

# **GIN GIN 120**

## **Rules & Pre- Race**

### **Signing Up For GG120**

Open to all women participants 18yrs. & older. Entries accepted until 8:00am Saturday Dec. 9th 2006 or until 30 teams are entered. There will be a 10- team waiting list if necessary. Drivers must complete the entry form & submit it to the race organization to be considered officially on the wait list. Entry Fee \$ 225.00

### **Mandatory Driver's meeting**

8:00 am at Meier's Lake Roadhouse Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Milepost 171 Richardson Hwy

### **Race Cancellation**

Temperature Minimum -40 on Meier's Lake at 9:00am  
Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### **Vet Check**

8:30am- 9:30am at race start. Proof of Rabies vaccinations must be ready available at vet check. Dogs will be checked for health and fitness. Dogs considered unfit will not be allowed to start. Decision of the race director concerning this are considered final.

### **Mandatory Gear:**

Snowshoes- 250 sq. " minimum.  
Axe- 22 " minimum  
Cooker- 3-gallon capacity minimum  
Cooking Gear- heat source  
Booties- 8 per dog at start **and** at restart  
Snow Hooks- 2 required  
Headlamps- 2 required  
Start Bib- available at all times  
Dog food- 5 lbs per dog at start – minimum 1lb per dog at restart.  
Personal Food- minimum 4000 calories

### **Mandatory gear:**

All gear will be checked at race start and Maclaren River.

### **Trail Etiquette:**

Trail must be kept clear at all times- teams resting and snacking must leave room for passing teams. Overtaking teams have the immediate right –of-way except within 1 mile of the finish line. Overtaken teams shall assist in passing & hold their teams if requested.

**Littering:** A 35-minute time penalty for littering.

### **Dogs:**

10 dog max, 8 dog minimum. Drivers must finish with at least 6 dogs on the towline. No loose dogs. Teams must be adequately secured at the layover. Drivers are responsible.

### **Dog Care:**

Mistreatment of dogs will cause immediate disqualification. No whips, jinglers ect are prohibited. Drivers are responsible for her dog's own well being. All undetectable drugs are prohibited – no drugs or artificial means may be used drive dogs beyond their natural ability. Oral or topical drugs that mask or suppress signs of injury/illness are prohibited.

### **Expired dogs:**

Submitted immediately to the care of the race organization. A necropsy will be performed at the driver's expense. A dog death may result in disqualification or censure.

### **Sleds:**

One sled with adequate brush bow and breaking device. 5-foot basket minimum. Repairs to be done by driver –help from other race participants are allowed. Sled, gear, equipment must be in good repair as determined by the race organization.

## **Assistance:**

No planned outside assistance. Drivers may receive assistance in recovering a lost team. Any means in recovering a lost team is permissible except that time penalties may accrue if it is determined by the race organization.

## **Trail:**

Teams must follow the trail as marked.

## **Food Drop-** None

## **New! Dog Drop**

No dog drop without vet's approval. Dog drop at Maclaren River Lodge checkpoint for a transport fee of \$100.00 per dog, no time penalty will be given. Dog must be dropped with a cable drop.

## **Start & Running the Race**

**Mass Start.** Meier's Lake at mile 171 Richardson Hwy, 10:00 am

**Layover:** Mandatory 8 hour at Maclaren River Lodge. Approx. 72 miles from the start.

**Finish:** Meier's Lake Roadhouse – 1<sup>st</sup> team across the finish line- all dogs & driver.

**Checkpoints:** 1 checkpoint @ Maclaren River Lodge.

Check-in & Check –out: Drivers must personally sign in and out. Drivers are considered checked in when all mandatory gear is verified. Campsites must be cleaned of trash, but straw will be cleaned by race organization.

**Penalties:** Penalties may be assigned for littering, unsportsmanlike conduct and other trail infractions. They may be applied at mandatory layovers or at the finish.

**Protests:** Protest must be presented to the race director within 1 hour of finish.

**Appeals:** Appeals must be presented to the race director within 24 hours of the awards banquet.

**New!** The **GIN GIN 120** is approx. 142 miles out and back. I've had to move the start from Paxson Lake to Meier's Lake to accommodate more teams and parking availability.

*Who is GIN GIN?*

**GIN GIN 120 is named after a remarkable dog who dominated a dog kennel for over 10 years. She was an inspiration both on the trail and in the yard. She was a dog with unanswering loyalty & stubbornness. She did not know "quit". Her ability, drive & attitude should serve as an example to women dog drivers everywhere.**

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Rooms available at Maclaren River Lodge for handlers-they must phone ahead to make a reservation- Al or Susie. 907. 822.5444

Cabin's available for rent in Paxson or Maclaren River, email Zoya for more info.