



RACE RULES NORWAY-TRAIL 2024

GENERAL

1. Norway Trail shall be arranged with a special focus on dog's welfare.

The musher is responsible for ensuring that dogs participating in Norway Trail (MD Stage Stop Racing), are sufficiently trained to withstand the strain that may be incurred from the race, that they are healthy and prepared for the competition, and that dogs are ensured proper welfare, care, and necessary rest at all times. For participants in Norway Trail the following national rules are applicable: "[Veileder til forskrift om velferd for hest og hund i konkurranser](#)".

The organiser is responsible for ensuring that all races are conducted in safe conditions with regard to dog's welfare, the safety of competitors and dogs and with regard to weather and trail conditions and shall be prepared as well as permitted by conditions.

2. All mushers need to sign a declaration that they participate in the race on their own risk. Liability insurance is mandatory.
3. All musher meetings and prize awards are mandatory.

CLASSES

4. Norway Trail MD Stage Stop Race is a 12-dog class. One team consists of one or two (Duo) mushers and a "pool of 12 dogs". The maximum number of dogs at start is 12.

The "Trophy Races" are 6-dog class. One team consists of one musher and a "pool of 8 dogs". The maximum number of dogs at start is 6. The race organization can limit the team size due to the conditions.

START

5. Teams will be started at 2 min intervals. For the first race the starting order will be randomly selected. After the first race the starting order will be reversed according to the result of the previous race, i.e. winner of previous race starts last. On the last day teams will be started according to a reversed total result list. Some stages may have a mass start. Delayed teams to the start will be asked to wait until the chief timer finds a suitable time. The original starting time will apply.

TRAIL

6. The trail is marked with Norway-Trail signs. Other trails will not be physically closed, so mushers must pay attention to the trail markers. If a team take the wrong trail, the race marshal shall be informed as soon as possible, and immediately after the team crosses the finish line. Taking the wrong trail can lead to a time penalty.
7. ***Fairness and good sportsmanship shall prevail.*** When a team is being passed, the overtaken team shall slow down considerably, if possible, with the braking pad and ***not*** with the claw brake. If the overtaking musher requests it; the overtaken team must stop, if possible, with the braking pad.

EQUIPMENT

8. The sled shall be equipped with two snowhooks, a sledbag and a braking pad. The braking pad shall be reachable with both heels from the runners and shall be equipped with good functional flap mechanism. In addition, the braking pad shall be equipped with nails (max 15 mm) or chains.

9. Mandatory gear: bivouac (windproof), first aid kit and cell phone. Night stages, head lamp and extra batteries.

DOGS

10. The minimum starting age of all dogs shall be at least 18 months by first race day. All dogs must be chipped for identification.
11. Vet-check is mandatory, and all dogs need to have a passport that shows their chip number and vaccinations. All dogs shall have valid vaccinations against distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus bordetella and parainfluenza.
12. All dogs brought to the race from other countries shall be treated due to the rules of import and have the necessary papers - <https://www.mattilsynet.no/dyr/kjaeledyr/reise-med-kjaeledyr/reglene-for-ikke-kommersiell-reise-med-kjaeledyr>. Papers and passports will be controlled by the race veterinarians. This rule shall also apply for accompanying dogs that are not racing.
13. All dogs shall get the best possible care during the race. If a dog shows any signs of a medical condition, the musher shall contact a race veterinarian immediately. Dogs that can no longer run in the team during a stage, must be carried to the finish line inside the sledbag.
14. No person is allowed to perform any medical treatment to the dogs without authorization by the chief race veterinarian. Doping is forbidden according to IFSS regulations.
15. Chief veterinarian has the authority to take a dog out of the race.

RACE MARSHAL & JURY

16. Protests must be handed to the judge or the race marshal within 30 minutes after the last team crossed the finish line.
17. Any protests, violation of any rule, or other problems, will be handled by the race jury. The jury includes the Race Marshal, Race Judge, Race Coordinator, Chief Veterinarian, Trail Boss, Chief Timer and one representative from the mushers. Race Marshal alone, without consulting the jury, can only give a musher or team a warning. Time penalties or disqualifications can only be given by the jury.
18. The Race Marshal may take a team out of the competition if race time for two consecutive stages is not within 160% of the average time of the first 3 teams.

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