

BURGER RUN

2018 RACE RULES

Celebrate the memory of Annette Verbanac by racing your team
from Pleasant Valley Store to Angel Creek Lodge.

RACE RULES

Qualifications: All drivers must be members in good standing with the TRDMA. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age by the start of the race. Underage mushers must have board permission to participate.

Race Details: The race will start at Pleasant Valley Store and end at Angel Creek Lodge. This is a fun run. All mushers receive burger tickets with coffee, tea or soda at Angel Creek Lodge

Fees: The entry fee (mushers and skijorers) is \$30 for members. For membership, please see our [online information](#).

Same-day race signs up will be available. You must have a current membership.

Purse: There's no purse for this race; however, prizes will be given out for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Red Lantern. Prizes are from, Besty Bear Creations, 2 Hound Designs, and Raven's Brew Coffee from Pleasant Valley Store. Skijorer prizes are from Java Shop.

Draw for start position: 10:00 A.M. Skijorers will draw after.

Mandatory Musher meeting following the bib draw: Attendance at the drivers' meeting at 10:15 A.M. is mandatory.

Race cancellation: If the temperature at Pleasant Valley Store is colder than -25 degrees Fahrenheit at 11:00 A.M, the race start may be canceled. The race marshal will poll the participants to obtain a consensus. After the race is started, it will continue regardless of temperatures.

GENERAL RACE RULES

Mandatory gear: Cooker and fuel, food sufficient for one feeding, cold weather sleeping bag, ax, snowshoes, eight booties per dog, headlamp, snow hook, ability to stake out dog team.

One driver per team: Only one driver per team.

Following the trail: All teams must follow the trail as marked. Deviations/shorter routes will be assessed a penalty. Every effort will be made to keep trail markers in place, but TRDMA cannot be responsible for acts of nature or malicious acts. Two stakes on the side of the trail the turn is on will mark turns; e.g. a left turn will have two markers side-by-side on the left hand side of the trail; a right turn will have markers on the right. Intersections that are to be traveled straight through will have a single marker on the right and left side of the trail.

Trail right-of-way: When one team approaches to within 50 feet of another team, the team behind shall have the immediate right-of-way upon demand, except within one mile of the finish line. The driver ahead must stop his or her dogs and hold them to the best of his or her ability for a maximum of one minute or until the other team has passed, whichever occurs first. The passed team must remain behind at least five minutes before demanding trail right-of-way. Teams that do not yield will be penalized.

Littering prohibited: A minimum 30-minute time penalty will be assessed for littering on the trail. Booties are considered litter. Drivers are ultimately responsible for the cleaning for their staging areas.

Number of dogs: Teams must have no fewer than five, and no more than 12 dogs to start the race. No dogs may be added to a team after the start.

No loose leaders: Loose leaders are not allowed. A driver must make every effort to secure a dog that becomes loose.

SKIJORING RULES

Number of dogs: One dog minimum, three dogs maximum. No loose leaders. No dogs may be added to a team after the start of the race. Dogs must be in the skijorer's control at all times. No switching of dogs between skijorers is permitted. All dogs must finish the race.

Mandatory Gear: Working headlamp, Snow hook, cable gang lines or picket lines to stake dogs at checkpoints or other campsites, assigned starting bib that must be visible at all times. Skijorers will be permitted to carry a set of replacement skis. Metal-edged skis are permitted.

All other general rules concerning dog care, procedures, littering and behavior on the trail apply to skijorers as well as mushers as far as applicable. Skijorers are responsible for the hauling and caring of themselves and their dogs.

RUNNING THE RACE

Race start: Race will start at 11 A.M. on Saturday, Febr. 24, 2018

Time penalties: All time penalties accrued will be applied at the finish.

Protests: A driver may protest any action of a competitor that he/she feels is contrary to the intent of these rules. To be recognized as a legitimate protest, the infraction(s) observed by a musher must be presented to a race official in writing as soon as is practicable after finishing, and in no case more than 24 hours after a musher finishes the race. The race marshal's decision shall be final.

DOG CARE

Mistreatment prohibited: Mistreatment of dogs will cause immediate disqualification from the race. Such an action will also be reported to all major race organizations. The race marshal will have absolute authority over this matter.

Signal whips: Signal whips will not be permitted.

Dog drops: Injured, sick or fatigued dogs must be carried in the sled or dog bag. Dogs cannot be led behind a sled.

Expired dogs: Any dog that expires during the race for any reason must be taken to the next checkpoint or returned to the checkpoint last passed and submitted to the race marshal, a judge, or a race veterinarian. A licensed veterinary pathologist or veterinarian will perform a necropsy on all expired dogs. The driver will be responsible for necropsy expenses. The death of any dog may result in the disqualification of the driver, and/or prohibition from entering future races.

Race assistance: No planned help is allowed during the race. No driver may receive outside assistance except for starting and finishing the race, if a team is unmanageable, or if an emergency exists. No driver will accept any assistance from a motorized vehicle, including pacing. A lost team will not be disqualified if the driver regains control of it, provided the team and driver complete the course and comply with rules. A driver may receive assistance from another driver in recovering a lost team.

Courteous behavior: All drivers shall conduct themselves in a courteous and honorable manner at all times. Officials, media, volunteers and fans are all equal participants in the race and it is the driver's responsibility to maintain a courteous rapport with them at all times.

Race Description: The trail route departs east from Pleasant Valley Store to the 27 mile Chena Hot Springs Road crossing. After the road crossing, the trail will head straight to Angel Creek Lodge. The distance from the road crossing to Angel Creek Lodge is approximately 30-32 miles.