Taiga Spring Break 300
Rules

Entries

The Taiga Spring Break is sponsored and operated by the Gin Gin 120 Race organization. The entry fee for the Spring Break will be $300. Entry fees will be 50% refundable up until the drivers meeting should a driver be unable to attend. Entrants must be a member of the Gin Gin Race Organization. The membership fee is $15 and will be good for one year. Receipt of the entry fee and a signed entry form will constitute drivers agreement and compliance with race rules and conditions set forth.. Entries will be accepted up until the end of the Drivers meeting. The Drivers meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday,April 1st, 2008 at Wolverene Lodge on Lake Louise.

Start/Race Format/Finish

Race start will be 11:00a.m. April 1, 2008. There will be a timed start at 2 minute intervals. Times will be equalized at the first mandatory layover. Layovers will be at Wolverene Lodge--6 hours, Maclaren Lodge--8 hours, and again at Maclaren Lodge for 4 hours. The race will cover 312 miles in segments of 50, 110, 30, and 110 miles.
No planned help is allowed at any time during the race.

Food Drops

Food drops must be bagged and left in a designated place at Wolverene Lodge by 10:00 a.m. April 1, 2008. Drivers are responsible for providing their own straw at the Wolverene Checkpoint. There will be no food drop at the Maclaren Checkpoint. Drivers must haul their own supplies to Maclaren but need not continue to haul them on the loop out from Maclaren. Straw will provided at the Maclaren stop.

Purse

The purse will pay 5 places consisting of 65% of the entry fees collected. 1st--30%, 2nd--25%, 3rd--20%, 4th--15%, and 5th 10%.

Dogs

>All dogs must be current with rabies, distemper and Parvo vacinations.
>12- dog maximum, 8-dog minimum. Teams must finish with 7 dogs in team.
>Dogs may be dropped at the Wolverene and Maclaren checkpoints. There will be a $50 drop fee for dogs dropped at the Maclaren checkpoint.
>Dogs dropped at the Wolverene Checkpoint are the responsibility of the musher.
>Dogs may not run loose or be led behind the sled.
> Dogs carried in the sled must be secured and covered.
>Inhumane treatment of dogs will result in disqualification.
> Whips and jinglers will not be permitted.
>The same dogs must be used throughout the race.
>Dog deaths for any reason other than a vehicular accident or a moose incident will precipitate withdrawal from the Taiga Spring Break.

> No products that mask signs of injury will be permitted. No injectibles. The drug policies of the Yukon Quest will be followed.

Gear and Procedure

One sled is to be used throughout the race; the driver will be responsible for all repairs. Drivers may receive assistance with repairs at checkpoints with approval of the Race Marshal.
Sled needs be equipped with a working brake and brush bow.
Mandatory gear shall include: snowshoes with a minimum area of 250 sq. inches, axe with a minimum length of 22 inches, a cold weather sleeping bag and 8 booties per dog--leaving a checkpoint. A cooker capable of melting snow is strongly suggested.
There will be a 30 minute time penalty for missing mandatory gear, assessed at the next mandatory layover or the finish, whichever applies.
Littering will result in a one hour time penalty.
Drivers must sign in and out of all checkpoints.
Layover time begins after completion of the mandatory gear check.
Drivers must keep clear of the trail when resting or snacking.
Standard passing procedures will apply. No Man's Land will be Lake Louise on the return leg.

Race Officials/Scratches/Protests

The Race Marshal will be in charge of all aspects of the race from the time of the drivers meeting until the Awards presentation. Decisions of the Race Marshal, Judges and Officials will be final. The Race Veterinarian will have the final say on dog issues.

Drivers may protest any decisions made by the Race organization and/or report rules violations in writing to the Race Marshal at any time up until the beginning of the awards presentation. Drivers will have the opportunity to personally present and discuss any claims or violations with the Race Marshal.

Drivers wishing to scratch or withdraw should notify a race official at the nearest checkpoint.

Sportsmanship is paramount. Drivers and handlers are expected to be courteous at all times. This race is designed to be fun! Please conduct yourself accordingly.

These rules are intended to guide the Race Marshal and race organization throughout the running of the race. The Race Marshal and organization has the right to make non-rule, on the spot decisions regarding all aspects of this race deemed to be for the good of the race and it's entrants.

Drivers agree to hold the Gin Gin 120 Organization, The Taiga Spring Break, their members, all race personel, volunteers and sponsors harmless from any claim or demand

based on any alleged action or inaction by the driver, his/her dogs, agents or others acting on his/her behalf. The driver also agrees to release the Gin Gin Organization, The Taiga Spring Break, paticipants, their members, race sponsors, volunteers, officials, agents and employees from any claim or demand resulting from injury to the driver, his/her dogs, or his/her property.

Signature of entrant:_____

Printed name of entrant:_____

Date:_____