

# White Oak Sled Dog Classic

*The White Oak Sled Dog Classic is a premier winter event in the Mid-west, with the cooperation of our area communities this event will be “A Unique Minnesota Experience”.*

## GENERAL RULES

**The intent of the rules and the spirit of the event will be maintained by the official race marshal and judges.**

### Conditions of Entry

**Drivers** - Each driver agrees to hold White Oak Sled Dog Classic., 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 White Oak Sled Dog Classic., sponsors and agents and employees from any claim or demand resulting from injury to the driver, his/her dogs, or his/her property.

Further, White Oak Sled Dog Classic. Drivers shall wear number or bibs at the race start and through out the event as requested by the White Oak Classic. Before participating in a White Oak Classic Sled Dog Race a driver must be qualified for the event they wish to enter.

A musher must be at least 18 years old unless a waiver is obtained from the White Oak Sled Dog Classic. The Race Marshall has the right to reject or accept any application.

Receipt of the entry fee and completed entry form will confirm that the musher intends to enter the event and agrees to comply with all event rules. Upon receipt and acceptance of the fee and entry form, White Oak Classic will confirm the entry. **Bib numbers will be given in order of musher sign up!!**

Each event will start as scheduled unless a majority of the White Oak Classic Board of Directors agrees that conditions warrant a delay. In no case will a race start be delayed more than 24 hours. If a White Oak Classic event is canceled, then the entry fees for that race will be refunded in full. WOC will provide each driver with an official number to display on his/her sled.

Drivers must be prepared to start as scheduled. Any driver who cannot leave as scheduled will be rotated to the end of the starting lineup, but the driver's recorded start time shall remain unchanged.

Upon approval by the Race Marshal, substitution of qualified drivers may be made at the Musher meeting before the event starts.

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

All winners must attend the awards ceremony to receive their prize/money.

### **Dogs**

10 dog pro must finish with 6 dogs in harness:

8 dog pro must finish with 5 dogs in harness:

Recreation and Trophy teams are 6 dogs maximum at start and must finish with 4 dogs in harness:

To be eligible for the big dog award you must have at least four of the dogs in your team classified as a big dog (malamute, Samoyeds, Inuit or large Siberians) if any questions as to your dog teams qualification the White Oak will have a committee to access your team. There will be awards to the fastest big dog team in each of the Trophy and Recreational class.

Note: We will have a judge at the start to determine if your dog team qualifies as a large breed team. Judges decision is final. Remember it is the Spirit of the rule that prevails here.

Any Veterinarian has the authority to remove any dog from the race that they feel is in the best interest of the dog. This can be done at any time before or during the event. Any dogs that are not in the event but are with the handlers will be marked out before the race.

All dogs must be available for a Vet check before the start of the event.

No drugs or other artificial means may be used to drive a dog beyond its natural ability. Before the start of the event, the Chief Veterinarian must be notified of any dog receiving any prescribed medications. Such medications must be entered into the Mushers veterinary diary. The following drugs are permitted:

- - Topical medications (except DMSO)

- - Dewormers
- - Antibiotics (except procaine penicillin)
- - Anti-diarrheas (except those with salicylates, e.g., Pepto-Bismol)
- - Estrus suppressants (such as Ova ban 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.

All dogs will be marked before leaving the starting line.

### **Vaccinations**

All dogs entered in the event shall have had DHLPP (distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, Para influenza, and parvovirus) vaccinations within the 12 months previous to the race. Owners who vaccinate their own dogs shall submit purchase invoices and organized medical records indicating that each dog has been vaccinated within the prescribed time period.

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

Drivers must provide proofs of vaccination at the pre-event examination.

Bordetella and Corona virus immunizations are recommended.

Most event-related veterinary expenses are paid by White Oak Classic. However, drivers are expected to pay extraordinary veterinary expenses they might incur during the event. White Oak Classic may, at its discretion, charge a driver for any medical supplies administered to a team before the start of the event. Prize moneys will be awarded minus any unpaid veterinary expenses charged to the driver.

### **Race Marshal and Officials**

The Race Marshal shall resolve disputes among drivers and interpret the event rules in regard to infractions and penalties. It is the spirit of the event that will determine any action if it is needed to resolve any disputes. The Race Marshal also has the authority to establish rules to cover special or unforeseen situations. The Race Marshal has the ultimate authority in all disputes from the start of the race to the finish. Judges that are appointed by the Race Marshal also have the authority to administer any decisions needed to make sure that the rules are followed.

Dogs shall be dropped only at designated checkpoints at any time during the event. The Race Marshal, Judges or Veterinarian can pull any dog from the events after consulting with the musher.