

ADULT RACE

Part One: Driver Qualifications

1. No driver under 18 years of age will be allowed to compete without the approval of the NKC Board of Directors. All drivers must be current members of the Nome Kennel Club.
2. The Race Marshall may refuse the entry of any musher at the drawing or before the race if, in the opinion of the judges or marshall, the condition of the driver and/or their equipment constitutes a hazard and/or delaying factor to themselves or other entrants in the race.
3. Each musher must understand the race rules.

Part Two: Conditions for Racing

1. The minimum number of dogs to start with is 3 and the maximum number of dogs to start with is 6.
2. Each team must have a sled or toboggan with a brush bow, operating foot brake, and hook.
4. As this is a fun run, and one to promote learning in new mushers, drivers can receive assistance from race officials on the trail without penalty. Each driver may have one self-appointed handler to assist the driver and team out of the starting chute if necessary.
5. All dogs must either have a City of Nome dog license, or proof of canine parvovirus and rabies vaccinations within the past year.

Part Three: Race Rules

1. Race will start from the Nome Snow Dump on March 6th at 11:00 am.
2. Racers will leave in 2 min increments.
3. The race will follow a 4-mile loop course staked with NKC trail stakes. Turns will be clearly marked and gated with snow fencing.
4. No force may be used to control dogs in the race, at the starting line, or in the holding area. Beating or abuse of a dog must be distinguished from cuffing or appropriate discipline of a dog. No whips are allowed. The following kinds of force will be cause for immediate disqualification:
 1. Kicking a dog
 2. Striking a dog with any rigid object
 3. Beating a dog in any form, including picking up and throwing a dog to the ground.

5. A musher will be responsible for their team in the event any dog in their team becomes aggressive and causes damage to another team. The musher determined by official ruling to have the aggressive dog will be responsible for financial compensation of all medical and transportation expenses to repair all damages caused by their animal. If the musher does not comply with this ruling they will be banned from all NKC races in the future.
6. When one team overtakes another, the team behind shall have the right of way upon demand by calling "trail". The musher ahead must stop their dogs such that the team behind may easily pass. If the passed team hangs on for five minutes or one mile, they shall have the right to demand the trail again but cannot pass for any reason prior to that. The passed team must stay behind the forward team by at least 50 feet.
7. If a team catches another team but cannot pass or chooses not to pass, the team in the rear must stay behind the front team by at least 100 feet.
8. The first part of the lead dog that crosses the finish line will mark the racer's finish time.
9. Every person entering or driving a team in the race will be required to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike, fair and honorable manner, under penalty of forfeiture of prize, racing privileges or other penalties at the Race Marshall's discretion.

JUNIOR RACE

Part One: Driver Qualifications

1. 4-7 year olds can compete with 1 dog
2. 8-17 year olds can compete with 2-3 dogs

Part Two: Conditions for Racing

1. All racers must have some experience being on a sled and must be approved before the race begins by the Nome Kennel Club Community Engagement Team. All racers must demonstrate the ability to use the foot brake, and 8-17 year old racers must demonstrate the ability to place, pull, and safely stow a snowhook.
2. The Race Marshall may refuse the entry of any musher at the drawing or before the race if, in the opinion of the judges or marshal, the condition of the driver and/or their equipment constitutes a hazard and/or delaying factor to themselves or other entrants in the race.
3. All dogs must either have a City of Nome dog license, or proof of canine parvovirus and rabies vaccinations within the past year.
4. As this is a fun run, and one to promote learning in new mushers, racers can receive assistance from race officials on the trail without penalty. Each driver may have one self-appointed handler to assist the driver and team out of the starting chute if necessary.

Part Three: Race Rules

1. Racers will leave one at a time, waiting for the previous musher to finish before leaving the start chute.
2. The 4-7 year old race will start at the Nome Snow Dump on March 7th at 11:00am, and will be 200 yards. The 8-18 year old race will start at the Nome Snow Dump on March 7th at 12:00 pm, and will be 2 miles.
3. Junior racers will not be allowed to race unless a parent, guardian or an adult authorized by the parent or guardian is present at the race.
4. The first part of the lead dog that crosses the finish line will mark the racer's finish time.
5. Every person entering or driving a team in the race will be required to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike, fair and honorable manner, under penalty of forfeiture of prize, racing privileges or other penalties in NKC races at the Race Marshall's discretion.

SKIJORING AND BIKEJORING RACE

(Based on ISDRA race rules)

Part One: Driver / Team Qualifications

1. No skijorer / bikejorer under 18 years of age will be allowed to compete without the approval of the NKC Board of Directors. All skijorers/bikejorers must be current Nome Kennel Club Members.
2. The Race Marshall may refuse the entry of any musher at the drawing or before the race if, in the opinion of the judges or marshal, the condition of the driver and/or their equipment constitutes a hazard and/or delaying factor to themselves or other entrants in the race.
3. Each musher must understand the race rules.
4. All dogs must either have a City of Nome dog license, or proof of canine parvovirus and rabies vaccinations within the past year.

Part 2: Drawing

1. Drawing for the starting order of the skijoring class shall be by skijoring team size, two (2) dog and one (1) dog, then for the bikejoring class, by bikejoring team size, two (2) dog and one (1) dog.

Part 3: Team Size & Equipment

Skijoring:

1. Skijoring teams shall consist of a maximum of two (2) dogs and a minimum of one (1) dog. Bikejoring teams shall consist of a maximum of two (2) dogs and a minimum of one (1) dog.
2. Skijoring teams must be attached via harness and tow-line to the skijorer's belt in a safe and secure manner, leaving the skijorer's hands free of the line. The line length shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet and a maximum of twelve (12) feet as measured from the skiers belt buckle to the snap on the dog's harness.
3. As this is a short race on established trails, for the safety of the dogs, no skis with metal edges will be permitted.
4. The minimum width of the skijoring belt across the back shall be three (3) inches. In the interest of safety, there must be a release device within arm's length of the skijorer.

Bikejoring:

1. Bikejoring teams must be attached to a fatbike with a minimum tire size of 4'' and

working handlebar brakes.

2. The line length shall be a minimum of seven (7) feet and a maximum of twelve (12) feet as measured from the bike handlebars to the snap on the dog's harness.

Part 4: Race Course & Date

1. The race will begin at the Nome Snow Dump, on March 6 at 1:00PM.
2. The race will follow a 4-mile loop course staked with NKC trail stakes. Turns will be clearly marked and gated with snow fencing.

Part 5: Starting & Finishing

1. The tips of the skijorer's skis / bikejorer's front tire shall determine the starting point of the team.
2. The nose of the Lead Dog(s) shall determine the finish time of the team.

Part 6: Passing

1. Skijorers / bikejorers need not come to a full stop, but must slow, yield the trail and give immediate right-of-way upon demand. Once a team has been passed, that team shall not repass for two (2) minutes or one-half (1/2) mile except by mutual agreement of both drivers. Unless passing or in the no-right-a-way zone, a competitor must maintain a minimum distance of twenty (20) feet between his/her dogs and the skijorer / bikejorer in front.