

Chena Lakes Race information

HOW MUCH: \$10

HOW TO REGISTER: All racers need to pre-register by Thursday, February 9 at 6 pm by calling Sara Tabbert at 479 0456 or emailing stabbert@hotmail.com. I will confirm your registration with a call or email (I will be away from phone and email contact from Tuesday morning through Wednesday evening, so don't worry if you don't hear back right away.)

WHEN: **Saturday, February 11.** Check in at or before 11:30 (I will be there by 10:45), race meeting at 11:40, race start at 12:00. Racers will start at 1 minute intervals.

HOW COLD: If it is -15 or colder at 9:30 am at 458-3745 extension 1113 on the day of the race it will be cancelled. Call the ASPA hotline 457 5456 shortly after 9:30 to verify the status of the race.

WHO: One, two, and three dog classes. As of right now all participants need to be ASPA members. Membership forms will be available and new members get one free race, so there's little to lose by giving it a try.

WHERE: Mike Agbaba trails, Chena Lakes. Take the Richardson highway through North Pole and follow the signs - the park will be to the left of the highway. Go through the main entrance and turn left on Lake Park Road. The trailhead is a short distance down this road near the children's playground. **SEE TRAIL MAP UNDER "TRAILS" SECTION AT www.alaskaskijoring.org.**

HOW FAR: We are currently offering distances of 3.8 miles and 6.5 miles for all classes but please contact me if you are interested in a longer race. It is easy to add a 9.5 or 12 mile option. Longer distance racers will go out first followed by shorter distance racers. Start order within each distance class will be random. The usual race rules will be used and we will have a quick reminder of these at the race meeting. Be additionally aware we are guests on Borough property so cleanup and following park rules are very important.

HANDLERS: We may not have a dedicated handler at this race so if you need help, please make your own arrangements for a handler.

VOLUNTEERS: We need a starter and two timers or the race will not happen! Handlers and photographers would also be fantastic. Please contact Sara at the address above if you are willing to volunteer.

PRIZES: We will have prizes to award to a few lucky participants and goodie bags will be given to all.

I will skijor the trails on Friday and send out a trail report prior to the race.

RACE and TRAIL ETTIQUETTE and RULES:

Before/after the race and in the parking lot, start/finish areas:

-Each participant is responsible for his/her dog(s). This includes before and after the event as well as during the event. We cannot guarantee a handler for the start/finish area and the starter and timers will NOT be able to help handle dogs. If you need a handler to help you to the start line, please bring your own. Flying starts will not be allowed. We will try to have tie-outs available but this may not be possible.

-Necklines are highly recommended for 2 dogs running side by side.

-Gang lines should not be so long that you cannot quickly gain control of your dog(s) during a passing situation.

-No nippy dogs.

-No loose dogs.

-Pick up all dog poop in the parking and start/finish areas and haul out.

-Take your dog(s) away from the finish area immediately so other teams have room to finish.

-All participants and volunteers should meet after the last finisher each day to swap stories and to pass out prizes.

Passing Rules:

-To pass: Yell "trail" well in advance of needing to pass to give the racer ahead of you time to collect their dogs and move to the side of the trail. Go to the same side of the trail as your dog(s) to go on by.

-Being Passed: Reel in your dog(s) and stay on the same side of the trail as your dog(s). You may stop, but you don't need to. Hold your dog back for 5-10 seconds to let the Passer get a bit ahead before you give "chase".

-Head on passes: the racer with the most dogs has the right of way.