

*Race Marshall message to Lake Memorial competitors:*

Welcome to the first race of the new year held Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1! It is a rare year that we have such a quantity of snow on the Lake Memorial race trail.

Please read the following points so you are ready for the race.

1. Race sign-ups will take place on Thursday, December 29 at the ASDRA clubhouse on Tudor Road. Sign-ups will be open at 6:30 PM and the draw for position will take place after a short membership meeting at around 7:30. Competitors may sign-up in person or by proxy.
2. Post entries are allowed according to ASDRA guidelines: **post entries for the limited classes (4, 6, 8 dog) are accepted up to 10 AM; entries for the open race are accepted up to 1 PM. All drivers must have their fees paid before competing.**
3. **Drivers who must unexpectedly scratch from the race can do so without penalty by 10 AM for all limited classes and up to 1 PM for the open class** by calling the race marshall (Janet Clarke, 230-5441) or the clubhouse (562-2235).
4. The driver's meeting for limited teams will be at 10:30. The open driver's meeting will be at 1:15.
5. The 3-dog Recreational class will start at 11 AM and that class will run the 2.3 mile trail. The start time for the 4-dog (running 4 mile trail) ,6-dog class (running the 6 mile trail) and the 8-dog class (running the 8 mile trail) will be announced at sign-ups. Limited class teams will leave the start line at 1 minute intervals.
6. The open class will start at 2 PM and run the 12 mile trail. Open teams will leave the start line at 2 minute intervals.
7. Please check your equipment. All sleds must have a brake, a brush bow and a sled bag that can completely contain a dog. Recheck that your gangline is intact and that all dogs running in the team have necklines. Be sure that no part of the line is chain.
8. The race rules revised this fall are posted on the ASDRA website. Please review the rules before the day of the race.

9. I invite all of you to consider ways to volunteer over this weekend. ASDRA relies on volunteers for all trail guard positions and each year, the number of culverts, bridges, road crossings and multi-use trail crossings increase. Please help so that all competitors experience a safe and rewarding race weekend.
10. Anyone interested in timing or announcing during the season should attend a short workshop on Thursday at 5:30 PM at the Clubhouse. Additionally, we will hold a very brief trail volunteer meeting after the draw. We welcome your volunteerism. Please, please, please - we need you.

The race crew looks forward to an exciting weekend on ASDRA trails. Let's race!

Janet Clarke, Race Marshall