



**2019 Iron Dog®
Pro Class Official Race Rules**

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NEW ITEMS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW

REGISTRATION BEGINS: September 7, 2018

REGISTRATION ENDS: October 31, 2018

TEAM NUMBERS RELEASED

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Iron Dog®[®], Inc. is dedicated to providing a reliable, consistent, safe and honorable cross-country snowmobile race and recreational ride in Alaska. This is a team race, consisting of two (2) persons and two (2) snowmobiles (track driven and ski steered). Recreational Class teams may include two (2) or more persons, but each person must have their own snowmobile. These participants will brave subzero cold, bad visibility, and deep snow to push their snowmobiles and bodies to the limits to reach the finish line. It is the World's Longest, Toughest Snowmobile Race, and it is a true test of human and equipment endurance. **All participants (Racers) will treat Race Officials with respect and recognize their decisions as final at all times. Each participant is required to read in its entirety: these Iron Dog® Event Rules** and all registration documents, release forms and waivers of liability.

Each applicant acknowledges receipt of the current Iron Dog® event rules upon entry and is applicable to all race and recreational classes. **Racers accept and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of these Iron Dog® rules and regulations.**

Each participant acknowledges that: Iron Dog® has limited resources; is dependent on donors for a significant portion of its funding; functions with limited employed staff and hundreds of volunteers under only limited control of Iron Dog®; and must organize the event in some of the most remote and uninhabited locations in Alaska in the most severe weather conditions. Under these circumstances, Iron Dog® cannot and does not commit to perform obligations or responsibilities of any kind.

Iron Dog® disclaims all obligations and responsibilities of every kind and nature. While Iron Dog® will attempt to perform all tasks it undertakes with reasonable care and effort, as determined in its sole and absolute discretion, it shall owe no duty of any kind or nature to participants and it shall perform only such acts it deems necessary at its sole and absolute discretion. Racers shall have no claims, demands, suits or actions ("claims") of any kind or nature against Iron Dog®, its agents, servants, employees, directors, officers, contractors or volunteers, regardless of whether any such claim is in the nature of contract, tort or other type of claim, and regardless of whether any such claim is for injury or damage to person or property,

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The disclaimers, the limit on claims, and the agreement to release, indemnify, defend and hold harmless set forth herein shall apply to every act and omission of Iron Dog®, Inc. its agents, servants, employees, directors, officers, contractors and volunteers, including, by way of example only, acts and omissions in planning, organizing, facilitating, staging, conducting, and judging the race and other Iron Dog®, Inc. events, and shall survive conclusion of the race and termination of the relationship between Iron Dog®, Inc. and participant. Each participant accepts and assumes all risks in any way arising from, related to, or connected with participation in any Iron Dog® Inc. event and each participant is encouraged to obtain and maintain appropriate insurance covering all such risks.

1. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY

- 1.1. Participants (**racers**), **racer's crew** and or approved persons allowed in the race paddock, staging and course must read and agree to liability release terms by signing a waiver form.
- 1.2. **All required forms must be complete and submitted on or before entry deadlines in order to be entered including;** Medical Release, Media Release, Liability Waiver & Indemnity Agreement, Photo Identification (current U.S. issued driver license or Passport), digital photo, and Racer Biography. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS REQUIREMENT.**
- 1.3. Additional forms of identification may be required in order to participate from year to year as required by State, Federal and local authorities. The Iron Dog® staff will make all reasonable and commercial efforts to alert participants as early as possible to any changes to required racer identification or documentation.
- 1.4. In order to participate, racers must pass a physical exam by a certified medical physician and shall be turned into Iron Dog®, Inc. with all entry forms. Certified copies of C.D.L. and or pilot's medical examination certificates that are current throughout the race event are acceptable.
- 1.5. Headshot Digital Color Photos must be submitted with entry and are required in order to participate.
- 1.6. No refunds of entry or other fees will be made after registration is closed, unless approved by a ruling from the board of directors. Refunds during the registration period will be processed with a 20% processing fee.
- 1.7. All racers must be current members of Iron Dog®.
- 1.8. Maximum number of entries is limited to a total of 120 racers, including Pro and Recreation Class.
- 1.9. Registrations will be limited to the number of teams who submit fully completed registration packets including payment prior to, during and up to the close of business (5:00 P.M. Alaska Time) of the scheduled Registration period.
- 1.10. Team number reservations.
 - 1.10.1. Any team or prospective team may request a team number by calling the Iron Dog office or by indicating their top three choices on a current Registration Form.
 - 1.10.2. First choice preference will be given to racers who held the same number in the previous year. All other reservations will be placed on a waiting list in a first come, first serve basis.

- 1.10.3.** Team numbers will be held until the close of business (5:00 P.M. Alaska Time) September 14, 2018 and then assigned by order of the waiting list.
- 1.11.** Participants must declare their class upon entry: Pro Class or Recreation Class. Pro Class racers may opt to participate in the Recreational Class prior close of registration or during the event they may change their class status or accompany an existing Recreational Class team. Entry fees will not be refunded for class status change after close of registration. Pro Class participants compete for prize money and trophies. Recreation Class teams ride for the adventure and recognition of completion.
- 1.12.** Substitutions and replacements of participating entrants are only allowed prior to the start of the race and only after proper paperwork and fees have been received and approved by the Iron Dog® prior to the Driver's Meeting.
- 1.12.1.** If one (1) team member is replaced, the team retains their entry draw position.
- 1.12.2.** If an entire team is replaced, the team will be moved to last position of the starting order.
- 1.13.** During the event each racer must stay with original teammate(s), with the exception of a Pro Class racer opting to join an existing Recreational Class team, if their original teammate is no longer participating.
- 1.14.** No participant under the age of eighteen (18) will be allowed to compete in the Pro Class without obtaining special approval from the Board of Directors.
- 1.15.** Iron Dog, Inc. retains the right to refuse registration to any participant for any reason. *(See also 7.19)*
- 1.16.** Required Attendance
- All Pro Class Racers MUST attend certain events to maintain registration eligibility. Failure to comply may result in penalties, fees or disqualification at the discretion of the Race Marshal, Board of Directors or Executive Director.
- 1.16.1.** ALL RACERS are required to attend the pre-race Safety Inspection and related public event with their race snowmobile. Racers are required to stay for the duration of the event or until excused by a Race Marshal.
- 1.16.2.** ALL RACERS are required to attend scheduled Racers' Meetings as required by the Race Marshal..

- 1.16.3.** TOP FIVE FINISHING TEAMS: Both Racers from each Top 5 finishing teams must attend the Sponsors' Reception and Awards Celebration.
- 1.16.3.1.** Prize monies and trophies will be paid on or after attending this event. Failure to attend this event will result in a 50% forfeiture of prize monies.
- 1.16.4.** ROOKIE RACERS: All Rookie racers (first time racers) are required to attend the Rookie Workshop or similar training event as approved by the Race Marshal.
- 1.17.** Media Rights and Release.
- 1.17.1.** All racers are required to sign a media release form as a part of their registration.

2. SNOWMOBILE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1.** Pro Class snowmobiles are to be based on production snowmobiles available for sale and meet stock ISR production rules available by November 30, 2018. The exhaust and intake systems are to remain OEM (original equipment manufactured). Chassis and running gear can be modified as needed.
 - 2.1.1.** Two-Stroke Engines: 600cc maximum displacement (or) ISR approved 4-stroke models of the same class.
 - 2.1.2.** Engine must be based on OEM 600cc production crankshaft, connecting rod, pistons, cylinders, and cylinder head. Any disputes will be determined by compliance with ISR stock rules.
- 2.2.** An adequate and functional return spring on the throttle is required.
- 2.3.** Engines will have OEM tags and or serial numbers affixed to the engine and chassis. Note: These numbers must be submitted to the Race Marshals team by or before the Safety Inspection.
- 2.4.** Brakes, headlights, windshield, tail and brake lights (a minimum of 2" x 4"), snow flaps, and clutch guards must be in a safe and operational condition when leaving each checkpoint. A working helmet light with a tail/brake light feature (such as Lead-Dog Helmet Light or equivalent) will suffice for lights until the main system is repaired.
- 2.5.** All snowmobiles must have carbide runners and studded tracks (a minimum of 2-studs per track bar).

- 2.6. All snowmobiles must have a current state snowmobile registration decal.
- 2.7. The condition of a snowmobile is the responsibility of the racer.

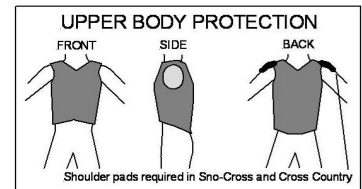
3. GPS TRACKING SYSTEMS

- 3.1. Iron Dog® requires each racer to install an Iron Dog supplied GPS tracking unit on their Race snowmobile. Racers are required to install units for optimum performance as directed by Iron Dog officials.
- 3.2. Iron Dog® will not be responsible to aid teams that use the “Help” signal on personal tracking devices. Racers that are in danger and require help should use their emergency “911” signals.
- 3.3. Racers may be liable for replacement costs on lost or intentionally damaged supplied GPS units.

4. REQUIRED PARTICIPANT PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- 4.1. It is the responsibility of the racer to select protective equipment that will conform to Iron Dog® guidelines and provide adequate protection. Even though race rules committees have developed specific guidelines, Iron Dog® does not endorse or guarantee specific products or manufacturers of protective equipment. Racers must rely on their own judgment in the selection of helmets and other apparel for protection and durability.
- 4.2. Regardless of racer apparel passing prior inspections, compliance with the rules must be made at post-race inspections.
- 4.3. Helmets: Helmet padding and shell must remain in as-manufactured condition, without modification and meet the latest standard SNELL 2015, European Standard ECE 22.05. or the previous generation standard (eg. SNELL 2010) so long as the helmet is in undamaged condition. The helmet must be securely fastened at all times.
- 4.4. It is mandatory that the driver’s helmet must be a minimum of (75%) blaze orange matching the color of the racer numbers. (RGB Color mix 255, 102, 0)
- 4.5. The Iron Dog® will provide ONE (1) blaze orange race bib for each racer. Bibs will not be reissued (do not lose your race bib).
- 4.6. Adequate Arctic clothing including: facemask, gloves, and a pair of gauntlets.

- 4.7.** Waterproof boots able to provide protection to -30 degrees below zero. Racers must carry spare boot liners if the chosen boot liners are not waterproof. Recommended boot: Military Bunny Boots
- 4.8.** Eye protection in the form of goggles and or face shields is mandatory. If corrective lenses are required to drive a motor vehicle, it will be required for event participation.
- 4.9.** The use of upper body protection equipment is mandatory. The upper body protection must cover all body areas shown in illustration at right. Shoulder protection is recommended, but not required. It will protect the driver in mid-body and back areas and be capable of resisting penetration and dissipating force of impacts while absorbing the shock of most blows. Typical motocross vests do not meet this rule.
- 4.10.** Shin and knee guards are mandatory. Shin and knee guards will be worn on both legs. The shin guard must extend from the instep to above the kneecap and be constructed of an impenetrable material.
- 4.11.** Elbow pads and Neck bracing are highly recommended.



5. SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT

Survival Equipment as described herein will be inspected prior to the start of the event, in Nome, and at the Finish Line, and or at the discretion of the Race Marshal team at any time during the event. All food and clothing must be in sealable waterproof containers.

- 5.1.** All racers must carry, on their person or their snowmobile, the following:
- 5.1.1.** One (1) sleeping bag; certified capable of providing protection to -20 degrees Fahrenheit; must cover racer head to toe and insulating fill equally distributed throughout the bag. The sleeping bag cannot be altered. Must be able to fully zip with racer inside.
 - 5.1.2.** One (1) substantial (bivouac) rip-stop nylon bivy bag (no space blankets) or equivalent. Adequate arctic protective clothing and layers with spare layers that include: moisture wicking socks, upper and lower thermals.
 - 5.1.3.** Spare set of face and eye protection.
 - 5.1.4.** All racers must carry on their person, fire starting materials (at least 20 matches or 2 lighters) carried in waterproof containers.

- 5.1.5. Sufficient (emergency use only) reserve food with a minimum of 2,000 calories per person (provide certification on the unopened labels).
- 5.1.6. Three (3) aerial signal flares with current date and/or an approved emergency signal laser with spare batteries and/or the See/Rescue Streamer (personal or large) <http://seerescuestreamer.com/>
- 5.1.7. One (1) flashlight with spare batteries.
- 5.1.8. One (1) drive belt and sufficient tools to replace.
- 5.1.9. One (1) Global Positioning System (GPS) or Map & Compass for navigation.
- 5.1.10. Current First Aid and CPR Certification Cards
- 5.2. All teams must carry the following:
 - 5.2.1. One (1) hatchet or saw.
 - 5.2.2. First Aid kits that meet or exceed the acceptable kits as listed. See website for current list. www.irondog.org/firstaidkits
 - 5.2.3. Arctic stove with sufficient fuel reserves. (Arctic Stove definition: A stove that will burn or operate at subzero temperatures and or windy conditions.)
 - 5.2.4. Pan or cup to make and boil water with a minimum 1-pint capacity.
 - 5.2.5. 25 feet of 1,200 lbs. test or stronger rope.
 - 5.2.6. Tools for infield repairs (approximately 5 lbs.)

6. RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

(Racers are encouraged to test all equipment before use.)

- 6.1. Snow shovel.
- 6.2. Maps and compasses for redundant navigation aids.
- 6.3. Spare Batteries that work well in cold conditions for all equipment.
- 6.4. Auxiliary fuel tanks.

7. GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- 7.1.** Snowmobiles not on the clock shall be impounded. Impounded snowmobiles are off limits to everyone except as provided in Section 10. Snowmobiles are impounded during “hold time” in McGrath and Nome, and during all layovers.
- 7.2.** Participants may enter and exit snowmobile impound areas at the discretion of the checkpoint officials. No one else is allowed in the checkpoint snowmobile impound area.
- 7.3.** Racers are prohibited from accepting parts, safety gear, fuel or oil from anyone, except at official Iron Dog® checkpoints.
 - 7.3.1.** In case of emergency situations racers can accept parts, fuel, safety gear, or oil from active “on the clock” pro class participants anywhere on the course.
- 7.4.** Teams who have started the race will perform all fueling and work “on-the-clock”.
 - 7.4.1.** Fueling prior to departure in Nome will be off the clock.
- 7.5.** Safety equipment removed from a snowmobile at a checkpoint by a participating racer will be done “on-the-clock” and prior to the starting time of any layover. Installing bags or gear on any race snowmobile after a layover shall also be done “on-the-clock”. In Nome only, will each team be allowed to remove and install their bags and tools “off the clock”.
- 7.6.** Riding the racecourse during layovers is prohibited.
- 7.7.** Only active (not scratched or on layover) Pro Class racers who are on the clock may assist other Pro Class racers during the race and as provided in section **10.11**.
- 7.8.** Engine assemblies consisting of assembled crankcases, crankshafts, cylinders, rods, heads, and pistons; and rear suspension assemblies consisting of assembled torque arms, slide rails, shocks, and hyfax runners cannot be replaced in whole. These assemblies must be repaired with the individual components.
- 7.9.** Engine and chassis serial numbers will be provided and recorded at the Safety Inspection and available for comparison during the race. Note: Do not obscure these numbers with graphics.
- 7.10.** Security decals will be applied to parts of the snowmobile. Pro class teams will be able to replace these parts at designated checkpoints only and all damaged parts must be turned into that checkpoint where a Checkpoint official will log the parts in. All replaced parts will be resealed in Nome as required.

- 7.11.** CDI/ ECU module reprogramming and welding can be done by an outside source (non-racer) with the following provisions:
- 7.11.1.** All work required must be reported to the Race Marshal, or a Checkpoint Official prior to repairs proceeding.
 - 7.11.2.** The completion of repairs must be reported to the noted race officials prior to a team's departure.
- 7.12.** All racers are responsible for the removal of all their own part(s), snowmobile(s), gear and/ or supplies from the trail. All excess supplies, broken parts and other materials belonging to a team must be properly discarded.
- 7.13.** The Iron Dog will issue team numbers and bibs® and will be displayed in a highly visible area on the back of racer's jackets and worn at all times. Bibs will remain unaltered unless approved by the Race Marshal.
- 7.14.** Team number decals shall be placed in the center of the snowmobile windshield as low as possible, and as centered as possible, not to obstruct racers vision.
- 7.15.** All sponsored items and logos furnished by Iron Dog® must be displayed as required on the exterior of participating snowmobiles.
- 7.16.** Spinning of tracks, with or without shields, is prohibited inside the paddocks at Big Lake and Nome.
- 7.17.** Once in the paddock the race snowmobiles will be shut-off. No fueling or oiling is permitted inside the paddock.
- 7.18.** The following Race Flags can be expected during the race: Green Flag, Start; Yellow Flag, Slow down and hold position; Red Flag, Stop Racing; and, Checker Flag, Finish.
- 7.19.** Iron Dog® reserves the right to withdraw any team for any reason. (See also 1.15)
- 7.20.** Iron Dog® reserves the right to alter or cancel the event at any time.
- 7.21.** In no way whatsoever shall any participant, racer, volunteer, or race official present negative publicity in any form to the media or the public. Racers that do not comply, may result in sanctions, fines or penalties.
- 7.22.** Iron Dog® officials, or its designee, may record by photographing or videotaping any participant and their snowmobile and gear during the race event at any time.
- 7.23.** Voluntary scratches must be declared by the team, at the nearest checkpoint within 2 hours of the decision. Failure to notify a Race Marshal (or Race Headquarters), may result in sanctions, fines or penalties.

8. STARTING PROCEDURES

- 8.1. Starting order of Pro Class teams are determined by entry order and a lottery drawing using a mechanical or electronic device at the Starting Reception. Team Entrants will have their teams placed in a lottery drawing and will depart in the order of the drawing. Qualifying for the lottery will be based on the last team member entered.
- 8.2. Start Big Lake
Participating teams line up in their starting position order at the designated starting line at 9:00 a.m. on race day. Teams will depart in racing position order starting at 11:00 a.m. Any teams not in their starting position by 9:00 a.m. may have the same number of minutes that they were late added to their official trail times.
- 8.3. Hold time and release times will be calculated electronically by Iron Dog's timing software. These times will be provided to checkpoint officials.

9. CHECKPOINT AND LAYOVER OPERATIONS

- 9.1. All team participants must check in with Checkpoint Officials at all checkpoints.
 - 9.1.1. All teams, and both racers, must declare their intent and duration of a layover within one hour upon arriving into a checkpoint. If a team chooses to combine a regular and flex layover together, the second layover must be declared by both racers no later than 30 minutes prior to the first layover being completed.
 - 9.1.2. A team can leave a checkpoint and return to declare a layover but the layover time begins when the layover is declared.
 - 9.1.3. If a team deliberately leaves a layover point before the declared layover is completed, no layover time will be credited.
- 9.2. A team may arrive at a checkpoint being towed by an active pro-class racer except at the finish line where only a teammate may tow their race partner across the finish line.

- 9.3. Teams cannot leave a checkpoint (other than an express checkpoint) and resume the race while under tow. Both racers must leave the checkpoint while riding on their snowmobile seat, with the snowmobile running, their feet on the running boards, and the engine providing ALL the power required to move a minimum of 100 feet.
- 9.4. A team can tow anywhere while on the clock within a checkpoint to retrieve parts or to do work, but must notify checker of intentions and where work is to be completed.
- 9.5. The Checkpoint Officials will record teams in and out times. Both team members must sign at each layover location.
- 9.6. It is mandatory that both team race participants and their snowmobiles check into and out of each checkpoint together. The last team race participant to check in will determine the team's official time.
- 9.7. Checkpoint Officials are not allowed to leave a checkpoint to take fuel to a participant on the trail.
- 9.8. All participants will reduce their pace to a safe speed as they approach and proceed through all checkpoints. Note: Failure to follow this rule is a Public Safety Hazard and will be dealt with very seriously.
- 9.9. Starting a snowmobile for warming and remote starting devices during impound is prohibited.
- 9.10. Required layovers and standardized times:
 - 9.10.1. Northbound layover locations and times

Minimum of Three (3) Layovers (1) one per region will be required Northbound. Three (3) layovers will be fixed at eight (8) hours each and a flexible six (6) hour layover for a northbound total of thirty (30) hours. Flexible layover must be taken in Region #1.

Layovers must be taken in the listed locations and regions as follows:

Northbound Layover Region #1 (14 Hours):
Minimum of One Layover required in Nikolai or McGrath of eight (8) hours plus a flexible six (6) hour layover that may be combined with the mandatory eight (8) hour layover or taken separately in Skwentna, Puntilla, Rohn, Nikolai or McGrath. All time adjustments due to the staggered start will be made in McGrath

Northbound Layover Region #2 "The Yukon" (8 hours):

Ruby, Galena, or Kaltag

Northbound Layover Region #3 “The Coast” (8 hours):

Unalakleet, Koyuk or White Mountain

9.10.2. Southbound layover locations and times

Minimum of (2) Two Layovers (1) one per region will be required Southbound. Both layovers will be fixed at ten (10) hours plus a flexible eight (8) hour layover that may be combined with a ten (10) hour layover or taken separately for a southbound total of twenty (28) hours.

Layovers must be taken in any one of the listed locations and regions as follows:

Southbound Layover Region #1 (10 Hours): White Mountain, Koyuk, Unalakleet or Kaltag

Southbound Layover Region #2 (10 Hours): Galena , Ruby, Tanana, or Manley

10. NOME HALFWAY PROCEDURES

10.1. Nome layover for the Pro Race Class will be approximately 24 - 40 hours.

10.2. Racers must not start or attempt to start impounded snowmobiles unless directed to do so by the Race Marshal or a Race Official.

10.2.1. Once a team has completed MAJOR ENGINE WORK, at the sole discretion of the Race Marshals, a team MAY be permitted to start their engine OUTSIDE the garage prior to their scheduled start time. This is to verify that the engine only is operating properly and there are no leaking fluids. They MUST schedule this with the Race Marshal, have a Race Marshal present and TOOLS WILL BE ALLOWED AND THE TEST WILL BE ON THE CLOCK.

10.3. All participating race class teams must arrive in Nome by 11:59pm on the fourth day of the race (Wednesday). The Nome restart is scheduled for the morning of the fifth day (Thursday). Any race class team(s) that does not arrive into Nome within the required time limit finishes as a Recreation Class participant in Nome.

10.4. Racers snowmobiles will be placed in a heated impound area.

- 10.5.** Impounded snowmobiles must not leave the impound area except to the restart or engine run test.
- 10.6.** Snowmobile Inspections and Repairs: The Race Marshals will post a schedule of times available for inspection and work in Nome. Note: Leading teams will go first.
- 10.7.** All teams will be allowed 15 minutes to inspect their snowmobiles off the clock. A simple compression test will be allowed during this time to include the removal of spark plugs to perform the compression test only. No other tools may be used, parts removed, or computer connections made during this time. Laptop or other computers may only be connected to the snowmobiles before the race starts and during (ON THE CLOCK) wrench time in the Nome garage.
- 10.8.** Each team will be allowed to work on their snowmobiles “on the clock” and work will be timed by the second.
- 10.9.** No welding, grinding, sparks or open flames of any kind allowed in the Nome impound area.
- 10.10.** Teams may elect to stop the clock for a break one (1) time only once work has commenced. If less than 60 minutes have passed since the start of work the team will be charged 60 minutes for the first session and when the team restarts their work time a minimum of 15 minutes must be assessed for the second session. No third session will be allowed; once time begins on the second session, time will accrue to completion.
- 10.11.** Each team may opt to have assistance of a “Support Crew” of two people during Nome work time. The two racers and two other persons are the only people who may handle tools, parts, or assist during Nome work time. (i.e. no 5th person and no outside electronic assistance.)
 - 10.11.1.** The “Support Crew” may be any two individuals that have been authorized by the Nome Race Officials.
 - 10.11.2.** The “Support Crew” must sign a liability release in order to participate. Support Crew” substitutions will NOT be allowed.
 - 10.11.3.** Teams must accompany their “Support Crew” at all times during “on-the-clock” work.

11. NOME RACE RESTART

11.1. Nome Halfway Release Procedures:

- 11.1.1. Teams one (1) through five (5) will be released on their actual trail split times not to exceed forty-five (45) minutes apart. After the release of the fifth team there will then be a 30-minute break.
- 11.1.2. Teams six (6) through ten (10) will then be released on their actual trail split times not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. After the release of the tenth team there will be a 15-minute break.
- 11.1.3. Teams eleven (11) through fifteen (15) will then be released on their actual trail split times not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes. After the release of the fifteenth team there will be a ten (10) minute break.
- 11.1.4. The remainder of the teams will then be released on their actual trail split times or every ten (10) minutes whichever comes first.
- 11.1.5. Course Times will reflect any Nome work times and time adjustments.
- 11.1.6. A Mandatory Drivers Meeting will be held 15 minutes prior to the Nome Halfway Banquet.
- 11.1.7. All racers and officials are required to attend the Nome Halfway Banquet.
- 11.1.8. The Iron Dog® Race officials maintain the right and the authority to alter or modify this schedule for any reason(s) deemed justifiable such as impending weather conditions, or other reasons as they arise.

12. THE RACE COURSE

- 12.1. The race course shall consist of any route between official checkpoints.
- 12.2. All participants are reminded that unless otherwise marked the race-course is a public use trail and is not protected. Other trail users and or animals can be expected running against and with the race direction. All other trail users, including sled dog teams have the right-of-way at all times. It is the rider's responsibility to conduct themselves in a positive manner to assure continued use of the Historic Iditarod Trail.
- 12.2.1. Iron Dog® will have **four (4)** "Express Checkpoints" located on the Big Lake Trails, Shell Lake Lodge, Shaktoolik, and between Ruby—

Tanana. Racers do not have to stop at these checkpoints but must slow to allow for recording passage.

- 12.2.2.** Racers must follow the marked trail designated by the Race Marshal from Big Lake to a designated location before the Susitna River
 - 12.2.3.** Between Skwentna and Rainy Pass - the Skwentna River is off limits.
 - 12.2.4.** Between Puntilla and Rohn River, participants must go through Ptarmigan Pass - Rainy Pass is off limits.
 - 12.2.5.** Between Nikolai and Rohn River, participants must travel across the Farewell Burn.
 - 12.2.6.** The South Fork of the Kuskokwim River is off limits beginning 2 miles past the Rohn checkpoint.
- 12.3.** Racers should be aware that private property exists in many areas along the route. Deliberate crossing and infringement on posted private property will not be tolerated.
- 12.4.** Due to the ongoing negotiations with the Bureau of Land Management and other agencies, race routes and rules may be changed as necessary. Drivers will be notified at the Driver's Meeting should this occur.
- 12.5.** Racers will not travel on public roads unless otherwise marked/cleared to do so.

13. GAS STOPS AND FUELING

- 13.1.** All racers are required to use the fuel provided by Iron Dog and only by dispensing directly into the snowmobile from official gas stops (exception 7.3.1). Iron Dog® provides fuel at all designated checkpoints and ONLY at the express checkpoints at Shaktoolik and between Ruby—Tanana.
- 13.2.** Fuel, 2-cycle oil and isopropyl (when available) will be supplied at each checkpoint. Grease and grease guns will only be provided at the snowmobile impound area in Nome.
- 13.3.** Deliberate or careless dumping or spilling of fuel, oil, antifreeze, isopropyl or any environmentally harmful substance will be considered polluting and will not be tolerated.
- 13.4.** FUELING PROCEDURES: Racers are entirely responsible for their snowmobile during the fueling process.

- 13.4.1.** Fueling and ONLY fueling is permitted in the designated fueling area. **Iron Dog supplied oil must be added within clear sight of the refueling operation, no more than 50 feet.**
- 13.4.2.** Snowmobile hoods and sidepanels (if equipped) MUST REMAIN CLOSED IN PLACE and engines will remain running during the refueling operation.
- 13.4.3.** All other maintenance operations, including refilling the oil injection tank and adding oil, or additives to the fuel tank must be conducted outside the posted fueling area signs in a location that does not impede the movement of other racers.
- 13.5.** Checkpoints, gas stops and layovers with approximate mileage are as follows: (Bold)=C=Checkpoint, G=Gas, L=Layover. All Mileage is approximate; routes between checkpoints may vary slightly from year to year.

Big Lake to Skwentna	C,G, LAYOVER	79		Nome to White Mountain	C, G, LAYOVER		75
Skwentna to Shell Lake	EXPRESS**	17		White Mountain to Koyuk	C, G LAYOVER		94
Shell Lake to Puntilla	C, G, LAYOVER	55		Koyuk to Shaktoolik*	C, G, EXPRESS**		62
Puntilla to Rohn	C, G LAYOVER	75		Shaktoolik to Unalakleet	C, G, LAYOVER		41
Rohn to Nikolai	C, G, LAYOVER	74		Unalakleet to Kaltag	C, G LAYOVER		95
Nikolai to McGrath	C, G, LAYOVER	52		Kaltag to Galena	C, G, LAYOVER		98
McGrath to Ophir	C, G	63		Galena to Ruby	C, G LAYOVER		52
Ophir to Poorman	C, G	99		Ruby to Express Fuel	G, EXPRESS**		50

Poorman to Ruby	C, G LAYOVER	57	Express Fuel to Tanana	C, G, LAYOVER	70
Ruby to Galena	C, G, LAYOVER	52	Tanana to Manley	C, G, LAYOVER	69
Galena to Kaltag	C, G LAYOVER	98	Manley to Nenana	C, G	110
Kaltag to Unalakleet	C, G, LAYOVER	95	Nenana to Fairbanks/Pikes	C, G,	65
Unalakleet to Shaktoolik	C, G, EXPRESS**	41	Southbound Mileage		928
Shaktoolik to Koyuk*	C, G LAYOVER	62			
Koyuk to White Mountain	C, G LAYOVER	94			
White Mountain to Nome	Halfway Break	75			
Northbound Mileage		1,	Southbound Mileage		928
			Total Overall Mileage		1,984

13.6. *Shaktoolik to Koyuk is 50 miles and runs across the Koyuk Bay. The distance around the bay is approx. 70 miles.

13.7. **EXPRESS Checkpoints officials will record participant's passage. Racers are not required to stop, but to reduce speed and yield if requested by any EXPRESS checkpoint official.

14. CODE OF CONDUCT

In the spirit of good sportsmanship and the Iron Dog®, all participants must ad-

here to the following:

- 14.1.** Participants and race officials will conduct themselves in a prudent and respectful manner at all times.
- 14.2.** Participants must obey all local, state, and federal laws.
- 14.3.** Racers working on snowmobiles during the race must allow a path for other participants and their snowmobiles.
- 14.4.** Racers will not block the access into or out of the checkpoint and/or impound areas.
- 14.5.** No fighting, vulgarity, derogatory or offensive language will be tolerated.
- 14.6.** Littering and or polluting on the trail will not be tolerated.
- 14.7.** Negative publicity from any participant will not be tolerated.
- 14.8.** Racers shall be aware of all race teams approaching from the rear and overtaking. Actions will be taken as to not impede a faster race team.
- 14.9.** Recreation Class teams will defer to any Race Class teams at all checkpoints.
- 14.10.** All Racers are REQUIRED to stop and render aid to ANY persons encountered during the race who are in a life-threatening situation. Race officials MAY adjust trail times accordingly on a case-by-case basis.
- 14.11.** All participants aware of any injured participant and or damaged snowmobiles shall relay information to the next checkpoint officials.
- 14.12.** It is the responsibility of each racer to inform their family members and crew of the race rules and procedures to ensure no violations occur.
- 14.13.** Any RACE TEAM, or their family, associates or crew who commits an act with malicious intent to sabotage the efforts of other racers may be immediately disqualified and subject to future fine, penalties and sanctions.

15. PRO RACE CLASS PAYBACK

- 15.1.** Entry fees are set by Iron Dog® Board of Directors.
- 15.2.** If there are no qualified money finishers, the purse will be held in escrow for the following year's race.
- 15.3.** The number of Pro Class race teams competing will be a determining factor for the distribution of the announced purse.
- 15.4.** All purse and award payments will be determined following the official results and disbursed after first satisfying any obligations required by fed-

eral, state or local laws.

16. DRIVER LIABILITY

- 16.1.** The participant and any crew, in signing the entry, elects to use the course of the event at their own risk, and thereby releases Iron Dog, Inc. together with their heirs, assigns, officers, representatives, agents, employees, and members, sponsoring organization and owners of properties on which sanctioned events are to be held from all liability from injury to person, property and/or reputation that may be received by said entrant and from all claims of said injuries to the parties listed above growing out of, or caused by any construction or condition of the course over which the event is held.
- 16.2.** Racers are strongly encouraged to obtain personal liability and accident insurance.

17. RACE MARSHALS

- 17.1.** The race officials charged with the conduct of the race will consist of a Race Marshal Team of at least 3 persons. These officials will supervise the race start line, halfway layover and the race finish line. These officials shall interpret and enforce these rules during the race. These officials will be noted hereafter as the Race Marshal Team. The Race Marshal Team will be recommended by the Executive Director and approved by the Iron Dog® board of directors.
- 17.2.** The Race Marshal Team shall be responsible for the conduct of the race. They shall have the authority to make the final determination, unless otherwise amended by the Disciplinary Committee, concerning all aspects of the race and the race facility, including design (these rules and regulations notwithstanding).
- 17.3.** The Race Marshal Team shall have the authority to determine violations of these rules and enforce penalties in accordance with Section 19. Specifically, penalties that may be pronounced by a Race Marshall shall include:
- Warning
 - Time penalties
 - Fine — subject to a maximum of \$500.00, per offense
 - Disqualification – All members of the Race Marshall Team must agree upon a unanimous decision to disqualify a team.

- 17.4.** The assigned Race Marshal shall approve and release the final official race results by 5:00 PM Alaska Time on the first Tuesday following the finish of the race including a signed copy for the Executive Director for release and distribution.
- 17.5.** Race Marshals may not have vested interest in the outcome of an event over which he/she officiates.
- 17.6.** The Race Marshal Team may cancel or alter the Iron Dog® event for any reasons of safety.
- 17.7.** A Race Marshal may judge the mechanical integrity of all timing equipment.
- 17.8.** A designated Race Marshal will be available throughout the race to collect and review protests, complaints and or any evidence of misconduct.
- 17.9.** A Race Marshal has the authority to judge the racing abilities of competitors and take appropriate action to ensure the safety of the event.
- 17.10.** A Race Marshal shall have the authority to determine structural integrity of participants snowmobiles.
- 17.11.** A Race Marshal shall carry and be responsible for the official specifications and certain instruments for measurements concerning verification and control of contestants' snowmobiles.
- 17.12.** Technical equipment and specifications will not be used for any purpose other than the conduct of the sanctioned event.
- 17.13.** The Race Marshal Team may use any evidence from any person(s) that may aid the officials in determining if an infraction or violation has occurred.
- 17.14.** The Race Marshal(s) have the right to eject any person(s) from the pit, paddock (staging area) or racetrack area.
- 17.15.** The Race Marshal(s) may remove a participant from competition or participation at any time if, in the opinion of the Race Marshal in consultation with a Medical Professional, he/she has a medical and or physical problem, which poses a hazard to him or herself or others.

18. RACE OFFICIALS

- 18.1.1.** Race Officials are responsible for all aspects of the event not involving the enforcement of these rules or otherwise infringing upon the duties of The Race Marshal Team or the Disciplinary Committee.
- 18.1.2.** The Race Officials charged with the timing and communication of the event will consist of the Executive Director and required assistants and volunteers. These officials will operate Race Headquarters and will coordinate all communication and timing issues during the race.

- 18.1.3.** All official time will be recorded in hours, minutes and seconds. Timing systems include a redundant set of electronic recording devices. Hand written time sheets shall record times utilizing an approved Iron Dog, Inc. time sheet. Only a limited amount of approved time sheets will be given to the check points. Only authorized Race Officials will be allowed to enter information on the approved time sheets.
- 18.1.4.** The Race Officials operating the checkpoints shall consist of volunteers. These volunteers shall; log in and log out all participants both passing through and on layovers, assist in fueling and oiling operations, review the snowmobile for working lights, windshield, throttle/brake, etc., tend to impounded snowmobiles, relay repair, layovers, scratches and time tracking information to the appropriate officials. These officials will not interpret race rules but will forward all witnessed rule infractions and protests to a member of the Race Marshal Team. Official time keepers shall be referred to hereinafter as Race Officials.

19. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 19.1.1.** The Disciplinary Committee shall be made up of **one** Race Marshall, one current Board Member, and one Previous Race Veteran (not currently racing or conflict of interest) chosen by popular vote of the Iron Dog membership with the election to be administered by the Executive Director prior to the beginning of the race.
- 19.1.2.** The Disciplinary Committee shall be available 24 hours a day each day of the event to adjudicate upon an appeal lodged as a result of a protest or Race Marshall decision.
- 19.1.3.** The Disciplinary Committee shall have the authority to pronounce the following penalties following an appeal hearing:
- Warning
 - Time penalties and adjustments
 - Fine, subject to a maximum of \$500.00, per offense
 - Disqualification
 - Suspension
 - Exclusion
- 19.1.4.** The Disciplinary Committee shall have the authority to make rulings only after an appeal has been appropriately filed and the hearing taken place.

- 19.1.5.** The Disciplinary Committee shall process appeals in accordance with Section 22 of these rules.

20. OFFENSES

General: This list is provided as guidance to competitors and enforcement bodies but does not restrict Iron Dog®, Race Marshals or the Disciplinary Committee from invoking penalties for other actions detrimental to the sport that are not specifically contained herein.

- 20.1.** Falsifying one's name, age or ability level, competing under false pretenses.
- 20.2.** Non-compliance with: Snowmobile Requirements, GPS Tracking System Requirements, Racer Protective Equipment and Survival Equipment.
- 20.3.** Violation of: General Competition Rules, Check Point and Layover Operations, Race Course Requirements, Fueling Operations and Code of Conduct.
- 20.4.** Failing to attend mandatory racer meetings.
- 20.5.** Riding in such a manner as to endanger the safety of others.
- 20.6.** Failing to stay on race course in designated race course areas.
- 20.7.** Receiving any form of prohibited outside assistance while in competition, including:
- 20.7.1.** Except in the Nome impound area, a competitor accepting assistance from any person(s) who aids in the performance of the Race Team and or their snowmobile operations. (Examples: rebuilding shocks, staging tools or parts for specific repairs, aiding in snowmobile and gear inspections, etc.)
- 20.7.2.** A competitor accepting any kind of physical assistance from a non-competitor that aids in adjustments and or repairs of their snowmobile and or equipment. (Example: A bystander may retrieve a replacement part or a lost gear bag, but cannot physically contact the competitors snowmobile and or make any adjustments to their equipment.)
- 20.8.** Failing to adhere to Race Marshal's directions.
- 20.9.** Refusing to provide a true and factual statement regarding an item under protest or appeal when requested by the Race Marshal Team or Disciplinary Committee or interfering with the protest and appeal process.

- 20.10.** Any corrupt or fraudulent act, or any action prejudicial to the interests of the race/event or of the sport, carried out by a person or participant during the race.
- 20.11.** Attempting to gain an unfair advantage.
- 20.12.** Wagering on the outcome of the race.
- 20.13.** Conspiring with others to violate these rules.
- 20.14.** During the race, a participant must always attempt to succeed. If not, he or she shall not be allowed to continue the competition and may be penalized by the Race Marshal Team.
- 20.15.** Engaging in any unfair practice, misbehavior or action deemed by the Race Marshall Team or the Disciplinary Committee to be detrimental to the sport.
- 20.16.** Bribing or attempting to bribe anyone connected with the race; accepting or offering to accept a bribe.
- 20.17.** Any active race participant is strictly forbidden to drink intoxicating beverages during the race (**Big Lake** start through crossing the finish line at **Pikes** in Fairbanks). Race participants will be allowed to drink intoxicating beverages during banquets, but not to excess. Any support persons associated with a participating race team is strictly forbidden to drink intoxicating beverages to excess during the race and that shall include all official race events. Any violations by race participants, their family, associates or crew may subject a race team to penalties. All state and local laws regarding intoxicating beverages still apply.
- 20.18.** Possession or use of illegal drugs or drug substances, as defined below, is prohibited in any form, by any participant, on the race facility, or in any area considered to be used in the operation of the race facility, such as parking lots or leased properties. Illegal drugs are these substances defined and prohibited by state/provincial and/or federal law.
- 20.19.** Any person found to be in possession or under the influence of an illegal drug or drug substance on race facility property, as defined above, or any person who is arrested by duly constituted authorities and charged with possession and/or use of illegal drugs or drug substance or any person who is formally charged by a court of law with illegal drug violations, shall be subject to suspension from competition and eviction from the race facility, and denial of further entry to the race facility for a period determined by the Board of Directors.

20.20. If a participant is using prescription drugs on advice of a physician, such use must be reported to the Race Marshal prior to the participant's entry into any Iron Dog activities. Failure to notify will subject the participant to penalties as prescribed above.

21. PENALTIES

21.1. General: A participant may have several penalties pronounced against him/her according to the circumstances giving rise to violation of these rules. It shall be the goal of the Race Marshal Team and the Disciplinary Committee to administer penalties under these rules fairly and equitably as the different circumstances giving rise to an offense shall allow.

21.2. Any participant or team found in violation of an infraction will be liable for the costs incurred in the disciplinary action and determination of said infraction.

21.3. Definition and application of penalties:

21.3.1. Warning: can be made privately or publicly, verbally or written.

21.3.2. Fines: cash penalty.

21.3.3. Time penalty: The Race Marshall shall determine the amount of time a particular violation benefited a participant and that time shall be added to the participant's overall course time. In addition, the Race Marshall shall determine, based on the level of severity of the violation, a penalty time to be added to the participant's overall course time.

21.3.4. Disqualification: The decision to disqualify a team must be unanimous and confirmed by each member of the Race Marshall Team. The Disciplinary Committee will be notified immediately. In the case of an appeal, the Disciplinary Committee shall confirm or reject the disqualification in a timely manner. If the Disciplinary Committee does not confirm the Race Marshall Team recommendation then the team's course time may be equitably adjusted and the team shall be allowed to continue the race. Disqualification will be noted as a scratch with additional notes in the race statistics software as deemed appropriate by Iron Dog, Inc. If a team proceeds without authorization, they will be subject to additional sanctions, fines or penalties.

- 21.3.5.** Suspension: entails the loss of all the rights granted to participants, or prohibition from taking part in any of the activities under Iron Dog® control for a specified period of time.
- 21.3.6.** Exclusion: entails the final and complete loss of all rights of participation in any event under Iron Dog® control.

22. RACER PROTESTS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

- 22.1.** Right of protest: Any racer directly affected by others violating the rules or following dangerous, unfair or fraudulent behavior or act of sabotage, has the right to protest against such behavior or act. The procedures shall be followed for protests:
 - 22.1.1.** Race team must file a protest during their next layover.
 - 22.1.2.** Protests can only be officially filed at layover locations.
 - 22.1.3.** For a protest to be considered it:
 - 22.1.3.1.** Must be signed
 - 22.1.3.2.** Must have protest fee paid as described below
 - 22.1.3.3.** Must be filed within one hour of declaring a layover.
 - 22.1.3.4.** Is filed while “off the clock”
 - 22.1.4.** A protest submitted by a participant must include a \$100 protest fee, payable in Nome or the finish line. If the Race Marshal deems the protest valid, Iron Dog®, Inc. will retain \$40, and \$60 will be returned to the protester. If the protest is deemed invalid, \$60 goes to the protested team. Protests will not be valid without the payment of the protest fee.
 - 22.1.5.** Once a protest fee is accepted, the protest cannot be withdrawn.
 - 22.1.6.** Protests can only be filed by active race participants of current year’s race. Alleged violations will be reviewed, and any penalties to be assessed will be done so by the Race Marshal. The Race Marshal will rule on a protest in Nome for all northbound protests and at the finish line for all southbound protests.
 - 22.1.7.** Protests must be more than hearsay or word-of-mouth allegations. At a minimum, both teammates must have witnessed any infraction brought to protest and as noted, must certify so in writing.
 - 22.1.8.** No protests will be accepted that refer to the Race Marshal’s and/or Checkpoint Official’s judgments or decisions.
 - 22.1.9.** Team subject of protest will be notified of this action.

- 22.2.** Right of Appeal: Any person penalized pursuant to these Rules has the right to appeal under these circumstances:
- 22.2.1.** The decision of a Race Marshall on a protest.
 - 22.2.2.** The imposition of penalties by a Race Marshall under these rules only if the assessed penalty is four (4) hours or greater,
 - 22.2.3.** or a disqualification has been assessed.
- 22.3.** All appeals shall be adjudicated by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 22.4.** Items which may not be appealed include:
- 22.4.1.** Protestable items for which no protest was lodged.
 - 22.4.2.** In general, appeals cannot be accepted related to matters for which no remedy is available or in which the Disciplinary Committee has already rendered a decision.
- 22.5.** While appealing a protest or qualifying ruling, a team may continue to compete in the race with documented approval from the Disciplinary Committee. However, this privilege may be denied if the protest/imposition of penalties is related to an offense involving drugs or alcohol, for riding in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of others, fighting, or malicious acts affecting the good name of snowmobile racing.
- 22.6.** Procedure and time limit for appeal: The time limit for filing a notice of appeal against a decision of a Race Marshal(s) is the same as that for filing a protest under Section 22.1 above. To be accepted by the Disciplinary Committee the appeal must be in writing and signed by both members of the race team. The appeal must specifically state the date, location and elements of the matter being appealed and the grounds for the appeal.
- 22.6.1.** The appeal may be filed with the Race Official at the next layover or submitted directly to the Disciplinary Committee via email, or facsimile transmission.
 - 22.6.2.** An appeal decision will only be considered final upon receipt of the \$300 appeal fee, payable at the time of filing the appeal, in Nome or at the finish line. Filing fees will be refunded if the appealing party prevails.
 - 22.6.3.** The appellant shall be entitled to a hearing before the Disciplinary Committee by Nome for all northbound appeals and by Fairbanks for all southbound appeals. The Disciplinary Committee hearing may

take place by means of a telephone conference call, or through any other means of communication.

22.7. Effect of an appeal: The Disciplinary Committee shall rule on an appeal by Nome for all northbound appeals and by Fairbanks for all southbound appeals. Specifically, the Disciplinary Committee shall take one of the following actions:

22.7.1. Rule in favor of the appealing party, take appropriate action and refund the filing fee.

22.7.2. Rule against the appealing party, the appeal is denied and the original ruling by the Race Marshals stands.

22.8. The following order of business will be followed at appeal hearings:

22.8.1. After all evidence has been presented; the Disciplinary Committee shall deliberate and issue its ruling based on a majority vote by secret ballot.

22.9. Penalty Enforcement & Costs of Procedure:

22.9.1. Time Penalties: In the case of time penalties, where an appellant is unsuccessful, the time penalties shall be enforced as ruled by the Race Marshal(s). Where an appellant is successful, the Disciplinary Committee may, but is not required to, equitably adjust the teams race course time as required so as to not unduly prejudice that team.

22.9.2. Payment of fines and costs: In the case of a monetary penalty, if the penalty is definitive and either the fine and/or costs are not paid within 30 days of notification of the judgment decision, the person or body affected by the decision shall be automatically suspended from participation in all Iron Dog, Inc. activities, until such time as full payment has been received. If an appeal is upheld, the appealing party will be refunded their filing fee(s). If an appeal is denied, the fees will be retained by Iron Dog, Inc.

23. DEFINITIONS

Racer or racers:	Any person(s) entered in the Pro Class events and race.
Crew or racer's crew:	Any person either paid or unpaid who provides assistance to a team. *This includes persons who may not be known to a team if they have delegated any part of their team's responsibilities to another person(s).
Team:	A combination of two racers currently participating in Iron Dog events or racing.
Participant(s):	Usually refers to Racer(s), but may include others. See also Sec. 20.6. A participant is any person taking part in any event sanctioned by or affiliated with the Iron Dog®, in any capacity.
Checkpoint Official(s):	Commonly referred to as a "Checker", these are members of the community who volunteer to operate the checkpoints, assist with setup, fueling, time keeping and act as local resources to assist in officiating the race.
Race Marshal(s):	A group of at least three (3) persons who volunteer to officiate the Iron Dog race, enforce the Rules and act as the final arbiters of judging infractions and applying penalties.
Disciplinary Committee	Shall be made up of one Race Marshall, one current Board Member and a Previous Race Veteran (without conflict of interest) chosen by popular vote of the Iron Dog membership.
"on-the-clock"	This refers to the fact that the clock is running, this time counts toward a team's overall course time.
Race Headquarters	During the race, this is a day/night operational office of volunteers, staff and officials who track the race, enter race time, coordinate rescue operations and record race details including, but not limited to, supplies, penalties, checkpoint officials and related race event information.
Protest	A formal complaint regarding actions taken against a team by another racer, challenge to a Checkpoint Official or alleged time/calculation error. *This cannot be used to challenge a decision made by the Race Marshals.

Checkpoint	The area within a 250 foot radius of an Official Iron Dog refueling point.
Appeal	A formal complaint against a ruling of the Race Marshals where the penalty assessed is at least two (2) hours or a disqualification has been made.

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