Gunflint Mail Run, 2027

Rules

1. Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race

The Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race will have one 10-dog class in 2027. The race will be a 65-mile continuous race. It will be two legs of equal distance, separated by a mandatory 3 hour layover. Dog mushers entering the race must meet the entry requirements set forth by the Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race Board of Directors. The start, layover, and finish will all be located at Trail Center, along the Gunflint Trail. The 2027 race dates are January 16th and 17th. The intent of these rules and regulations is to ensure safe, friendly, and fair competition. The Gunflint Mail Run Officials are responsible for interpreting the rules to ensure that intent.

2. Overview – Race Officials

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – The governing body of the Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race, responsible for all aspects of planning and execution of the event. The Board of Directors has absolute authority over all aspects of the Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race event.

RACE DIRECTOR – Is responsible for planning, promoting, managing, and the timely execution of all technical aspects of the race; is responsible for overall event operation and safety.

RACE MARSHAL – Is responsible for the enforcement of Gunflint Mail Run race rules in a manner that provides all participants with fair and non-biased competition; oversees the Race Judge(s); has final authority on all aspects of the race from the start of the pre-race physical examinations through the end of the awards banquet.

RACE JUDGE – Works under the direction of the Race Marshal and is responsible for the enforcement of the race rules and provides all participants with fair and non-biased competition.

CHIEF VETERINARIAN – Oversees the health and safety of all dogs entered in the race; is in charge of all dog health and safety issues from the Mandatory Pre-race Physical Exam until the conclusion of the awards banquet (and, in the case of drug testing or necropsy issues, until those issues are resolved); has final authority on all matters of dog care and treatment; oversees the Race Veterinary Team.

RACE VETERINARIANS – Work under the direction of the Chief Veterinarian on all aspects of dog care, safety, and health. Race veterinarians may recommend withdrawing a dog or team for health reasons at any time during the race.

TRAIL BOSS – Prepares, maintains, and signs the race trail; advises Race Director, Race Marshal, and Chief Veterinarian on changing trail conditions; has input into all matters relating to the trail; is the Race Official on the trail.

3. Entry Fees (U.S. Funds)

The entry fee for the 10 dog, 65 mile Gunflint Mail Run is $200.

The deadline for entry into the race is 11:00 pm, January 10, 2027

4. Withdrawals and Refunds

Refunds will be issued as follows;

- Withdraw before December 20, 2026 and receive a 100% refund of the entry fee.
- Withdraw between December 20, 2026 and January 3, 2027 and receive a 50% refund of the entry fee.
- No refunds will be issued to entrants who withdraw after January 3, 2027.

5. Race Entry

The Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any entry for just cause. For 2027, we will have a cap of 12 rigs with max of 3 teams / rig or 25 teams, whichever comes first.

6. Bib Draw

The Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors is responsible for the bib draw and will conduct the bib draw prior to the mushers meeting.

7. Musher Qualifications/Required Meetings and Events

The Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors encourages any musher entering the race to have completed a race with a minimum 40 miles of continuous running within the past three seasons.

Mushers under the age of 18 may participate with approval of the Gunflint Mail Run Race Director or the Race Marshal, and a waiver of liability signed by a parent or legal guardian. Only one musher per team is permitted and no substitutions will be allowed after the team starts the race. Substitution of mushers will be allowed up to the beginning of the Mandatory Mushers' Meeting, with the approval of the Gunflint Mail Run Race Director, or at any time before the team starts the race, with the approval of the Race Marshal.

The Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors strongly encourages all mushers to have a minimum of one handler per team.

All mushers, accompanied by one of their handlers, must attend the Mandatory Mushers' Meeting. All mushers will meet at Trail Center at 5 p.m., Saturday, January 16th, 2027. Only mushers or handlers may participate in discussion held at the meeting.

Missing the second roll call at the meeting, taken 10 minutes after the first roll call, may result in a monetary penalty of up to $50. Penalty is determined at the discretion of the Race Marshal.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Mushers and handlers shall refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct, including improper use of language or disrespectful behavior, directed towards Race Officials, Volunteers, Fans, or other mushers and handlers. Violations of this nature may result in a time penalty, monetary fine, and/or disqualification from the race.

8. Dogs

Teams must start the race out of Trail Center with a minimum of 8 dogs and a maximum of 10 in line. Each team must leave the Trail Center checkpoint after their layover with a minimum of six dogs hooked in line. Each team must cross the Finish Line at Trail Center with a minimum of five dogs standing, hooked in line.

All dogs not starting the race must be marked out. Dogs dropped at the checkpoint will be marked out. It is the musher's responsibility to make sure that any dogs not continuing the race are marked out by event veterinarians.

Only northern breeds of dogs will be permitted to enter the race. Northern breeds will be determined by the Gunflint Mail Run Sled Dog Race Organization.

9. Mandatory Pre-race Veterinary Examination

All dogs participating in the Gunflint Mail Run must undergo a pre-race physical examination by one of the official race veterinarians at the appointed time. Only dogs found to be in good health and fit to compete will be permitted to run in the race.

Pre-race veterinary exams will take place at Trail Center, between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, January 16th, 2027. Teams must pre-register for assigned time slots for the pre-race veterinary exams. Scheduling of the exam is the musher's responsibility.

All dogs entered in the race must be current with vaccinations against parvovirus, distemper, and adenovirus-2 from at least 14 days prior to the pre-race exam through the end of the race. Vaccinations against parainfluenza and Bordetella are very strongly recommended. Mushers who vaccinate their own dogs must submit purchase invoices and organized medical records indicating that each dog has been vaccinated within one calendar year of the end of the race.

This race will accept dogs that have been vaccinated within the last three calendar years with a licensed three-year vaccine against distemper, adenovirus-2, and parvovirus, but only if the vaccine was given by a licensed veterinarian and only if the musher presents documentation signed by that veterinarian. Note that these vaccines do not protect against parainfluenza (the annual 5-way DA2HPiPv does). However most annual Bordetella vaccines also protect against parainfluenza. Therefore, mushers choosing to use the 3-year DA2Pv vaccine are very strongly

advised to use the annual Bordetella/parainfluenza vaccine as well. Also note that other races may not accept dogs vaccinated with a three-year product.

RABIES – Proof of a valid rabies vaccination from the musher or owner's state of residence, signed and dated at least thirty days prior to the pre-race physical exam by a licensed veterinarian or lay vaccinator, is mandatory. Note that rabies vaccines approved for three-years' duration are recognized by this race. Such duration must be valid through the end the race. It is the musher's responsibility to ensure that the rabies certificate is legible and either a NASPHV form #51 or their veterinarian's own form but which contains all the information listed on a NASPHV form #51. There will be no exceptions made.

All dogs not participating in the competition but carried in the musher's or handler's vehicle must have the same vaccination status as the participating dogs to stop the spread of disease.

Dogs receiving any permitted medications and/or treatments must be reported to the official race veterinary team at the time of the pre-race examination. This includes ALL medications – both prescription and Over the Counter (OTC) drugs.

All dogs entering the race will be marked or tagged for identification along the race route. After the start of the race no substitution of dogs will be permitted. Any dog riding in the musher's vehicle and not participating in the race must be "marked out" by a race veterinarian prior to the start of the race.

10. Veterinary Guidelines

No injectable, oral, or topical drug that may suppress the signs of illness or injury may be used on a dog. Mushers may not inject any substance into their dogs. No other drugs or artificial means may be used to drive a dog or cause a dog to perform or attempt to perform beyond its natural ability.

Mushers may administer the following compounds to their dogs orally without veterinary consent: vitamins, minerals, electrolytes, enzymes, probiotics, and any dietary supplements marked as such, provided that these compounds are maintained in their original containers with labels indicating their contents. Note that certain "natural" or "herbal" formulations may contain prohibited drugs or their analogs. Such formulations are prohibited and the musher alone will be responsible for any positive drug tests.

The oral administration of any prohibited substance to a dog; or the administration of any substance to a dog by needle, syringe, oral "basting" device; or rectally by a musher is strictly prohibited.

The use of topical corticosteroids is limited to use on the paw/pad. The only corticosteroid containing topical products permitted for this race will be those dispensed by the race veterinarians.

Mushers may give their dogs dewormers, antibiotics (without procaine penicillin), antidiarrheal (without salicylates, like Pepto-Bismol), and proton-modifying gastric protectants (such as omeprazole or famotidine), but only with the approval of a race veterinarian.

The use of megestrol acetate (Ovaban) and mibolerone (Cheque drops) as estrus suppressants are permitted in intact females that have not had an ovario hysterectomy. This must be reported to the race veterinarians.

Personal prescriptions written for and carried by the mushers may not be used on the dogs.

Chiropractic manipulation, acupuncture, ultrasound, and therapeutic laser are recognized veterinary treatment modalities limited to use by licensed practitioners and, as such, their use during the race falls under the jurisdiction of the Chief Veterinarian. Because it is impractical for the Race Veterinary Team to ensure that these treatment modalities would be uniformly available to all competitors, their use will be prohibited from the pre-race veterinary exam to the end of the race. If, after consulting with the Chief Veterinarian, a competitor feels their dog needs to be treated with one of these modalities, a decision may be made to allow the use on that dog, but that dog must be dropped from the race.

Race veterinarians may utilize any of the below-listed drugs or other prohibited drugs necessary to maintain a dog's health. However, such dogs will be withdrawn from the race. The use of local or general anesthetics will not be allowed in any form unless the dog is withdrawn from the race. The use of any other drug not included on this list and deemed necessary for the health of the dog by the musher's veterinarian will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Chief Veterinarian at the pre-race examination.

Prohibited drugs:

- Anabolic steroids
- Analgesics (pain relievers) both prescriptive and non-prescriptive.
- Anti-inflammatory drugs, including but not limited to: Corticosteroids (the exception is the use on feet), Anti-prostaglandins, Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDS), Salicylates, DMSO
- Anesthetics
- Central nervous system stimulants
- Antihistamines
- Bronchodilators
- Cough suppressants
- Diuretics
- Injectable anti-cholinergic
- Muscle relaxants
- Tranquilizers and Opiates

The Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors reserves the right to collect blood and/or urine samples, at the discretion of the Chief Veterinarian, at random at any time commencing from the official pre-race physical exams until two hours after the conclusion of the race.

The musher, or handler designated by the musher, must assist the veterinarian in collecting samples whenever requested.

If blood or urine testing of a dog reveals any of the prohibited drugs in the dog, this rule has been violated regardless of when such drugs were administered to the dog.

The following ISDVMA guidelines list those vital signs which are indicators of health problems that would require the withdrawal of a dog from the race:

- Dehydration 7% -8%, or greater
- Heart rate of 120 beats per minute or higher after 60 minutes rest
- Body temperature greater than 103°F (39.5°C) after one hour of rest
- Lung sounds with evidence of edema, rales, or cough
- Hypothermia with a body temperature less than 99°F (37.2°C)
- Non-responsive diarrhea with blood associated with weight loss or dehydration
- Severe lameness, especially of the shoulder
- Seizures
- Brown or red urine
- Drop in Body Condition Score of 2 or more on a scale of 9

11. Equipment

- All harnesses must be padded around the neck and chest areas and have reflective tape or material.
- All gang lines must be arranged for single or double file disposition. All dogs must be fastened with a neckline and tugline (due to head on passing).
- Leaders must be connected by a neckline.
- Coated cable gang lines, iron rope gang line, or cable filled rope gang lines are mandatory for the Gunflint Mail Run.
- A sled must be equipped with a working brake bolted to the sled, a brush bow and snow hook.
- A sled/dog bag capable of safely restraining a struggling or injured dog must be on the sled.
- Any sticks or poling devices (e.g., ski poles) must have reflective tape or material.

12. Mandatory Gear

- Race Bibs (must be worn by musher with number and sponsor visible at all times while on the trail)

Mandatory Gear (continued)

- Musher's veterinary log book (Vet log book is not required to be in the sled. It can be kept at Trail Center, but it must not be lost, and must be turned in at the conclusion of the race.)
- Cable cutters or knife capable of cutting gangline.
- Two complete working headlamps with batteries capable of illuminating 10 yards beyond your lead dogs
- Sleeping bag with an arctic rating of 0 F (zero degrees) or colder
- One set (four) of booties per dog when leaving start and each checkpoint.
- A portion of food per dog (when leaving start and each checkpoint)
- One day's ration of food for the musher leaving each start and each checkpoint
- Knife (recommend in an easily accessible location)
- Ax (minimum size 22 inches)
- First aid kit (for musher and dogs), including Ace bandages and pressure dressings for severe bleeding
- Compass
- Waterproof matches or a lighter
- A musher's headlamp must remain on at all times after dusk.
- A blinking light on the lead dog – mandatory between dusk and sunrise.
- Promotional materials, as determined by the Board of Directors

The Gunflint Mail Run reserves the right to check all bags at the start, layover, and finish.

13. Acceptable/Prohibited Equipment

Acceptable Equipment:

- While cell phones are being allowed, it should be noted that service is unreliable.
- Standard AM/FM Radio.
- GPS equipment.

14. Race Officials

Race Marshal has the following responsibilities:

- In charge of all aspects of the race from the start of the pre-race physical exams through the end of the Awards banquet
- Final authority and interpretation of all rules
- Final determination for alteration of race, start location, and race route changes
- Final determinations of winners and placing.

The Race Officials shall act in concert with the Race Marshal and will hold authority within their specific locations as assigned by the Race Marshal.

The Race Veterinarians are Consulting Specialists to the race and have the right to examine any dog at any time during the race. In addition to the pre-race physical exams, they will be available throughout the race for consultations, first aid, and major medical situations. Their recommendations to disallow entry or to remove a dog or team from the race may occur at any time during the race and will go directly to the Chief Veterinarian, who, in conjunction with the Race Marshal, will make the final decision. In the absence of the Chief Veterinarian, the concurrence of two or more veterinarians in consultation with a Race Official may result in disallowing entry, removal, or holding of a dog or team from the race.

The Race Marshal and Race Officials shall consult with the Trail Boss regarding any determinations of issues involving the race trail.

The Race Director, Assistant Race Director, Chief Timer, Race Judge(s), Race Veterinarians, and other appointed officials each have immediate authority in their specific area of responsibility and will act as consultants to the Race Marshal, who has ultimate responsibility for final decision making.

The Race Marshal or Race Officials may remove a participant from the race if they are deemed non-competitive or fail to make satisfactory progress during any part of the race.

15. Musher's Responsibilities

Mushers are responsible for the conduct of their dogs, handlers and representatives before, during, and after the race. Disrespectful conduct will not be tolerated and can result in a penalty. The Gunflint Mail Run expects all mushers and handlers to conduct themselves in a manner that promotes the sport of dogsled racing.

The musher is required to report all violations of race rules and regulations to the Race Marshal, a Race Judge, or if no Judge is available, they may report to a Race Official (who in turn will notify a Race Judge or the Race Marshal). Forms for reporting violations will be available at every checkpoint.

Any musher who fails to comply with race rules and regulations as stated herein will face disqualification, monetary penalty, or time penalty depending on the nature of the violation as determined by the Race Marshal.

A musher withdrawing from the race either between checkpoints or at any checkpoint for any reason must immediately notify a Race Official. Failure to do so may result in a one-year disqualification.

It is the musher's responsibility to make sure that any dogs not starting or continuing the race are marked out by event veterinarians.

Mushers must return the following race materials at the conclusion of the race:

- Musher's Bib
- Musher's Veterinary Log Book (a copy of an individual musher's Log Book's contents will be made available to the musher upon request).

16. Penalties, disqualification, and protest procedure

Penalties and Disqualification

Rule infractions may result in an issuance of warnings, monetary penalties, time penalties, censure, or disqualification. Warnings may be issued by any Race Official. All rules, decisions, and penalties will be made by a RIC (Rules Interpretation Committee) made up of three race officials (Judges, vets or trail boss).

Monetary penalties may be imposed up to $500.00 for each violation. Such penalties may be deducted from prize money. A musher with unpaid fines may not enter future Gunflint Mail Run races until such fines are paid.

Censure

The Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors, following completion of the race and upon recommendation of the Race Marshal and/or Chief Veterinarian may censure a musher. A censure may include a warning, either in public or private, and may eliminate the musher from future races.

Disqualifications

Mushers may be disqualified for any infractions, including but not limited to physical abuse of a dog, cheating, or a deliberate rule infraction which give a musher an unfair advantage over another musher.

A musher will be allowed to continue racing while a decision is being made, except in cases involving cruel or inhumane treatment of dogs.

Any musher who violates any local, state or federal law while competing in this race may be disqualified from future races if convicted.

Disqualification will result in the forfeiture of all race placements and monetary awards.

Each musher shall provide and sign any and all documents requested by the Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors prior to entering the race. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Protests

Any musher wishing to lodge a protest must do so verbally at the first checkpoint following the occurrence of the act or situation to be considered.

All protests shall be lodged with the Race Marshal or a Race Official only and shall not be discussed with any other persons, including spectators or media.

Protests will be decided by the Race Marshal and Race Officials no later than one hour before the Awards Banquet. Following the verbal notification, a written protest must be submitted immediately following the race leg where the action occurred. Protests must be submitted within one hour of musher's entering a checkpoint of finishing the race.

Appeals

A musher may appeal any decision made by the Race Officials (Race Marshal, Race Judge(s), and Race Veterinarians) by submitting a written request to the Race Marshal for a hearing and resolution prior to the Awards Banquet.

If the appeal pertains to a Judging decision, then the Race Marshal will present information as to the reason for the decision and the Musher will present information in his/her defense. Both sides may bring a witness or witnesses that can corroborate their story. Witnesses are limited to Race Judges, Race Veterinarians, Race Officials, race volunteers, or race mushers that have firsthand information concerning the situation being considered. A jury comprised of the Chief Veterinarian, Race Director (or Assistant Race Director or Gunflint Mail Run Board Member), and the Musher Representative (selected by the mushers at the Musher Meeting) will render a majority decision. Note: if the musher representative is unable to serve, the alternate will be called upon to serve.

If the appeal pertains to a Veterinary decision, then the Chief Veterinarian will present information as to the reason for the decision and the Musher will present information in his/her defense. Both sides may bring a witness or witnesses that can corroborate their story. Witnesses are limited to Race Judges, Race Veterinarians, Race Officials, race volunteers, or race mushers that have firsthand information concerning the situation being considered. A jury comprised of the Race Marshal, Race Director (or Assistant Race Director or Gunflint Mail Run Board Member), and the Musher Representative (selected by the mushers at the musher meeting) will render a majority decision. Note: if the Musher Representative is unable to serve, the alternate will be called upon to serve.

17. The Race

Start/Finish

The start, layover, and finish will all be located at Trail Center along the Gunflint Trail. It is the ONLY checkpoint and dog drop.

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The first team will leave the starting chute at 8:00 a.m. Sunday, January 17th, 2027.

Start Timing

Mushers are assigned pickup times in advance by race officials. Mushers must have their teams hooked up and ready to go at their pickup time. Volunteer handlers will help move dog teams to the starting gate.

A team arriving late to the starting gate will not be allowed to interfere with the start of teams who arrive on time. If a musher arrives late to the starting gate, he or she will be held to the side at the starting line and will be allowed to start at the discretion of the Race Marshal. The musher's time starts at the time of his or her scheduled starting time, not at the time when the team actually departs.

If the race is at fault for not delivering a musher to the starting chute on time, or the musher is brought up out of order by the race, the musher will depart the start chute at the first opportunity (usually on a 30 second interval). The recorded time will be the actual time the musher left the chute.

Subject to compliance with all race rules, regulations and determinations of the Race Marshal, a team finish time, as well as the time into each checkpoint, is measured when the nose of the lead dog crosses the finish line.

Should any of the mandatory gear be missing, a monetary penalty may be assessed for each item missing. Expendable or consumable gear (e.g. booties, food) need not be present on arrival at a checkpoint or at the finish.

Checkpoints

There will be a mandatory minimum layover of three hours plus differential at the Trail Center Checkpoint. Maximum layover will be four hours plus differential. Boxing of dogs will not be allowed during the mandatory layover.

There will not be a mandatory veterinary exam during the layover.

Each musher must sign in and out personally from the Trail Center checkpoint.

Dogs may be dropped from a team **only** at the official checkpoint at Trail Center.

Any musher leaving his/her team at a checkpoint may do so only if a handler stays with the dogs. Boxed dogs may be left unattended.

Each musher and his/her handler(s) are responsible for having the necessary food and water at the checkpoints.

Outside Assistance

No outside assistance other than that planned by the race giving organization is permitted between checkpoints. Exceptions may be made under emergency conditions as determined by the Race Marshal or a Race Official.

Mushers may aid each other in appropriate ways under emergency conditions.

Outside assistance with repair to broken or destroyed equipment may be allowed under the supervision of the Race Marshal or a Race Official.

Mushers may receive assistance in cases of uncontrolled or lost dog teams. Outside assistance must be accepted if a musher has lost complete control of a team; this includes motorized assistance. The Race Marshal or a Race Official must be notified of such a circumstance and will rule on its validity.

A musher may not receive assistance from any motorized vehicle between checkpoints except in the case of a medical emergency or a lost team. Pacing with a vehicle is prohibited. Dog trucks and/or handlers are allowed only at official assisted checkpoints unless helping a team that has officially scratched from the race.

Handling and Treatment of Dogs

The cruel and/or inhumane treatment of any dog, including dogs not officially entered in the race, by any musher or handler as determined by the Race Officials is strictly prohibited.

In the event a team gets away from the musher, it will not be disqualified if the musher regains control provided they have not left the racecourse. If the team and the musher have left the racecourse, they must re-enter the course at the point they left it.

All dogs on a team must be in harness and attached to the sled. No loose leaders will be permitted. A musher must make every effort to secure a dog which becomes loose accidentally. Dogs not in the team gang line must be restrained in the sled basket at all times during the course of the race.

It is the musher’s responsibility to check for traffic at road crossings on the race course. Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors will attempt to secure road crossings, but final safety is the musher’s responsibility.

Two or more teams may not be tied together except to assist a musher at some single location along the race route. Mushers involved in such a situation must notify a Race Official at the next checkpoint along the trail. No penalty will be assessed if a musher is aiding another race participant in danger for his/her life.

A musher may have another team haul his/her dogs only if they agree and if the musher is hauling two or more dogs already.

Expired dogs: Any dog expired on the trail must be covered and transported in the sled either on to the finish or back to the start. The musher must then complete a report and present it to the Chief Veterinarian. All expired dogs will be necropsied under the supervision of the Chief Veterinarian per ISDVMA guidelines. Tissue samples will be submitted to a veterinary pathologist for examination as deemed necessary.

Forced oral or parenteral rehydration of a dog is the responsibility of race veterinarians only. Any dog requiring emergency or forced rehydration must be dropped from the team and placed under medical supervision.

The Race Course

Teams must stay on the race course. If the team and the musher have left the race course, they must re-enter the course at the point they left it.

When overtaking another team, a musher may call “TRAIL” if/when he or she wants the overtaken musher to relinquish the trail. The slower team must relinquish the trail immediately when “TRAIL” is called and assist the passing team if necessary. Sticks and other poling aids cannot be used within 100 feet (either behind or in front) of another team and must be stowed when a musher calls for trail. When neither team is able to pull away from the other, the mushers shall agree mutually on the appropriate team to lead out.

No Man’s Land starts one mile from the finish line and will be well marked. Mushers will no longer have the option to call trail nor will mushers be required to relinquish the trail. Sticks and other poling aids must be stowed in No Man’s Land.

All race participants must abide by state and federal laws governing the transportation and use of firearms and the killing of game and non-game wildlife. In the event a musher kills a game animal protecting his life or that of his dogs, the musher must remove the animal from the trail if possible and then report the incident to a Race Official at the next checkpoint. The Gunflint Mail Run will take responsibility for notifying authorities.

Mushers stopping to rest along the trail are required to ensure that the racecourse is clear of all dogs and gear.

The race will continue under all but the most severe of weather conditions. Mushers must come prepared to contend with cold, wind, storm conditions, and bare sections of trail. In the event of questionable trail conditions, the Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors will make the decision to postpone or cancel the race no later than the Wednesday of race week. After the start of the mushers’ meeting, the Race Marshal will assume all responsibility for any further postponement or alteration of start/finish locations.

The primary consideration will be the safety and well-being of the dogs and mushers, not the comfort of the musher.

Mushers observing littering on the trail are encouraged to report it. A musher may be fined up to $100 for intentional littering. A time penalty may also be imposed at the discretion of the Race Marshal.

Unsafe Conditions

Should the Race Marshal determine that an emergency event, an unsafe situation, or unsafe conditions, including weather or trail conditions, may affect the race, the Race Marshal may 1) reroute, shorten, or cancel any portion of the race; 2) stop a team or teams from competing; and/or 3) cancel the event and not restart the race. Should a situation occur where the Race Marshal makes such a change, each team's overall finishing position will be determined by each team's overall accumulated trail time.

18. Claims

Each musher agrees to hold the Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors, the race sponsors and other contributors (as distinguished from individual sponsors of mushers and teams) harmless from any claim or demand based upon any alleged action or inaction by the musher, his/her dogs or others acting on his/her behalf.

The Gunflint Mail Run Board of Directors claims unconditional authority to allow race sponsors to film, photograph or otherwise collect and document information about the race and race participants for use in advertising, public relations or other publicity purposes.

Each musher shall sign any and all documents as may be requested by the Gunflint Mail Run race to accept the foregoing statements and conditions. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. All documents will be presented to the musher at Registration or will be included in the musher entry packet.