

Foxland Foxes NPO Competition Rules (EN) version March 2019

(subject to change)

1. Every contestant is responsible for himself, his dogs and his equipment.

Contestants are obligated to be mentally and physically capable of bearing this responsibility.

2. Every contestant needs to have a family insurance (civil liability) in case damage would be caused to equipment and/or third parties.

Fogland Foxes NPO and their affiliates can under no circumstances be held responsible for damages or injuries to the contestant, their dogs and/or third parties.

A special dog insurance is recommended, although not obligated.

3. All dogs need to be properly vaccinated (IFSS/FMBC regulations).

Every dog present at the competition and stakeout needs to be properly vaccinated against parvovirus, canine distemper and hepatitis. Titer tests are accepted.

Dogs not originating from Belgium have to be vaccinated against rabies.

To prevent the risk of contamination as much as possible, a vaccination against kennel cough is recommended.

All dogs have to be chipped. Musers have to be in possession of the vaccination and/or medical notebook of all dogs present at the stakeout – even non-competing dogs.

Puppies older than nine weeks who adhere to the above rules, are also allowed at stakeouts.

4. No dog is allowed to roam around freely (without leash) on the stakeout and/or the race track.

All dogs have to be attached to a stake-out line, belt or buckle.

In case of an incident between two or more dogs during the race day(s), the organization will decide whether or not these dogs are allowed at future events and under which circumstances.

5. Dogs need to be in good physical condition in order to compete in the event. If this is not the case, the organization can prohibit the dogs from competing.

The present veterinarian and event organization will make this decision together.

6. Each participant must ensure that the other participants respect the rules of competition and have a positive and sporting attitude.

Inappropriate behavior can be penalized with the immediate exclusion to the event due to severe misconduct.

In this case, no claim can be made to any financial reimbursement.

7. The responsibility for children falls exclusively to their parents or legal guardians.

Every instance of inappropriate behavior from children as well as parents will be penalized and can lead to immediate exclusion to the event due to severe misconduct.

8. As we strive for a positive image, no misconduct will be accepted.

Contestants or NPO members that are excluded by the board because of misconduct have no claim to reimbursement of inscription fees, licenses, membership fees or other compensation, through courts or otherwise.

9. During events all FBMC/IFSS regulations apply.

Contestants ensure a minimum amount of nuisance in regards to their fellow contestants and their dogs.

No yelling at or agitation of the dogs will be allowed. Nor will purposefully making a dog bark. This rule also applies at or beyond the finish line and is punishable by disqualification.

Contestants are responsible for ensuring a calm environment at stakeouts. All waste should be disposed of in the designated waste bins. These will be made available by the organization during the event.

In the absence of waste bins, waste should be taken away.

The stakeout space must be left in its original state, the pits must be closed and all waste and dog poop must be removed.

10. No dog abuse of any kind will be tolerated.

We expect mushers to maintain a calm, responsible and non-violent attitude towards the dogs. This in strict accordance with the law of 14 August 1986 concerning the protection of animal welfare.

Any deviation from these rules will be considered a grave fault and sanctioned if needed.

Fogland Foxes NPO is not responsible for actions made by a musher and can in serious cases expel the musher and/or contestant from the event or stakeout.

11. We urge you to include the legal provisions regarding competition as a guide for training:

1. If the ambient temperature is more than 15°C, each part of the race can be no longer than 5 km and if the temperature is more than 20°C, the race will be cancelled.
2. The same dog cannot be used in multiple categories during the same competition day, with exception of the relax, fun run or kids run.
3. Using slip chains, electric chains and choking collars is prohibited during the competition
4. If any performance enhancing substances are taken by or given to dogs or their owners, this will be sanctioned appropriately.
5. Striking the dogs is prohibited
6. Fighting dogs will be taken apart by pulling at their hind legs and immobilizing them, not by striking them.

12. The contestants accept that their footage can be used in press, on websites or in printed medium to promote the sport.

13. There must be at least 3 participants in a class in order to have a valid stage.

There is classified into 3 categories:

cat 1: Greenlander, Samoyed & Malamute (+ without pedigree / abbreviated GSM)

cat 2: Syberian Husky (without pedigree + husky according to the FBMC-mind/ abbreviated SH)

cat 3: Alaskan Huskies: all other breeds or hybrids (abbreviated AH)

At canicross, bike 1 and dogscooter 1 can the distribution be made between men & women.

14. Upon payment you agree with and have read these terms and regulations.

In case of ambiguities in translations, the Dutch regulation takes precedence.

Upon payment on bank account **BE34 1030 4166 3790** your participation is officially confirmed.

Listed for your payment : your Name + code(s) (see price list) (for example, name + B + D + E + F + F-> you are FBMC Member + extra participation + extra meal + 2 kids meals)

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Starting lists will regularly be updated on the Facebook page of Fogland Foxes. If your name is on the starting list, this means your payment has been processed correctly.

If you have only recently paid and do not yet find your name on the starting lists, there is no need to worry.

To avoid any confusion, please bring your payment receipt to the competition. If no proof of your payment can be given, you will pay a €50 deposit at the venue, which will be reimbursed if charged incorrectly.

If you wish to cancel your participation, this is possible for up to two weeks before the competition starts. A fee of 5€ will be charged per cancellation from 1 November 2019 .

Attention: for our 2nd competition in Waasmunster at 16 & 17 November 2019, the number of possible entries will be limited to 100 contestants. This was decided in accordance with the township of Waasmunster and Natuurpunt.

If the number of entries is exceeded, you can still register for the competition but you will be placed on a waiting list. The order of payment will be the most important factor.

If other contestants should cancel and you are next on the waiting list, you will be allowed to participate in the competition. If not enough people cancel, your full registration fee will be reimbursed.

The Fogland Foxes NPO board wishes you a pleasant contest.