



RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. AMWA OBJECTIVES

- To encourage owners and prospective owners to work their Alaskan Malamutes in a safe and responsible manner.
- To encourage co-operation between Alaskan Malamute owners and admirers for the good of the breed, to exchange views and information on all subjects appertaining to the breed.
- To arrange working and fun events for and on behalf of its club members and associates of the club members.

2. COMMITTEE

- 2.1. The management of the Association shall be in the hands of the Committee consisting of the Chairperson (**elected annually by the committee**), Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of 6 members. Maximum of 11 including officers.
- 2.2. All Committee members shall retire bi-annually, but shall be eligible for re-election at the **Annual General Meeting**. The Chairperson, Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary shall retire annually, but shall also be eligible for re-election.
- 2.3. It is agreed that committee meetings will be held a minimum of twice a year (to include the clubs **Annual General Meeting**) whereupon matters of club management and terms and conditions can be discussed and changes voted on.
- 2.4. The Honorary Secretary can, under extreme circumstances, call an extraordinary meeting in regards to immediate rule changes to the terms and conditions/Rules & Regulations if it is deemed that there is a health and safety issue with running an event, and the meeting shall consist of a quorum of at least 2/3rd of members including officers. Minutes of all meetings will be recorded for future reference and sent to all committee members.
- 2.5. All officers and members are required to attend at least one out of the minimum two committee meetings in any one year or they will automatically be removed from the committee (unless there are exceptional circumstances for non-attendance).
- 2.6. All non attendees are obliged to inform either the club secretary or the club chairperson in advance of the meeting that they will not be attending.
- 2.7. In the absence of a Chairperson, a Chairperson of the day will be elected by the committee members present.

- 2.8. The Chairperson has the deciding vote in the event of a split Committee vote.
- 2.9. If any committee places are vacant at any time through resignation, etc, the committee will have the power to co-opt at the next committee meeting to fill the place/s.
- 2.10. There may also be sub-committee members that can contribute to the running of the club but do not have voting rights.
- 2.11. All members under the age of 18 are considered as minors and therefore junior members and will not have voting rights (unless signed over by parent or guardian – in accordance with the ruling for junior membership).
- 2.12. Committee members will be appointed based on their commitment to the club and the breed and should not receive any personal gain from being on the committee nor use their status within the club to promote personal goals or receive financial gain.
- 2.13. Positions to be held within the committee are:
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Membership secretary
 - Events Co-ordinator
 - Equipment officer
 - Merchandise officer
 - Club magazine editor
 - Committee posts x 3

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. Membership is open to anyone interested in Sled Dog pursuits with Alaskan Malamutes, and other sled dog breeds.
- 3.2. Annual membership fees must be sent to the Membership Secretary by *1st October* of each year. Having updated the membership list accordingly, the Membership Secretary shall pass the Subscriptions on to the Hon Treasurer for banking and, if requested by the members, a receipt shall be issued. If membership fees remain unpaid after *31st January*, the Committee have the

power to erase the member from the list of members. If the Committee receive a satisfactory explanation for late renewal by the member then, at their discretion, they may re-admit the member on payment of the arrears.

- 3.3. New members paying the first time after *1st July* shall have their membership extending for the following year. All members shall have a reduced fee for entry at Alaskan Malamute Working Association events.
- 3.4. Minutes of the AGM are available on request and will cost 50p plus an SAE.

4. MEMBERSHIP FEES

4.1. Fees are as follows:-

- Single membership will be £15.00 per annum
- A partnership (2 people) is eligible for joint membership of £20.00 per annum; each partner being eligible to vote at meetings.
- Junior Membership (age 8 – 17 inclusive). Junior Membership will be £5.00 per annum. Under 18's are considered minors and therefore do not have the right of a member vote, nor are they eligible to enter adult event classes. The committee reserve the right to consider applications from parents of 16-18 year for adult membership.

4.2. Membership fees may be amended at the AGM.

4.3. Minutes of the AGM are available on request and will cost 50p plus an SAE.

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1. At the discretion of the Club Secretary, the **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the month of August and will cover the following agenda:-

- The election of Officers and Committee;
- Rules of the Association;
- Financial matters/membership fees;
- Terms and conditions of events to be held;
- Any other business (not to be voted on).

5.2. Members will receive one month's notice of an Annual General Meeting.

- 5.3. The rules of the Association shall not be altered except at an **Annual General Meeting** or a Special General Meeting.

6. ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS

- 6.1. A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Association into which all revenue of the Association shall be paid and from which withdrawals shall only be made on the signature of the Hon Treasurer and Hon Secretary or Chairperson.
- 6.2. The accounts shall be kept by the Hon Treasurer. Auditors shall be appointed at each AGM, who may audit the Association's accounts for the ensuing year before the AGM.
- 6.3. The Association's accounts shall run from 1st April to 31st March annually.

7. ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

- 7.1. The property of the Association shall be vested in the Officers and in the event of the Association ceasing to exist, a General Meeting shall be called and the assets shall be disposed of on the decision of the existing Committee.
- 7.2. All trophies and cups accepted by the Association must be an outright gift to the Association. Cups must be returned to the donator or sponsor in the event of the Association ceasing to exist. All event organisers are responsible for issue and recovery of perpetual trophies as appropriate.

8. COMPLAINTS AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 8.1. If the conduct of any member or competitor at an AMWA Event, or any prospective member or competitor at an AMWA Event, shall in the opinion of the Committee of the Association, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interest of the Association, the Committee of the Association shall be called for the purpose of investigating any such complaint as per the complaints procedure and passing a resolution to warn, expel, ban or all, as the case may be, him/her from the Association and/or its organised events and the individual to be notified of the same.
- 8.2. Notice of a Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused member, giving particulars of the complaint. The accused member may appeal in writing within 14 days from the date of the notification was sent. If no appeal

is received within 14 days, the accused member will be advised of the place, date and hour of the meeting.

- 8.3. If, at the meeting, a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, his/her name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members for one year, after which he/she is entitled to re-apply for membership.

9. CODE OF ETHICS

- 9.1. Members will follow the rules of good sportsmanship in all Alaskan Malamute activities.
- 9.2. Members will fully explain to all prospective Alaskan Malamute purchasers the disadvantages as well as the advantages of owning the breed.
- 9.3. Members will attempt to befriend and help novice breed enthusiasts.
- 9.4. Members will help to encourage Alaskan Malamute owners to train and work their dogs in harness, so that the breed's primary function may be perpetrated.
- 9.5. The Association shall strongly discourage "commercial" breeding, and the excessive production of Alaskan Malamute puppies, and also the cross-breeding of dogs.
- 9.6. The Association views any act of ignorance, neglect or cruelty to Alaskan Malamutes with serious concern, and where relevant, may instigate action under the rules for "Complaints and Expulsion of Members" if grounds for such action are deemed sufficient by the Committee.
- 9.7. Cases of cruelty or neglect of Alaskan Malamutes by owners outside the Association's membership, but brought to its attention, shall be closely monitored with a view to constructive advice or assistance to the relevant bodies and Authorities if requested or required.

10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EVENTS

- 10.1. The Association organised a number of events throughout the year, aiming to encourage owners and prospective owners to work their Alaskan Malamute.
- 10.2. Events that are organised include Rallies, Backpacking, Weight Pull and Introduction to Working Dogs.

- 10.3. Events are very social and allow opportunities for members and admirers to exchange views and information on all subjects relating to the breed.
- 10.4. Any member of the Association is welcome to organise an event, and will be fully supported and guided by the Committee. If a member wishes to arrange an event, it should be discussed with the Events Co-ordinator, who will raise the potential event with the Committee for approval.
- 10.5. If the conduct of any member or competitor at an AMWA Event, or any prospective member or competitor at an AMWA Event, shall in the opinion of the Committee of the Association, be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interest of the Association, the Committee of the Association shall be called for the purpose of investigating any such complaint as per the complaints procedure and passing a resolution to warn, expel, ban or all, as the case may be, him/her from the Association and/or its organised events and the individual to be notified of the same.
- 10.6. For full rules and regulations for each type of event, please see appendices as follows:
 - a. Appendix 1: Rules and Regulations for Rally Events
 - b. Appendix 2: Rules and Regulations for Backpacking Events
 - c. Appendix 3: Rules and Regulations for Weight Pull Events



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1. CONDITIONS OF EVENTS

- 1.1. All rallies organised shall be limited to entrants over the age of 18. Any competitors under the age of 18 must have parental consent. The age restriction may be dropped from time to time to enable "Junior Events" to be held with a minimum age limit of 8. Any Junior entering a specially organised event must have adult supervision AT ALL TIMES. This could entail riding on the rig/sled with the Junior competitor, running alongside, and physically in contact with and in control of the lead dog(s).
- 1.2. Recognised, secured head protection is to be worn by all Junior competitors. The Association strongly advise all adults to wear head protection, not to do so is at the individuals risk, and a disclaimer on the entry forms is signed to this effect.
- 1.3. Any dog participating in events organised by the Alaskan Malamute Working Association must be a pure bred sled dog and be registered with the Kennel Club or Malamute Rescue to that effect.
- 1.4. Events must meet the following requirements:-
 - a. It is the responsibility of the dog owners to make sure that their dogs are sufficiently trained and conditioned and that they post no hazard to the health or welfare of themselves or other dogs participating in the event. Any dog or team proven to be a hazard to other dog teams or drivers/handlers shall be disqualified from the event by the Event Organiser(s).
 - b. Rallies may be cancelled at any stage at the discretion of the Event Organiser(s). Refunds in full or a percentage of may be given if an event is cancelled, once all non reclaimable overheads have been deducted and settled.
 - c. Authority to postpone or cancel an event shall rest solely with the Event Organiser(s).
 - d. Any driver/handler who displays poor sportsmanship or abuses his/her dogs shall be disqualified by the Event Organiser(s) and risks expulsion from the Association.
 - e. The owner, driver or handler who has been disqualified may subsequently appeal to the Committee.
 - f. Dogs undertaking any event, including any recreation classes, must be 12 months of age on or by the date of that event (Certain individual events may require higher age qualifications).

- g. Events will be held under Alaskan Malamute Working Association rules plus any amendments created by the Event Organiser(s), as long as they do not change the basic requirements of the Alaskan Malamute Working Association rules.
- 1.5. Any team that encroaches in to the area/space of another team will be deemed as not being in control and therefore seen as the aggressor irrespective of who initiates the physical aggression/snarling/attack.
 - 1.6. No Junior (8 – 17) is permitted to marshal or snub at AMWA race events.

2. CLASS DESCRIPTION FOR RACE EVENTS

M1:	1 Dog; Alaskan Malamutes only
M2:	2/3 Dogs; Alaskan Malamutes only
MS:	4+ Dogs; Alaskan Malamutes only
AS/FDC:	2/3 Mixed Dogs (i.e. Alaskan Malamute / Siberian Husky / Eskimo / Greenland / Samoyed – any pure bred Sled / Freight Dog Combination)
BS:	4/6 Dogs; Siberian Huskies only
CS:	3/4 Dogs; Siberian Huskies only
DS:	2/3 Dogs; Siberian Huskies only
ES:	2 Dog; Siberian Huskies only
DV:	2/3 Dogs; confined to pure bred Sled / Freight dogs, aged 7 and over
S1:	1 Dog; Scooter
J1:	1 Dog; Junior (13 -17 inclusive)
J2:	1 Dog; Junior (8 - 12 inclusive)
Recreational Class: 1 Dog; Alaskan Malamutes only / 2 Dogs; Siberian Huskies	

3. ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS AND DRIVERS

- 3.1. An entry to the rally must be submitted before the start of the rally, subject to the entry deadline as set out by the organisers.

- 3.2. Drivers/Mushers must be over 18 years of age on the first day of the event, except where special novelty or junior classes have been arranged. The age limits of such classes will be specified on the entry form.
- 3.3. The Driver/Musher starting a team in the first heat of a rally shall drive that team throughout the rally.
- 3.4. A change in Driver/Musher can only be made as a result of illness or accident to the authorised entrant and must have the approval of the event organisers.
- 3.5. Any Driver/Musher disqualified in any heat is not eligible to continue in the remainder of the event.
- 3.6. Any dog or team coming to the starting point being, in the opinion of the rally organisers, unfit or incapable of completing the course/event will be disqualified.
- 3.7. Any dog or team not starting in the first heat of a rally shall not be eligible to compete in the remainder of the rally.
- 3.8. Any dog or team disqualified in any heat of a rally shall not be eligible to compete in the remainder of the rally.

4. DUTIES OF EVENT OFFICERS

4.1. Start timers

- a. Inform competitor of start time in stages i.e. 2 minutes, 1 minute, 30 seconds, 10 seconds and then countdown from 5,4,3,2 and 1.
- b. Ensure the competitor has entered the correct breed for the class with the correct amount of dogs.
- c. Where applicable, confirm the competitor is wearing protective head gear.
- d. Ensure the rig is fitted with a rig bag if appropriate to team size (running three dogs or more).
- e. Ensure the competitor leaves the start shoot within 30 seconds of the official start time.
- f. Appointing helpers to exit troubled team from start shoot to enable next team to start without causing a delay or health and safety issue.
- g. Placing late starters to back of class and appointing them a new start time.

- h. Disqualifying second time late starts from race.
- i. Informing timing official of amendments to starting orders.
- j. Report any irregularities to Event organisers.

4.2. Finish timers

- a. Record teams via timing device when the front of rig (brush bow) passes over the finishing line.
- b. Ensure bibs and competitor numbers match with the competitor name and team/class.
- c. Ensure the minimum size team completes the race for that particular class. i.e. 2-3 dog teams require a minimum of 2 dogs to complete course/race.
- d. Report any irregularities to Event organisers.
- e. Hand over the stop clock/timing device to the official timekeeper for calculations of timings.

4.3. Rig inspections

- a. The rig inspector should ensure the rig is in a safe condition to commence the race and only award a pass of the inspection on satisfactory examination of the rig.
- b. The inspector should check for the following;
 - All wealds are sound and have no appearance of extensive wear or cracks;
 - The rigs wheels have no punctures or excessive wear;
 - The brush bow is between 12 and 18 inches from the ground;
 - The rig has two rear functioning brakes that lock the wheels when the rig has been dragged. (Scooters only require 1 rear brake);
 - The head set and handle bars are all tightly fitted and show no signs of extensive play that might possibly lead to coming loose or causing an accident.

4.4. Snubbing

- a. The snubber is responsible to secure the rig at the start line via a snub line to a post/stake/tree or any other object that seems appropriate for the tethering of the rig and team without causing damage to dogs, persons or their belongings.
- b. The snub line should be attached to the rig at the footplates or the frame, and never in any circumstances should it be attached to a wheel. (Avoid brakes and mounts).
- c. The Start timer will indicate to the musher and the snubber/s the amount of time left before the team is due to start, at which stage the snubber should prepare to release the snub-line and enable the team to compete.
- d. The snubber should use their discretion when to release the snub-line but ensuring the rig/team/musher does not commence the race until his/her appointed time.
- e. In the event of the snub-line being entangled into the rig/wheel, which prevents the team from commencing at the correct time, the competitor may wish to restart at a later designated start time for that class. If time allows, the start timer at their discretion will put the competitor to the back of the class without a time fault.
- f. The snubber/s, on request of the Start timer, should aid in the exit of troubled teams/musher's from the start shoot, but not outside of the start shoot.

4.5. Race Marshal

- a. The marshal will be given a designated point to maintain a vigil over, and log all competitors as they pass;
- b. The key duties are to establish that all competitors comply with the terms and condition of the event and a safe competition concludes;
- c. The marshal will normally be strategically placed where possible trouble spots might be or confusion with trail markers and turns could arise;
- d. The marshal is permitted to verbally aid the competitor by giving advice on trail condition or warning of potential areas of concern regarding teams ahead;

- e. The marshal may also aid the competitor by holding the rig while the competitor makes adjustments to the team or rig before continuing the race without a time fault;
- f. The marshal must not handle the dogs/team unless requested by the competitor at which stage the marshal must log down the incident and notify the event organiser. A time fault of 30 seconds will then be added to the competitors final finish time;
- g. Only in extreme circumstances should a marshal handle the dogs without the competitor's permission. i.e. loose team, dog altercation or a matter of health and safety. (The marshal should not place themselves in a position of danger to themselves.)

4.6. Parking Marshal

- a. It is the duty of the parking marshal to ensure vehicles are only parked in appropriate and designated areas as assigned by the event organiser/s;
- b. The parking marshal should monitor the refuse left by the vehicle owners and politely request that they remove all personal belongings and dog waste from the venue site;
- c. The marshal should also use their discretion when allocating appropriate space per vehicle size and teams/numbers of dogs entered;
- d. Where possible, the marshal will try to place competitors with the largest teams nearest to the start line so movement through pathways/trails/roads are kept to a minimum and congestion reduced;
- e. The marshal should also take in to account facilities for staking out dogs and space available to accommodate large teams.

5. TRAIL PROCEDURE

- 5.1. The course will be clearly marked out with highly visible markers.
- 5.2. The trail will be marked as follows:
 - "Right Turn" Will be indicated by a red marker on the right side of the trail.
 - "Left Turn" Will be indicated by a red marker on the left side of the trail.

- "Straight On" Will be indicated by a blue marker.
- "Caution" Will be indicated by a yellow marker.
- "No R.O.W." Will indicate No Right of Way.

No R.O.W. means you do not have the right of way and other teams may overtake you.

R.O.W. means you have the right of way and no team can overtake you without your permission.

- 5.3. Any team leaving the trail must return to the course at the point at which they left the trail.

6. DISEASE

- 6.1. No dog, equipment or clothing shall be brought to a Rally from a kennel where ANY contagious disease exists.
- 6.2. Every dog participating in a rally must be fully vaccinated.
- 6.3. Should an event veterinarian diagnose any dog present in the rally to have a contagious disease, the team shall be disqualified immediately and asked to leave the rally area.

7. MEDICATION

- 7.1. Prohibited medications are all those deemed harmful to the dogs or to the sport, including stimulants, depressants, anaesthetics and analgesics.
- 7.2. If any dog is suspected of being under the influence of any prohibited medication, the Event Organiser(s) reserve the right to have the dog examined and tested by qualified personnel, and, if positive, the dog, Driver/Musher, owner and team will suffer automatic disqualification for the whole of that season plus any other penalty deemed appropriate, including possible expulsion from the Association.
- 7.3. If any owner or Driver/Musher refuses to allow a sample to be collected in his/her presence from a dog, that team will be disqualified from that event. Any further penalty served will be deemed as appropriate.

8. EQUIPMENT

- 8.1. All Driver/Mushers and equipment shall be available for inspection by the appointed Scrutineer at the time set by the Event Organiser(s). Driver/Mushers and equipment may be required for inspection after each run or heat.
- 8.2. Each Driver/Musher will ensure the proper safety and fit of harnesses and collars prior to the Rally. These may be subject to scrutiny during the pre-rally checks.
- 8.3. A numbered bib will be provided by the Event Organiser(s). The Driver/Musher shall display this number on his person throughout the running of the rally.
- 8.4. Lines & Connections will be checked by the Scrutineer.
 - a. All connections from lines to harness, collar and rig/sled must be capable of quick and easy detachment. Correct functioning of these attachments will be checked.
 - b. All teams must have a snub line attached to the gang line between the rear of the team and the point where it is attached to the rig/sled. The snub line must be of sufficient length to enable the release from a static object (e.g. gatepost or tree) by the driver whilst standing on, and in control of the rig.
 - c. All lines must be free of frays and excess wear.
 - d. Shock absorber, when used, must have a safety line.
- 8.5. Rigs will be checked before each rally by the appointed Scrutineer.
 - a. Must not be fitted with any device to assist propulsion.
 - b. Must have three or four wheels and be free-standing.
 - c. Must have an adequate braking system. Rear wheels must lock, and remain locked when brakes are applied by the driver standing in the normal position and with motive power supplied by either pushing or pulling the rig by the Scrutineer.
 - d. Must be equipped with a manual steering mechanism capable of operation by the driver from the normal driving position.
 - e. All rigs must be fitted with a brushbow. This must cover the entire width of the rig and must be created in a way as to avoid any sharp projection.

- f. Brushbows must not be less than 8" nor more than 18" from the ground. All brushbows must be manufactured from inflexible materials.
- 8.6. Sleds will be checked before each rally by the appointed Scrutineer.
- a. Must be fitted with a brushbow.
 - b. Must have an adequate braking system.
- 8.7. Scooters will be checked before each rally by the appointed Scrutineer.
- a. Should have a platform suitable for standing on & shall be capable of being driven & controlled by a single driver.
 - b. Shall have 2 wheels only with a minimum wheel diameter of 12" for each wheel.
 - c. Shall have an adequate braking system either on both wheels or the rear wheel only, but never on the front wheel alone.
 - d. The dog shall be attached to the scooter by a gangline (not exceeding 3 meters in length with a shock absorber and screwgate carabiner).
 - e. May not have an engine or any other device which will unfairly assist the team.
 - f. Head protection must be worn at all times.

9. STARTING PROCEDURE

- 9.1. Drawing for position
- a. The starting positions for the rally will be determined by a draw held prior to the event by the Organiser(s). OR by seeded, subject to rally type and committee agreements. The order shall not be changed either by addition or substitution;
 - b. The order may, at the opinion of the Event Organiser(s), be changed to accommodate rig/sled loans;
 - c. In accordance with the association rule under "CONDITIONS OF EVENTS", the start of the rally, or in fact any stage of the rally, may be cancelled at the Event Organiser(s) discretion;
 - d. The Musher is responsible for ensuring that his team is securely snubbed at the start line;
 - e. The starting point of the team shall be the front of the brushbow;

- f. Start time shall be the originally scheduled time of departure;
- g. A late starting team shall not be allowed to start until the last team entered in its class has started and a five minute penalty added;
- h. If more than one team is declared late, those teams shall re-start in their originally scheduled starting order and a five minute penalty added;
- i. If a team is late for its second scheduled start time for any heat, that team shall be disqualified;
- j. A team not clearing the start position within 30 seconds of its start time must retire and await instruction from the Event Organiser(s);
- k. A team not clearing the starting chute within 60 seconds of its scheduled starting time will be disqualified. (Subject to interval start times).

10. COURSE PROCEDURE

10.1 Driving a Team

- a. A driver may ride, scoot or run as and when he wishes;
- b. Physical abuse of dogs is strictly prohibited;
- c. A driver shall not interfere with a competing team;
- d. Carrying a passenger at any time in the rally is prohibited;
- e. Muzzles, full choke collars, whips or other similar devices are strictly prohibited;
- f. Spiked or metal studded footwear is prohibited.

11. DOGS

- 11.1. All dogs must be properly harnessed in the team and all dogs must be fastened by a neck line. Lead dogs must be properly harnessed, but may run without a neck line.
- 11.2. Any dog suffering injury or becoming unfit to run during a rally must be taken out of the team.
- 11.3. In the event of an emergency, the driver must use his own discretion as to whether he proceeds to the finish with a depleted team, having left the

dropped dog with a Marshal, or whether he retires and seeks the assistance of a Marshal, spectator or fellow driver in returning safely and quickly.

12. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

- 12.1. All teams may receive assistance of any kind from officials stationed at designated points along the trail. All Drivers/Mushers will be notified of permissible assistance at the Mushers Meeting.
- 12.2. An individual team may receive assistance from anyone only if the team has become unmanageable.
- 12.3. Assistance shall be limited to holding the rig/sled, except in the case of a loose team.
- 12.4. In the absence of a driver, the team may be held or snubbed until the driver arrives.
- 12.5. No person is allowed to assist a team by wilfully pacing it.

13. LOOSE TEAMS

- 13.1. Everyone should be encouraged to stop and hold a loose team.
- 13.2. Both team and driver must cover the entire course without unauthorised assistance.
- 13.3. A loose team interfering with other teams will be disqualified.

14. RIGHT OF WAY

- 14.1. When passing in opposite directions on a single trail;
 - a. On a hill, the team travelling downhill shall have the right of way;
 - b. On level ground, the Event Organiser(s) shall determine whether outgoing or incoming teams shall have the right of way;
 - c. The Event Organiser(s) shall determine on what side the trail to pass. This will be announced at the Mushers Meeting.

15. PASSING

- 15.1. When one team wishes to pass another, the passing team driver must request the right of way by calling "TRAIL".
- 15.2. The team about to be overtaken shall make way by moving to one side of the trail and slowing down or stopping if requested by the overtaking team driver.
- 15.3. The overtaken team may request the right to re-pass if both Driver/Mushers concerned are in agreement.
- 15.4. If the passing team becomes entangled as a result of the pass, the team's driver may request the overtaken team to stop for no more than 30 seconds.
- 15.5. A driver coming upon two or more teams stopped together may pass all such teams. The stopped Driver/Mushers shall make every effort to clear the trail for the moving team(s).
- 15.6. All competitors are responsible for their dogs and the dog/s temperament should be considered when overtaking other teams.
- 15.7. Any team that encroaches in to the area/space of another team will be deemed as not being in control and therefore seen as the aggressor irrespective of who initiates the physical aggression/snarling/attack.

16. CONDUCT

- 16.1. Driver/Mushers are responsible for the conduct of their dogs, handlers, family and guests whenever in the rally area.
- 16.2. Abuse of dogs in any shape or form is strictly prohibited, except where necessary to break up a dog fight.
- 16.3. Common sense and good sportsmanship shall prevail.

17. FINISHING PROCEDURES

- 17.1 The finishing point of any team shall be the brushbow of the rig/sled.
- 17.2. If a loose team should cross the finishing line ahead of the Musher, the finish time shall be taken as the Musher crosses the line, not when the dogs cross.

18. COMPLIANTS AND RULE VIOLATIONS

18.1. Reports by Officials

- a. Event Officials shall report rule violations to the Event Organiser(s) verbally (in person by radio) immediately or directly following the heat in which the violation occurred.
- b. The Event Organiser(s) shall act at their discretion on any violations witnessed and reported by the Event Officials.

18.2. Reports by Contestants

- a. Mushers wishing to report an alleged rule violation must do so immediately after the heat in which the incident occurred. This must be done verbally to the Event Organiser(s);
- b. All verbal reports shall be followed by a written report and given to the Event Organiser(s) within one hour of the verbal report.

18.3 Protests

- a. Any Driver/Musher implicated in a report of a rule violation may make a protest and request a hearing before the Event Organiser(s);
- b. Said hearing shall be granted by the Event Organiser(s) on that day.