

RACE RULES FOR THE DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2023 RACE

KNIK 100 BRUCE BRADEN SLED DOG RACE

Debuting in 2014, the Knik 100 Bruce Braden Sled dog Race is a 100 mile limited class sled dog race for any musher who meets the qualification as set forth by the Race Committee. Established by Robert Sexton, the race honors the late Race Manager Bruce Braden who devoted many years of service to the Knik Race before tragically losing his life in a house fire one week before the 2009 race.

This year's race will consist of a two-day stage race covering 50 miles each day. The winner will be determined by the fastest combined time for both days.

1. The Knik race committee honors all censures from other Sled Dog Racing Organizations and will not accept entry of ANY person censured for animal cruelty or any unsportsmanlike conduct that maligns the sport of dog mushing.
2. The Knik 100 Sled Dog race committee will follow all state-mandated Covid guidelines or emergency declarations during the running of the races.
3. The Knik 100 Sled Dog race will begin and end at Knik Lake (weather permitting).
4. Vet Check of dogs will be held the morning of the race. Mushers are reminded to have rabies shot certificates for each dog.
5. A Mandatory Mushers meeting will be held at 9:30am before the race at the Knik Broken Boat Bar.
6. All race entrants must be a member of the Knik Iditarod Trailblazers. Membership sign-up is a part of the race registration form.
7. To secure entry for the Knik 100 race, the Entry Fee and Race Registration, must be completed and received no later than **FIVE (5)** Days prior to the Race start day. The Race Liability Waiver form must be completed and signed on or before race day. Mushers will be signed up based on the date and time these completed forms are received. If the number of mushers exceeds the capacity, a waitlist will be maintained. A wait listed musher has 3 days to complete all forms after they are notified by the Knik Race Committee that they have been moved to the official race list.
8. Three (3) days prior to the scheduled race start, the Knik Race Committee will evaluate racing conditions and make a final decision to either continue, relocate, or cancel the race. If the race is canceled by the Knik Race committee, all mushers entered will receive a full refund with the exception of the Knik Iditarod Trailblazer membership fee.

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9. A Musher must be at least 14 years old. If a musher is under the age of 18 they must provide proof of running 50 mile dog race OR they must provide rookie references from either two recognized adult mushers OR a recognized mushing organization.
10. The Entry Fee for the Knik 100 is \$200. Membership in the Knik Iditarod Trailblazers is also required and separate from the entry fee. The field of mushers is limited to 30. (This may be adjusted by the Race Committee.)
11. The purse is still being determined and will be based on the number of entries. The purse will be announced at the Mushers Meeting: Friday December 15th, 4:00 PM at the Knik Broken Boat Bar.
12. The Knik 100 sled dog race will start at 10:00am December both days. All teams must be at the starting area by 8:00am for Vet/sled check.
13. The Race route will start at Knik Lake follow the Iditarod trail through Flathorn lake and finish at Knik Lake (Approx. 50 miles each day). Trail may adjusted

14. Dog substitutions are not allowed. Dogs will be marked by race officials. Only dogs that completed the first-day run may be used on the second day. Completed means leaving the starting line in harness on the gangline and returning to the finish line either running or in the sled.
15. Team size is limited to 10 dogs max and 7 dogs minimum to start the race each day (This may be adjusted by the Race Committee depending on trail conditions.) A Team must have a minimum of 5 dogs on the gangline pulling in harness at the finish.
16. Each musher is required to have a handler at the Start. The musher and/or the handler is responsible for the COMPLETE cleanup (straw, litter, etc) of their start area. Time penalties will be handed down for infractions.
17. There is no drop dog location along the trail. The Race Committee will **NOT** be caring for or handling any dropped dogs. The musher/handler will maintain control of their dogs at all times.
18. The musher is NOT allowed to leave litter/trash/gear along the trail. This will be strictly enforced. Time penalties will be handed down for infractions.
19. First-day start position is determined by bib number with 2 minute intervals between teams. Second-day start position is determined by run time on first day with the fastest musher going first followed by all other team on 2-minute intervals. The winner and finishing position will be determined by the combined fastest overall running time for BOTH days.
20. Only one musher will be allowed per team and no substitution of mushers or dogs will be allowed during the race. Once the mushers meeting has started, no substitution of team drivers will be allowed.
21. **Mandatory Gear:**
 - One Snowhook. (Two are recommended)
 - Proper cold weather sleeping bag weighing a minimum of 5 lbs.
 - Ax, head to weigh a minimum of 1 ¾lbs, handle to be at least 22" long.
 - A headlamp and extra batteries.
 - Eight booties for each dog in the sled or in use.
 - Dog food, a minimum of 2 lbs per dog must be in the sled at all times.
 - Functional non-chafing harness for each dog in team and a functional neckline.
 - Sled bag or kennel with proper tiedown to securely and safely carry dog(s).
 - An insulated dog coat for each dog that can be used while running or resting.The musher at their option may carry any additional gear or equipment they feel is necessary to complete the race. No gear may be left on the trail.
22. The sled used during the race must meet ITC rules.
23. Ganglines must be in good working condition and capable of safely holding the number of dogs attached to it. If a gangline is poly/plastic, there must be a cabled center with no sharp metal exposed. If a cable is used, the musher must carry a functional cable cutter.
24. The dog harnesses must be functional, correctly sized, and padded around the neck with no worn out, rough, or possible chaffing areas, and have a total combined 12 inches of reflective tape or material per harness.
25. The Knik Race committee demands the musher and his/her handlers treat all dogs humanely at all times. The Race officials have the final say if a cruelty infraction occurred and how the violation will be penalized.
26. No injectable, oral, or topical drug or herbal supplement which may suppress the signs of illness or injury may be used on a dog. No drugs or other artificial means may be used to drive a dog or cause a dog to perform or attempt to perform beyond its natural ability. Race Veterinarians are the only personnel authorized to administer any kind of drugs (See ITC rules for a complete version and list of banned drugs.)

27. No outside assistance other than at the starting area on Knik Lake or a declared emergency will be permitted. A musher may receive outside assistance in cases of an uncontrolled or lost team; this includes the use of motorized vehicles.
28. Pacing in any form via outside assistance is prohibited.
29. The use of two way communication devices is allowed. A musher may also carry a personal emergency locator beacon or satellite device but if it is accidentally activated, it will result in a mandatory self withdrawal from the race.
30. Rule infractions may result in an issuance of a warning, a time penalty, censure or race disqualification. Warnings may be issued by any Knik 100 Race Judge. Time penalties require the agreement of the Race Marshal. Disqualifications require the unanimous agreement of all Knik 100 race judges, the Race Marshal and the Race Manager. The Chief Veterinarian will be included in all decisions made based upon issues regarding the care, treatment and welfare of any dog participating in the race.
31. The Race Marshal has the authority to withdraw a team that is no longer choosing to make or capable of making a valid effort to compete. The Race Marshal also has the authority to withdraw a musher whose conduct, in the Race Marshal's judgment, constitutes a risk to either him/herself, his/her dogs, the dogs of other mushers or other persons.
32. If a team wishes to withdraw after starting the race and drive their race team home or to a location other than to a checkpoint, the driver must contact the Race Manager from the first available location in order to be withdrawn and not be disqualified. Failure to do so is a mandatory disqualification and a one year ban from the Knik 100 or 200.
33. The Race Marshal is charged with enforcing all rules and policies of the Kink 200 and Knik 100 races from the beginning of the mandatory Mushers meeting until the close of the Awards Banquet or the last team crosses the finish line. The Race Marshal is the final authority in the interpretation of all the rules. If Race judges are appointed, they will work under the direction of the Race Marshal.
34. The Chief Veterinarian is assigned to ensure that the dogs that are participating in the races are healthy and treated humanely. He/she may at his/her discretion have other veterinarian assistants to assist in the performance of vet duties. The Chief Race Veterinarian has the authority to examine any/all dogs during the race and will be the final authority on matters pertaining to the health and well being of the dogs.
35. The Knik Race committee will establish, maintain, and mark the race trail as best as weather and conditions allow.
36. There will be numerous volunteers involved in the race. They are not race officials! Mushers and handlers are to treat the volunteers with courtesy. Penalties may be handed out for violation for the courtesy rule.
37. Passing: When one team approaches to within 50 feet of another team, the trailing team shall have the immediate right-of-trail upon demand. The leading musher must stop his/her team and hold them to the best of their ability for a maximum of one minute or until the other team has passed, whichever occurs first. The passed team must trail the passing team for at least fifteen minutes before demanding the right-of-trail to pass.
38. A musher's race bib must be easily viewable at the start of the race and while the musher is crossing the finish line. At all other times during the race the race bib must be either worn or clearly displayed on the sled so the bib number is clearly visible.
39. Protests – Any musher may file a verbal protest but only at the current or next checkpoint or finish line if that is the first checkpoint following the occurrence of the act or situation to be reported. Protests will be accepted or denied by the Race Marshal no later than two hours before the awards banquet.

40. Personal Conduct: Commencing on the date of their individual signup through their completion of the Knik 200 or 100 race and continuing up to 45 days after the last musher to complete the Knik 200/100, mushers shall not make public statements or engage in any public conduct injurious to or in reckless disregard of the best interest of the Knik 200/100 sled dog race. Any injurious public posted wording of any kind about either race is not allowed. This includes but is not limited to Facebook, Twitter, personal blogs/websites, public website of any kind, digital media, as well as in interviews with news/media reporters. If a musher makes any injurious comments regarding the Knik races or race staff or personnel, upon the recommendation of the Race Marshal and/or Chief Veterinarian, the Race Manager reserves the right to censure that musher. Censorship may include a public or private warning, involuntary withdrawal for the race, and a ban of the musher from future Knik 200/100 races or a retroactive disqualification of the Musher.
41. "No Man's Land" will be the last road crossing "Malemute Run" which is approximately 1 mile from the finish line. No mans land applies to both days of racing.
42. Awards Banquet - The Banquet will be held at the Knik Broken Boat Bar, the evening of the second day of the race, 6:00 PM time may be adjusted. The mushers dinner is included with the race entry fee. All others will need to pay a reasonable cost. (not yet determined)