

EVENT: THE HENREY JOHN WILLIAMS MEMORIAL DOG TEAM RACE

TEAM COMPOSITION: 1 COMPETITOR

CLASSIFICATION: OPTIONAL

**1. Competition Format:**

Course:

The dog-team race will be hosted on Terrington Basin in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. The race will run from the docks to Rabbit Island and back, a distance of approximately 15km in each direction. The total race will run for 30km's.

Competitors will compete in one race for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

**2. Rules:**

- A. At the start of the race the competitor's sled must be behind the starting line and the driver must be on the sled when it crosses the start line. Other than this the driver may be off the sled at any time he/she wishes.
- B. Each team must consist of a maximum of four dogs of any variety of breed and **drivers may bring NO MORE THAN FOUR dogs to Goose Bay.**
- C. Teams will start the race together.
- D. During the race, each team and its driver shall have all of the assistance they desire, subject to the following rules:
  - 1) No team shall be allowed to secure any other team to haul any of its dogs or driver.
  - 2) Only the driver may take hold of the sled during the race and it is the responsibility of the driver to prevent interference.
  - 3) In the case that a dog team becomes entangled with another team prior to or at the start of the race on the starting line, only the driver and two assistants from each team may free the teams.
  - 4) **During the start of the race two assistants are permitted to hold the lead dog while the team is in its berth. Once the race has started the assistants must promptly clear the berth area without causing interference.**
- E. No sticks, switches or any other items may be used to strike the dogs. The penalty for this infraction is the immediate disqualification of the competitor and a loss of community points.

- F. All participants entering or driving a team in the race will be required to conduct themselves in a perfectly fair and honorable manner [under penalty of disqualification and forfeiture of position and community points.]
- G. A competitor completes the race when he/she completely crosses the finish line with his/her dogs and sled. The **finish line will be a clearly defined line with flags at each end so it may be easily seen from a distance.** The driver must be on his/her sled when crossing the finish line.
- H. Any team leaving the race after it has started and thereby failing to complete the race will be classified as DNF.
- I. The final compilation of times will determine the finishing position of each team and the community points to be awarded.
- J. All teams must report to the starting area 30 minutes prior to the start of the race and the race will start on time. A 15 minute grace period will be granted and any driver who arrives during this time will be given permission to race, provided he is on the course before the 15 minute grace period has elapsed, but his/her time will have started with the beginning of the race.

## 1. General Information:

Note: The 2016 Games will introduce a “Most Traditional Dog-Team” award to the dog-team event. Teams that use traditional lashings, sleds, and other techniques and materials used for dog-sledding in Labrador will be automatically entered into the running for the award. A committee will make the final decision and award the team the prize.

- A. Chain Drugs will NOT be allowed.
- B. Drivers will be given a \$40.00 feeding allowance with which to buy food for their dogs. It should be clearly understood that the Games Association is in no way responsible for feeding, housing or purchasing food for the team.
- C. Komatiks must be at least **7 feet long and 2 feet wide** on the boards and will be measured prior to the start of the race.
- D. Dog teams will be off-loaded from trucks prior to the start of the race. At the completion of the race, dog teams will be returned and loaded into trucks.
- E. Two snowmobiles, approximately 300-400 yards away, will travel on either side of the dog teams.

**AT ALL TIMES THE SAFETY OF THE DOGS, DRIVERS AND SPECTATORS WILL BE PARAMOUNT. THE COORDINATOR OF THE EVENT MAY TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION FOR THE PROVISION OF SAFETY FOR ALL CONCERNED.**

## 4. Community Ranking:

Points will be awarded as per the Labrador Winter Game points system.