time of the drivers' meeting.

Food and shelter is available at the Portage, Rocky Brook and Allagash checkpoints. Camp Syl-Ver is an unassisted checkpoint, and no food or access to buildings (except restrooms) is available there. However, un-heated shelter tents are available at Camp Syl-Ver.

Conditions of Entry

This race is limited to 30 teams.

Each driver must include the name and phone number of their handler on the registration form and must confirm the name and phone number of their handler at the Pre-Race Check-In on **Friday** at the times in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-8.** The handler must be available to pick up or receive dropped dogs. Drivers will not be allowed to race without a handler.

All entrants must attend the drivers' meeting shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-11**. Any driver who misses roll-call will risk losing their place in the race.

Experience Required

Can-Am Crown will accept applications from drivers who have achieved one or more of the following goals:

Finished a race of 200 miles or more, or

Finished in the top two-thirds (67%) in a sled dog race of 100 miles or more.

No race or portion of a race will qualify if the musher did not finish the entire race. However, Can-Am Crown reserves the right to accept or reject any entry.

Race Start

Drivers must start the race with at least 8 dogs and not more than 12 dogs.

The race will start on **Saturday** on Main Street in Fort Kent.

The official start time is shown in **CAC Schedule Date 250-2.** To allow for verification of dogs and gear by race officials, teams are required to be present at the staging area by the time shown in **CAC Schedule Date 250-1.**

At the Main Street start, the driver may be required to carry a passenger designated by the CAC. All passengers will have signed a document releasing the driver and the CAC from liability.

Required Gear

- **Keys -** Keys to the driver's vehicle shall be left with their designated handler.
- **Race Bib** - Drivers shall wear their identifying bibs throughout the first and last legs of the race, that is, from the start to Portage and from Allagash to the finish. Between Portage and Allagash, the driver must wear the bib or have the bib number clearly displayed on the sled.
- **Dog Harnesses -** 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.
- **Ganglines -** Ganglines may be cable, cable core, or any synthetic or natural material, but chains are not allowed.
- **Cable Cutters:** If cable ganglines are used, the driver must have cable cutters, which are known to be capable of cutting the gangline, easily accessible for emergency use.
- **Booties -** At least eight (8) booties per dog are required at the race start.
- **Sled** - 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.
- **Dog Bag** - 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.

- **Tethers** – Two (2) chains or cables to tether dogs. Length of tethers must be greater than 22 inches and less than 26 inches. If additional tethers are required for dropped dogs, they may be re-supplied from drop bags at checkpoints. Mushers are responsible for having enough tethers for all dogs that may be dropped.
- **Sleeping Bag** - Proper cold weather sleeping bag
- **Snowshoes** - One pair snowshoes with bindings and an area of at least 250 sq. in. (1,612 sq. cm) each
- **Knife** – A fixed blade knife must be carried on the driver's person and be immediately available for emergency use
- **Hand Axe/Saw** – Either a Hand axe with minimum overall length 22" (56 cm) or a metal frame or folding saw with a blade length at least 12 inches (30 cm). Wire saws are not permitted.
- **First Aid Kit** - Adequate first aid kit, including ace bandages & pressure dressings for severe bleeding
- **Whistle**
- **Veterinary Diary** - provided by Can-Am
- **Headlamps** – Two headlamps and an adequate supply of spare batteries
- **Flashing Lights** - At least four (4) flashing lights must be available for the lead dogs. A flashing light must be worn by each lead dog from sunset to sunrise.
- **Reflective Strip** - From sunset to sunrise, a reflective strip or flashing red light must be visible on each musher's back. Note: Can-Am bibs have a reflective strip on the back which will satisfy this requirement when worn.
- **Raincoat** – Raincoat.
- **Cooker** - Fire starter, fuel, cooker and pot capable of boiling 1 gallon of water (sterno cans are not acceptable).
- **Dog Food** - 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. 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.
- **Food Dish** - One food dish for each dog (at least one quart capacity)
- **Musher's Food** – 1 day supply of emergency food for the musher.
- **Extra Clothing** - Life-threatening hypothermia can develop rapidly when clothing becomes wet due to weather conditions or excessive perspiration. Therefore, Can-Am Crown strongly recommends that each musher carry a complete change of clothing in a waterproof container.
- **Gear Checks -** Gear will be checked at the start and the finish, and upon departure from Allagash. Gear may also be checked upon arrival at one or more of the checkpoints. Each driver shall submit to the same number of required gear checks, but they may occur at different checkpoints. For reassurance and safety, drivers may also request a gear check upon departure from any checkpoint.
- **Missing Gear -** Missing equipment will result in a monetary penalty per item, and the equipment must be replaced before a driver can continue the race. If required gear is

missing upon arrival at a checkpoint, then a re-check of gear is mandatory before departure from the checkpoint.

Food and Gear Shipment and Retrieval

Food and gear for shipment to checkpoints must be brought to the pickup location on **Friday** at the time and location specified in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-12.** The food and gear must be in coolers or double bagged in cloth, burlap or woven plastic bags weighing no more than 50 lbs. each. Food and gear will be shipped only if clearly marked with the name of the driver and location for delivery. Fuel must be in a separate, labeled container. All shipments shall be made only by Can-Am Crown staff. Each team is allowed no more than three (3) containers per checkpoint. The fuel container counts as one of these containers. Containers should be labeled as "1 of 3", "2 of 3", "3 of 3".

Drop bags are to be used at all checkpoints. Access to vehicles is not allowed at checkpoints.

Non-mandatory gear and rubbish may be dropped only at checkpoints and will be delivered to the race finish site in Fort Kent only if clearly tagged with the name and bib number of the driver. It is the responsibility of the driver to ensure that all such items are properly tagged. Plastic trash bags should not be used for salvageable items! A labeled drop bag is preferred. Unmarked or unclaimed food and equipment will become the property of Can-Am Crown.

Trail Procedures

a. Checkpoints

Each driver must personally sign in and out of checkpoints before continuing. Veterinary assistance will be available at each checkpoint (including the start) until all teams have passed the next safety station.

Checkpoint Departure Deadlines

Any driver who has not left the checkpoints by the following deadlines will not be allowed to finish the race. See **CAC Date Supplement 250-3.**

CP 1	Portage	**Sunday**	Day 2	6:00 AM
CP 2	Rocky Brook	**Sunday**	Day 2	8:00 PM
CP 3	Syl-Ver	**Monday**	Day 3	10:00 AM
CP 4	Allagash	**Tuesday**	Day 4	6:00 AM

Dropped Dogs

Drivers may drop dogs only at official checkpoints or near the start where Village Road crosses the Heritage Trail. Dogs shall not be dropped at safety stations. For more specifics see the General Rules: Treatment of Dogs.

If the Race Marshal and the Chief Veterinarian agree that a dog is not fit to continue the race, then the dog must be dropped.

Each dog dropped must be left with at least a 3-day supply of food, a 24" tether, and a food bowl (at least one quart capacity). Food for dropped dogs

should be in a bag, clearly marked with the musher's name and bib number. Dropped dogs will be examined by a veterinarian and will receive appropriate care.

When leaving a checkpoint, a driver must have at least 6 fit dogs attached to the gangline and traveling under their own power. During the race, the number of dogs pulling must always be greater than the number of dogs in the sled.

Veterinary Examinations

At every checkpoint, the driver must present his/her Veterinary Diary for review by a veterinarian.

Veterinarians are required to examine all dogs at the Start, Allagash, and the Finish.

At the Allagash checkpoint, the musher must allow the mandatory veterinary check of all dogs to commence within 30 minutes of arriving. Exceptions may be granted by the chief veterinarian or the veterinarian in charge at the checkpoint. Satisfying this requirement may be affected by multiple teams arriving at the same time and by the availability of veterinary staff. Every effort will be made to conduct the exam as soon as possible after the teams arrive.

At other checkpoints, if a Can-Am veterinarian wishes to examine a particular dog or dogs, then the driver must allow it, and the veterinarian will perform the examination as promptly as possible.

If, at any point, a driver requests a veterinary examination of a dog or dogs, then a veterinarian must provide it as soon as possible.

When a team finishes, a veterinarian will examine the finishing dogs and make the appropriate final entries in the Veterinary Diary. The Veterinary Diary shall then be delivered to Can-Am Central. A Can-Am official will return the Veterinary Diary to the musher at the mushers award ceremony.

Required Layovers & Offset of Start Intervals

Total required layover time shall be a minimum of **17 hours**. There shall be a required layover of at least **5 hours at Allagash,** the fourth checkpoint. The other **12 hours** (floating layover) may be divided among the first three checkpoints at the musher's discretion. A layover begins when the driver signs in and ends when the driver signs out. If the team returns to a checkpoint for any reason, the additional time spent at that checkpoint will not be credited towards the minimum layover requirement but will count as race time.

The two-minute start intervals will be offset by requiring additional layover time for the earlier starters. These offset times will be added to the **12 hours** of floating layover required through the first three checkpoints.

Personal Handlers

Each driver is required to designate a personal handler who must be available to pick up dropped dogs at Portage and Allagash. Personal handlers are only allowed to be present at the start, Portage, Allagash, and the finish. If personal handlers appear on the race course or at any other checkpoint, then the team shall be disqualified. At Portage and Allagash, personal handlers may observe the race and pick up dropped dogs, but they are not allowed to help the drivers or teams in any other way unless the

Race Marshal, a Judge, or a Checkpoint Coordinator specifically authorizes it. To avoid disqualification, drivers should be certain that their handlers are aware of these restrictions.

Finish Terms, Race Review, and Awards

To qualify for prizes, a driver must finish the race on **Tuesday** by the time shown in **CAC Date Supplement 250-4**

Drivers are invited to participate in the race review at the time specified in **CAC Date Supplement 250-5**

To collect prizes, drivers must attend the Awards Ceremony at the time specified in **CAC Date Supplement 250-6**

Prizes

a. Finish Prizes

Prize money will be awarded to the twelve teams with the best finish times. If there are less than 12 finishers in a race, Can-Am Crown reserves the right to determine how the prize money will be allocated.

Total Purse = $25,000 U.S.

Place	Prize $	Place	Prize $
1	$5,600	7	$1,250
2	$4,400	8	$1,100
3	$3,100	9	$1,000
4	$2,500	10	$900
5	$2,000	11	$800
6	$1,600	12	$750

b. Stage Prizes

Prizes will also be awarded for the fastest eligible times in each of the five stages between checkpoints. To be eligible for stage prizes, a team must be among the first **twelve** to finish the entire race. For each stage, first prize is **$300**, second prize is **$250**, third prize is **$200**, fourth prize is **$150**, and fifth prize is **$100**.

c. The "Finishing Touch"

An additional purse will be set aside to be divided equally among all teams that finish the race by the time shown in **CAC Date Supplement 250-4.**

In Memory of

WILLARD JALBERT, JR.

CAN-AM CROWN 100

OFFICIAL RACE RULES

CAN-AM CROWN 100 RULES

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

Entry Fees, Refunds & Bib Numbers

Registration applications, entry fees, refunds, and bib number assignments will be processed as described in the Registration and Bib Numbers section of the General Rules.

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.

Conditions of Entry

This race is limited to 30 teams.

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.

Each driver must include the name and phone number of their handler on the registration form and must confirm the name and phone number of their handler at the Pre-Race Check-In on **Friday** at the times in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-8.** The handler must be available to pick up or receive dropped dogs. Drivers will not be allowed to race without a handler.

All entrants must attend the drivers' meeting shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-11**. Any driver who misses roll-call will risk losing their place in the race.

Race Start

The race will start on **Saturday** on Main Street in Fort Kent.

The official start time is shown in **CAC Schedule Date 100-2.**

To allow for verification of dogs and gear by race officials, teams are required to be present at the staging area by the time shown in **CAC Schedule Date 100-1.**

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

Required Gear

- **Keys -** Keys to the driver's vehicle shall be left with their designated handler or with a Can-Am official at Can-Am Central.
- **Race Bib** - Drivers shall wear their identifying bibs throughout the race
- **Dog Harnesses -** 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.
- **Ganglines -** Ganglines may be cable, cable core, or any synthetic or natural material, but chains are not allowed.
- **Cable Cutters:** If cable ganglines are used, the driver must have cable cutters, which are known to be capable of cutting the gangline, easily accessible for emergency use.
- **Booties -** At least four booties per dog are required at the race start.
- **Sled** - 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.
- **Snowhook** – A second snowhook must be available for use during the layover at Allagash.
- **Dog Bag** - 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.
- **Tethers** – Two (2) chains or cables to tether dogs. Length of tethers must be greater than 22 inches and less than 26 inches. If additional tethers are required for dropped dogs, they may be re-supplied from drop bags at checkpoints. Mushers are responsible for having enough tethers for all dogs that may be dropped.
- **Sleeping Bag** - Proper cold weather sleeping bag
- **Snowshoes** - One pair snowshoes with bindings and an area of at least 250 sq. in. (1,612 sq. cm) each
- **Knife** – A fixed blade knife must be carried on the driver's person and be immediately available for emergency use
- **Hand Axe/Saw** – Either a Hand axe with minimum overall length 22" (56 cm) or a metal frame or folding saw with a blade length at least 12 inches (30 cm). Wire saws are not permitted.
- **First Aid Kit** - Adequate first aid kit, including ace bandages & pressure dressings for severe bleeding
- **Whistle**
- **Veterinary Diary** - provided by Can-Am
- **Headlamps** – One headlamp and an adequate supply of spare batteries
- **Flashing Lights** - At least one flashing light for each lead dog. A flashing light must be worn by each lead dog from sunset to sunrise."
- **Reflective Strip** - From sunset to sunrise, a reflective strip or flashing red light must be visible on each musher's back. Note: Can-Am bibs have a reflective strip on the back which will satisfy this requirement when worn.

- **Raincoat** - Raincoat
- **Cooker** - Fire starter, fuel, cooker and pot capable of boiling 2 quarts of water (sterno cans are not acceptable).
- **Dog Food** - 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. 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.
- **Food Dish** - One food dish for each dog (at least one quart capacity)
- **Musher's Food** – 1 day supply of emergency food for the musher.
- **Extra Clothing** - Life-threatening hypothermia can develop rapidly when clothing becomes wet due to weather conditions or excessive perspiration. Therefore, Can-Am Crown strongly recommends that each musher carry a complete change of clothing in a waterproof container.

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.

Trail Procedure

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.

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. Food and gear for shipment to checkpoints must be brought to the pickup location on **Friday** at the time and location specified in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-12.** The gear will be shipped only if clearly marked with the name and bib number of the driver. Unclaimed gear left at the checkpoint becomes the property of Can-Am Crown."

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.

Prize Money:

Prize money will be awarded to the twelve teams with the best finish times. If there are less than 12 finishers in a race, Can-Am Crown reserves the right to determine how the prize money will be allocated.

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

Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony and brunch will take place on **Sunday** at the time and place in specified in **CAC Date Supplement 100-3.**



CAN-AM CROWN 30
OFFICIAL RACE RULES

CAN-AM CROWN 30 RULES

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

Entry Fees, Refunds & Bib Numbers

Registration applications, entry fees, refunds, and bib number assignments will be processed as described in the Registration and Bib Numbers section of the General Rules.

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.

Conditions of Entry

This race is limited to 30 teams.
There is no qualifier race experience necessary to enter the Can-Am Crown 30.
All entrants must attend the drivers' meeting shown in **CAC Date Supplement Reg-11**. Any driver who misses roll-call will risk losing their place in the race.

Race Start

The race will start on **Saturday** on Main Street in Fort Kent.
The official start time is shown in **CAC Schedule Date 30-2.**
To allow for verification of dogs and gear by race officials, teams are required to be present at the staging area by the time shown in **CAC Schedule Date 30-1.**
Drivers must start the race with either 5 or 6 dogs.

Required Gear

- **Keys -** Keys to the driver's vehicle shall be left with their designated handler or with a Can-Am official at Can Am Central.
- **Race Bib** - Drivers shall wear their identifying bibs throughout the race
- **Dog Harnesses -** 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.

- **Ganglines -** Ganglines may be cable, cable core, or any synthetic or natural material, but chains are not allowed.
- **Cable Cutters:** If cable ganglines are used, the driver must have cable cutters, which are known to be capable of cutting the gangline, easily accessible for emergency use.
- **Booties -** At least four booties per dog are required at the race start.
- **Sled** - 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.
- **Dog Bag** - 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.
- **Tethers** – Chains or cables to tether dogs. Length of tethers must be greater than 22 inches and less than 26 inches. Mushers are responsible for having enough tethers for all dogs that may be dropped (starting dogs in excess of 4).
- **Sleeping Bag** - Proper cold weather sleeping bag
- **Snowshoes** - One pair snowshoes with bindings and an area of at least 250 sq. in. (1,612 sq. cm) each
- **Knife** – A fixed blade knife must be carried on the driver's person and be immediately available for emergency use.
- **Hand Axe/Saw** – Either a Hand axe with minimum overall length 22" (56 cm) or a metal frame or folding saw with a blade length at least 12 inches (30 cm). Wire saws are not permitted.
- **First Aid Kit** - Adequate first aid kit, including ace bandages & pressure dressings for severe bleeding
- **Whistle**
- **Veterinary Diary** - provided by Can-Am
- **Headlamp** – One headlamp and an adequate supply of spare batteries
- **Flashing Lights** - At least one flashing light for each lead dog. A flashing light must be worn by each lead dog from sunset to sunrise."
- **Reflective Strip** - From sunset to sunrise, a reflective strip or flashing red light must be visible on each musher's back. Note: Can-Am bibs have a reflective strip on the back which will satisfy this requirement when worn.
- **Raincoat** - Raincoat
- **Pot -** A 2 quart pot and fire starting material (sterno cans are not acceptable).
- **Dog Food** - 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. 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 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.
- **Food Dish** - One food dish for each dog (at least one quart capacity)

- **Musher's Food** – 1 day supply of emergency food for the musher.
- **Extra Clothing** - Life-threatening hypothermia can develop rapidly when clothing becomes wet due to weather conditions or excessive perspiration. Therefore, Can-Am Crown strongly recommends that each musher carry a complete change of clothing in a waterproof container.

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. If a driver drops any dogs at Village Road, they must still have at least 4 pulling dogs when they leave Village Road. For more specifics see the General Rules: Treatment of Dogs.

Teams MUST **NOT** RETURN to the Main Street start.

Outside Assistance

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

Withdrawal From the Race

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

Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded to the twelve teams with the best finish times. If there are less than 12 finishers in a race, Can-Am Crown reserves the right to determine how the prize money will be allocated.

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

Awards Ceremony

The awards ceremony and brunch will take place on Sunday at the time and place in specified in **CAC Date Supplement 30-3.**

Appendix A: ISDVMA Evaluation Criteria

International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association

The following are criteria the ISDVMA uses to evaluate the health and welfare of dogs and teams in competition and to determine the fitness of any dog or team to continue:

A. Evaluation of overall body condition:

1. Obese, heavy layer of fat covering ribs and all boney protuberances, making palpation difficult.
2. A layer of fat covering the ribs and boney protuberances but can palpate without difficulty.
3. A thin layer of body fat, but all areas are easily palpated.
4. No obvious body fat, no intercostal concavity. Boney protuberances seen.
5. No body fat, intercostal concavity and boney protuberances very prominent.
6. A change in 2 positions may result in a dog being held or dropped from the event. Any dog in category 5 will be dropped from competition unless sufficient layover time is used to upgrade the animal's condition.

B. Vital signs which may render a dog subject to disqualification:

1. Dehydration

a. 10-12% - Severe loss of skin elasticity, capillary refill time >3 seconds, markedly sunken eyeballs, shock in debilitated animals, involuntary muscle twitching, cold extremities.

b. 7-8% - Definite inelasticity of skin, capillary refill time 2-3 seconds, slight

c. 5% - Slightly doughy inelasticity of skin, dry mucous membranes. Drop or rehydrate before continuing.

2. Abnormal heart rate - irregular and/or a heart rate that does not decrease below 120 bpm after 1 hour and capillary refill time remains elevated.
3. Body temperature greater than 103°F after one hour.
4. Hypothermia as indicated by a rectal temperature of less than 99°F
5. Lung sounds with evidence of edema, rales or cough.
6. Non-responsive diarrhea with blood.
6. Red or brown urine
7. Frostbite injuries that cannot be protected from refreezing or are accompanied by substantial swelling
8. Illnesses/injuries requiring treatment with pharmaceuticals not available at a checkpoint or which would result in a positive drug test

C. Lameness:

Any non-weight bearing lameness renders a dog subject to disqualification. Pain and/or swelling, accompanied by lameness also can render a dog subject to disqualification. Any loss of range of motion or symmetry will be considered in evaluating lameness and ability to continue. Shoulder injuries should be considered the most serious in evaluating the ability to continue.

D. Mental attitude:

There is to be no dragging of teams or dogs out of check points. A sled dog's desire should be to continue the event; when that desire is sufficiently diminished and repeated attempts to leave end in failure, that team or dog is then discouraged from leaving.

E. Drug policy:

No dog participating in a race shall carry in its body any drug substance, its metabolites or analogs which are foreign to the natural dog as excepted by race veterinarians and race committee.

F. Dropped dog policy:

It is expected that race animals dropped from competition during an event are cared for as directed by a veterinarian. All efforts will be made on the part of the total race organization and participants to provide adequate care, assuring that all dropped dogs will regain normal function as soon as possible.

Any of the criteria in this guideline, plus anorexia and exhaustion, will lead to a deterioration in the dog’s desire to continue and will further render the dog subject to disqualification.

Appendix B Witness / Complaint Form

This form must be submitted immediately to the Checkpoint Coordinator, Race Marshal or Judge at the next checkpoint. Anyone who files a false report may be fined $20

I, _____(Print name) ,witnessed the following in the Can Am Crown _____ Race.

Individuals Involved or Witnesses

Print name (Bib # if a musher) and Position / Capacity (Musher, Veterinarian, Official, Volunteer, or Witness)

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Description of Incident

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(Continue on reverse if necessary.)

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Signature of Complainant Date & Time

	By Name	Date & Time
Received at Checkpoint		
Race Marshal Notified		
Can Am Central Notified		

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Appendix C : Musher Resignation Form

I, _____ Bib # _____

In the Can Am Crown _____ Sled Dog Race do hereby voluntarily resign from the race and waive all entitlement to prize money, trophies or other rewards for my participation.

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Signature of Musher

_____
Can-Am Crown Officer

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Witness

_____
Date and Time

Location: _____

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If available, give the GPS coordinates of the point where the musher scratched. Otherwise, describe the location.

To Scratch: Remove the form, sign it and present it to a Can-Am Crown race official or call Can Am Central at (207) 834-5626

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Appendix D: Suggestions and Notes

Can-Am Crown Directors are always looking for ways to improve the races. Please let us know what we are doing right, what we are doing wrong, and what needs improvement.

Which Race(s)? ☐ 250 ☐ 100 ☐ 30

This page may be removed and presented to a race official.

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