



RULES OF THE RACE

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GENERALITIES

The Pyrenees EDF Race Edition #2 is a race that will take place in 6 stages from 01 to 07 February 2021 on the Plateau de Beille and the Capcir resorts.

Registered runners must be present on all 6 days, with the exception of the riders who will only participate in the trophy organized on the dates of February 6th and 7th which will have to arrive at the station on Friday, February 5th before 18:00 pm for the controls and the delivery of the bibs. Attendance at bibs, mushers/ski-joërer meetings and prize giving is mandatory for all.

These race rules complete the IFSS race rules that apply to the Pyrénées EDF Race. In the case of a contradiction between the rules of the Pyrenees EDF Race and the IFSS regulations, the rules of the Pyrénées EDF Race will prevail.

The official languages on the race are French, English and Spanish.

PROGRAM OF THE RACE

The Pyrenees EDF Race will take place from 01 to 07 February 2021 in 6 stages on two different sites. The program of the race is as follows.

02/01	Mid-Distance run / 6 dogs Mid-Distance run / 12 dogs Open and Nordic	Ski-joëring Mid-Distance Open and Nordic		
02/02	Mid-Distance race / 6 dogs Mid-Distance race / 12 dogs Open and Nordic	Ski-joëring Mid-Distance Open and Nordic		
02/03	Mid-Distance run / 6 dogs Mid-Distance run / 12 dogs Open and Nordic	Ski-joëring Mid-Distance Open and Nordic		
02/04	Transfer on the second site			
02/05	Mid-Distance run / 6 dogs Mid-Distance run / 12 dogs Open and Nordic	Ski-joëring Mi-Distance Open et Nordique		
02/06	Mid-Distance run / 6 dogs Mid-Distance run / 12 dogs Open and Nordic	Ski-joëring Mid-Distance Open and Nordic	Ski-joëring Mid-Distance Open and Nordic	ROYAL CANIN's Mid-Distance Trophy / 6-8 sleddogs Open and Nordic
02/07	Mid-Distance run / 6 dogs Mid-Distance run / 12 dogs Open and Nordic	Ski-joëring Mid-Distance Open and Nordic	Ski-joëring Mid-Distance Open and Nordic	ROYAL CANIN's Mid-Distance Trophy / 6-8 sleddogs Open and Nordic
	Award ceremony Closing cocktail	Award ceremony Closing cocktail	Award ceremony Closing cocktail	Award ceremony Closing cocktail



The average distance of the stages is between 20 and 35 km depending on the profile and category outside the ski-joëring category.



1. REGISTRATION

The Pyrenees EDF Race Edition 2 opens its entries to three categories:

- Sled dog team of 12 dogs and at least 8 dogs in the first run and 7 dogs in the following for competitors 18 years of age and over. This maximum of 12 dogs will be taken from a pool of 14 dogs.
- Sled dog team of 6 dogs with no more than 6 dogs and at least 5 dogs for competitors 18 years old and over. This will be taken in a pool of 8 dogs.
- A ski-joëring category with 1 dog caught in a pool of 2 dogs.
- A duo sled team category (2 associated mushers) in 12 dog category

The musher/ski-joërer will have to be born at the latest on February 01, 2003 to be able to register. Competitors under the age of 18 on the day of the start of the race must enclose parental authorization with their application.

Liability insurance covering the risks of sled racing and their consequences is mandatory for competitors and their teammate(s).

Competitors wishing to participate in Edition 2 of the Pyrénées EDF Race will have to download a pre-registration form on the website www.pyreneesrace.fr which they will find in the section Edition 2021 under the Preregistration tab.

This form would have to be returned to us before January 15, 2021, after this date the registration fee will be higher. The definitive closing of registrations will be on January 15, 2021. The number of teams will be 45 maxima on the race, 10 ski-joërs and 30 maxima on the two days of Trophy.

Once the pre-registration form has been received, the race director will select a certain number of competitors according to their rankings and/or sporting qualities. A confirmation of registration will be sent to the competitors from December 1st, 2020. The registration will be definitively validated after receipt by the competitor of his registration form accompanied by the payment of the registration and any additional accompanying meals as well as additional pieces (cyno-sanitary records of the dogs present on the race completed as well as a photo portrait of the musher).

Entry fee for sled teams:

- EUR 240 until 15/01/2021
- EUR 340 from 16/01/2021 to 31/01/2021

Registration price for duo sled hitches:

- EUR 280 until 15/01/2021
- EUR 380 from 16/01/2021 to 31/01/2021

This amount includes the closing meal of the musher and a handler for the entire race. Accommodation for competitors and their escorts is not included. Additional meals may be provided for other accompanying persons (EUR 20 per meal per additional accompanying person).

Registration fee for ski-joëers:

- EUR 140 until 15/01/2021
- EUR 240 from 16/01/2021 to 31/01/2021

This amount includes the closing meal of the ski-joëer for the entire race. Hosting of competitors is not included.

Entry fee for the ROYAL CANIN Trophy:

- EUR 50 until 15/01/2021
- EUR 60 from 16/01/2021 to 31/01/2021

Entry fee for the ROYAL CANIN Trophy's ski-joëers :

- EUR 40 until 15/01/2021
- EUR 60 from 16/01/2021 to 31/01/2021

Registration fee for disabled participants :

- 60 EUR until 01/15/2021
- 75 EUR from 01/16/2021 to 01/31/2021

This amount does not include meals. Accommodation for competitors and their escorts is not included.

All competitors must hold a valid competition license issued by the FFST, FFPTC, a WSA club or an IFSS club. For foreign competitors not licensed FFST, it is requested a medical certificate of no contraindication to sports practice (legal requirement for sports competitions taking place in France).

Foreign competitors are invited to check the validity date of their identity documents (passport ...).

2. CARPARK AND STAKE-OUT

The car parks will be accessible at least 6 hours before the start of each stage.

The organization of the vehicles on the stake-out will be carried out by a member of the organization. Competitors are required to scrupulously respect its instructions. Only one vehicle or vehicle with a trailer will be permitted to enter the car park. Outside this vehicle or set of vehicles, no other will be able to park on the stake-out, under pain of sanction.

The water point will be specified to the competitors upon their arrival. Straw boots will be available for each team that will have requested it.

In the car park and the stake-out, dogs must be kept on a leash or with the collar when they are not harnessed or contained in a space enclosed by a net. At the end of the race, the occupied seats must be released after cleaning by each competitor under pain of penalty.

3. DOGS TEAM

3.1. Generalities

The race is opened to purebred or crossed dogs, as long as their physical condition allows participation in the competition. Dogs must be at least 18 months old on the day of the start of the race.

Dogs must be identified by electronic transponder in accordance with international standards ISO 11785.

They must be in good physical health to participate in the race.

3.2. Number of dogs in the race per competitor

- The maximum number of dogs to participate in the 12 dogs sled team is 14 dogs.
- The maximum pool of dogs to participate in the 6 dogs sled team category is 8 dogs.
- The maximum pool of dogs to participate in the ski-joëring category is 2 dogs.

A list of 16 pre-selected maximum dogs will be provided to the race management 6 weeks before the start, this list will then be sent to the Departmental Directorate for the Protection of Populations. This list must also include information concerning the accompanying dogs (handler's dogs, retirees, etc.). No puppy under 3 months and 21 days or dogs with signs of contagious disease will be accepted on the event site.

All dogs on the event will be checked during the pre-race veterinary check to be held on Monday, February 1st in the morning.

The final pool of dogs must be confirmed to the veterinary chief no later than 30 minutes after the musher meeting.

At each stage, the number of dogs selected in the dog pool corresponding to the category will be able to start, a control in the 5 minutes preceding the start or on the arrival area can be made.

If the number of dogs harnessed is less than the minimum described above, the team may be disqualified.

3.3. Veterinarian check

Veterinary checks will take place:

- For the Pyrenees EDF Race: Sunday January 31 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Monday February 01 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- For the Royal Canin Trophy: Friday 05 February from 18:00 to 20:00 and Saturday 06 February from 08:00 to 12:00.

These times are flexible and can be changed depending on race conditions and possible contingencies.

They include an administrative examination (European passport, vaccination, list of dogs

and their data) and a clinical examination.

As soon as the pre-race control exam, the dogs pass under the jurisdiction and care of the Veterinary Chief, Dr. Mila Benito and his team until one hour after the arrival of the last stage or abandonment of the sled dog team.

The administrative examination may be carried out by a veterinary outside the race (sanitary veterinary) at the request of the Departmental Directorate for the Protection of Populations. The dogs present must be identified by electronic transponder in accordance with international standards ISO 11785, be accompanied by a European passport, and be vaccinated against rabies. For non-French teams, additional documents are required (see § 3.4.).

Any health problem resulting in treatment within 30 days prior to the race must be reported at the latest at the time of the pre-race veterinary check.

The compulsory vaccinations are:

- Distemper disease,
- Hepatitis,
- Leptospirosis,
- Rage
- Kennel cough (parainfluenza and bordetella), at least 21 days between vaccination and the beginning of the race.
- Deworming in the last 3 months preceding the race with a broad-spectrum dewormed is mandatory (date, product used available during the veterinary check

The last vaccination must have been carried out no later than 21 days before the start of the race if it is a primary vaccination.

3.4. Sleddog team originating from non-French countries

To import dogs from a foreign country, additional administrative arrangements are necessary. In case of doubt, the competitor is asked to contact the race's veterinary at least one month before departure, to check the conformity of these import documents with the French legislation.

For the imports from a non-member country of the European Union, it is necessary to have:

- An anti-rabies antibody test for each dog (except exempt countries such as Norway or Russia);
- A health certificate issued by the veterinary services of the country of origin (including a certificate of good health dated less than 10 days before the date of crossing the French border) Model Annex IV, Part 1 of Regulation 577/2013 of June 28th, 2013.

The organization of the race cannot be held responsible for a dispute with the official health veterinary regarding the invalidity of these import documents. The decision of acceptance of the team on the French territory is dependent on the validation of these documents by the health authorities in accordance with the legislation applicable in France.

3.5. Landing transport

The national regulations define the transport modalities of domestic carnivores in France. The French veterinary services may carry out checks on compliance with these standards for the transport of animals and the possession of transport authorizations for teams. The competitor is responsible for the compliance of his transport vehicle with this regulation.

In any case, the organizer of the race cannot be held responsible for penalties applied by the veterinary services for non-compliance with these rules.

3.6. Daily care

It is the responsibility of each competitor to bring enough water and food daily. The feeding, watering shall in no case be forced. It is strongly recommended to get closer to the veterinary team if in doubt about a dog, to ensure dogs' good health. Musherers and their handlers, ski-joëers must be easily reachable throughout the event day and night. No dogs can be left without responsible in the vicinity.

3.7. Dogs' treatment during the race

No drug treatment is allowed during the race without chief veterinary's advice. It is also recommended to report the products used to promote the recovery of dogs during the initial veterinary control to verify the possibility of using these products without being in non-compliance with anti-doping regulations.

3.8. Temporary or definitive drop

A temporary drop is possible for dogs participating in the race if a minor lesion justifies the dog's exclusion from the team for 24 hours. The acceptance of the dog after temporary drop to the race must be authorized and confirmed by the veterinary team before the beginning of the stage of the race.

A definitive drop may concern an injured dog unable to start again during the competition according to the medical criteria of the veterinary team without any possibility of readmission in the team, the unauthorized inclusion of the competing dog may be grounds for disqualification of the team.

3.9. Animal doping

Anti-doping controls can be organized at any time by the organization of the Pyrenees EDF Race or the AFLD, or the IFSS. The regulation on animal doping in France is defined by the Decree of 2 May 2011 relating to the substances and processes mentioned in Sports Code's Article L.241-2.

the use of drugs or substances not known and not authorized by the veterinary team may be grounds for disqualification of the team.

3.10. Inhumane or cruel treatment

No inhumane or cruel treatment by action or lack of action causing dog's pain or suffering will be tolerated. Equipment used for dogs should not be a source of pain or discomfort.

Failure to comply with this rule will result in disqualification.

If the musher's non-responsibility for the bad treatment of a dog is demonstrated, he will be immediately excluded from the race.

3.11. Uncontrolled escaped dog

Any escaped dog must be immediately reported to the organization with its report (electronic identification), in order to inform local police and veterinary services as soon as possible. The musher/ski-joërer (or the person designated by him to hold the dog) is responsible for controlling his dog. A competitor with an escaped dog may not be allowed to start the next stage.

3.12. Dog evacuation and death protocole

Any dog who died during the race for any reason will be returned to the checkpoint and reported upon arrival to a race's official. The veterinarian chief (or his representative) will wait for the affected team after the finish line to retrieve the dog's body.

The dog must arrive at the control area covered or inside the sled bag. In the case of ski-joëring a rescue and evacuation track will be deployed for that case

Any dead dog will be autopsied by a veterinarian designated by the organization. If the responsibility of the musher/ski-joërer in the death of the dog is demonstrated, it will be immediately excluded from the race without prejudging the possible and/or judicial's actions by the national federation, by the international federation.

All deceased dogs will be sent to perform the corresponding necropsy. The reports will have a personal and reserved character and only the veterinary chief, health authorities and the owner of the dog or musher may have access to the reports from the corresponding pathology department, and such results cannot be published.

The expenses derived from the necropsy will be borne by the owner/musher of the dog. If the musher or owner does not collaborate in the delivery of the corpse to perform the forensic tests, the participation of the musher in the test will be cancelled and the health authorities will be informed.

This protocol will also be applied for failed dogs that are running in the race and within the test site.

4. EQUIPMENT / BEHAVIOUR DURING THE RACE

4.1. Bibs

For mushers:

- Two bibs (1 musher bib and 1 handler bib) or a bib and an armband (1 musher bib and 1 handler armband) will be given by the organization after the veterinary control. The bib must be worn, above all other clothes. Wearing the bib is mandatory at the musher meeting, during all stages and during official ceremonies.
- Handlers will also have a bib / armband. It is mandatory for handlers to wear this bib/armband on the start and finish lines, on the stake-out, and during official ceremonies.

For ski-joërs:

- A bib will be given by the organization after the veterinary check at each ski-joërer. The bib must be worn, above all other clothes. Wearing the bib is mandatory during the musher meeting, during all stages and during official ceremonies.

4.2. Mushers and ski-joërs meetings

The musher meeting will take place at least one hour before the start of each stage. The presence of all mushers and ski-joërs at the musher meeting is mandatory.

4.3. Stage

The distance of the stages of the race is defined in the presentation of the race. Nevertheless, these distances may be reduced if the weather conditions require it (temperatures, insufficient snow). Reducing the distance of a step will not cancel it regardless of the reduction.

The distance of the stages for the ski-joëring category will always be less than that of the teams and adapted according to the relief.

4.4. Dogteam

For sled teams:

All dogs will be harnessed in single or double wire (tandem hitch with a centre line). All dogs will be tied to the centre line by at least a tail line. The neck line is optional, depending on the training of dogs on a daily basis. For the teams of the race, the dogs will have to be hitched on the starting line. This number may be reduced by the race direction if the safety conditions require it.

For ski-joëring teams:

The dog will be constantly connected to skiing by a line with a shock absorber. The line will be attached to the driver by a belt (at least 7 cm in the spine) or any other type of shoulder belt.

The belt (or shoulder belt) will have an open hook or a carabiner panic to allow the quick release of the line.

The length of the line will be often between 2 and 3 meters.

It is forbidden to have a metal part on the skier's side.

4.5. Departure and arrival

The starting order of the first day will be defined by lottery during the delivery of the bibs. For the following stages with an individual start, the starting order will be in the reverse order of the overall ranking.

For the teams:

At the start: the musher will be placed on the starting line, the front of the sled "brush-bow" will determine the starting point for the teams.

For ski-joëring:

The complete team, the competitor holding his dog by the collar or the harness will be held before the starting line until the signal of departure.

→ The start will be given by a timekeeper after a countdown of the last 10 seconds. In the case of individual starts, failure to present a musher or ski-joërer at the start of the race on time or in the half-time interval between the following start will result in a penalty of 15 minutes and a departure's penalty in last position. A new delay will result in disqualification.

In the case of online departures, the non-presentation of a musher or ski-joërer at the start on time will result in a 15-minute time penalty and a two-minute start after starting on-line. A new delay will result in disqualification.

In both cases, the timed time will start at the actual time of the start which will be increased by the time of the late penalty.

→ Arrival:

The finish line is considered to have been crossed when all the dogs and the musher or ski-joërer have crossed the finish line.

4.6. Compulsory equipment

The mushers will have to carry on them:

- A folding knife;
- Two hand-held hazard warning lights or a kit of mini distress rockets.

At the beginning of each stage, the dogs will wear a harness in good condition and adapted to the size of the dog. It is advisable to have padded harnesses at the neck and under the shoulders.

The sled will have a bottom ("basket") of a useful length allowing the transport of one or more dogs (injured, tired, etc.). If it turns out that minimal comfort is not assured, the musher will be sanctioned. The musher will bring a backpack in which he can put the mandatory equipment in order to release enough space for loads of dogs in the dog bag provided for this purpose.

The sled will be equipped with the following to allow the competitor and his dogs to be safe:

- A safety lanyard to attach or retain the sled. This lanyard shall in no case be dragged behind the sled during the progress of the team;
- A hard basket and a bag of the same size suitable for the transport of tired or injured dogs and the transport of equipment and food;
- An appropriate brake and braking mat (wide and up), a front bow ("brush bow") and two snow anchors;
- A dog bag ventilated by holes or a net with a minimum surface of 600 cm². If the size of the bag does not allow to carry all the dogs removed from the team, the musher will have to abandon the current stage and ask for help from the organization to be repatriated until the arrival;
- A closed exterior pocket to place the GPS box that could be provided by the organizer.

The musher must have on or in his sled, at any time, the following equipment:

- A snow shovel;
- A first aid kit for dogs and men containing at least: 5 compresses, a crepe band, a sticky tape, a pair of short scissors, a 5ml dose of disinfectant, 1 survival blanket, 2 sticking plasters, 2 sugars;
- Two headlamps with a salvage bulb and spare batteries / batteries (one can be worn by the musher during night time);
- For dogs: 100g minimum snack per dog on the start line;
- 4 boots per dog (dogs or sled);
- A stake-out line to secure the entire hitch without sled fastening;
- reflectors on the sled uprights;
→ Light or reflective collars and/or light or reflective harnesses on lead dogs.

For ski-joërs:

The ski-joërer will be connected to the dog by a line of line of a minimum length of 2 meters and a maximum of 3 meters, measured from the back of the dog to the buckle of the rider's belt in the extended position.

It is forbidden to have a metal part at the end of the driver's side line.

Ski-joërs should wear on them:

- A folding knife;
- Two hand-held hazard warning lights or a kit of mini distress rockets.

At the beginning of each stage, the dogs will wear a harness in good condition and adapted to the size of the dog. It is advisable to have padded harnesses at the neck and under the shoulders.

The ski-joërs must have on him or in a backpack, at any time the following equipment:

- A first aid kit for dogs and men containing at least: 5 compresses, a crepe band, a sticky tape, a pair of short scissors, a 5ml dose of disinfectant, 1 survival blanket, 2 sticking plasters, 2 sugars;
- Two headlamps with a salvage bulb and spare batteries / batteries (one can be worn by the musher during night time);
- For the dog: 100g minimum of snack per dog on the starting line;
- 4 boots for dogs (on dogs or ski-joërs);
- Telecommunication and security equipment that could be provided by the organization. (GPS positioner ...);
- A rescue line that can be used as a lanyard;
- Not mandatory but recommended in case the dog escapes, light or reflective collars and/or light harnesses on the dog.

4.7. Uncontrollable dog team, without musher and lost dog

Outside help will be allowed if a team is uncontrollable or without musher/ski-joërs. The musher/ski-joërs can find his team or dog on foot with the help of another musher/ski-joërs or a motorized vehicle. If the team is recovered, he is allowed to continue his race.

Nevertheless, any assistance must be reported to a race official no later than at the end of the stage. The race judge will then decide on a possible time penalty.

In the case where a dog leaves the team during a stage for any reason and cannot be recovered, the musher/ski-joërs can finish the stage when it is impossible to recover his dog, but may be disqualified.

4.8. Good Samaritan's rule

A musher/ski-joërs may be penalized for failing to assist another musher / ski-joërs in an emergency situation (legally named non-assistance to person in danger). Incidents must be reported to a race official at the next checkpoint.

4.9. Interference

A musher/ski-joërs should not touch the dogs, food or equipment of another musher/ski-joërs or interfere in any way with the progress of another team.

4.10. Dogteam stopping during a stage

The musher/ski-joërer must choose a stopping area at least three meters from the track so that his team does not interfere with other teams, for example when "snacking" dogs. A musher/ski-joërer who needs to stop must not interfere with the progress of another team.

4.11. Overtaking

Overtaking of a sledge hitch:

When a sled or ski-joëring team approaches within 15 meters of a sled team, the musher/ski-joërer will be able to request the passage by saying "Trail". The musher will have to stop his dogs and maintain them as best as he can for a maximum of one minute or until the other team has passed.

The overtaken hitch must remain at least 15 meters behind for at least 15 minutes before being able to ask for the passage. If the overtaking hitch becomes entangled because of overtaking, the driver of the hitch may request that the overtaken hitch stops for a maximum of one minute.

Overtaking of a ski-joëring hitch:

When a sled or ski-joëring team approaches within 15 meters of a ski-joëring team, the musher/ski-joërer will be able to request the passage by saying "Trail". The ski-joërer in front of will have to stand on one side of the track with his dog keeping the parallel skis and the sticks along the body during one minute maximum or until the other team has passed.

The ski-joëring team will have to stay at least 15 meters behind for at least fifteen minutes before being able to ask for the passage. If the overtaking hitch becomes entangled because of overtaking, the driver of the team may request that the ski-joëring hitch overtaken stops for a maximum of one minute.

4.12. General behaviour of a team (musher-handler, ski-joërer)

Each team must have a civilized behaviour and must act in a sportsmanlike manner throughout the race.

The mushers/ski-joërer are responsible for the behaviour of their dogs and their handlers for the duration of the race.

A musher / ski-joërer may receive a penalty if he and/or his handlers do not comply with the "daily life" of the staff and more particularly on all matters concerning the organization of car parks, convoys, meals.

We remind you that the Association "Pyrenees Race" is composed exclusively of volunteers who come on their leisure time and / or vacation to organize this event. We would be grateful if you would respect the work of all these volunteers and those of the stations. When instructions are given to you, for example for parking and setting up the stake-out, please respect them.

Be aware that any non-compliance with these instructions will result in an oral warning without penalty with immediate application of the instructions given, but in the second time the disqualification. This rule applies to mushers/ski-joëers and their handlers.

4.13. Detritus

No detritus shall be left on the track, at compulsory stops, bivouacs or checkpoints, as well as parking musher (stake-out) except in the cases and conditions explicitly planned and announced by the organization.

4.14. Consumption of alcohol and drugs

The use by mushers/ski-joëers of drugs prohibited by the French sport law (WADA / AMA list) or the abuse of alcohol as provided for in the French Highway Code is prohibited. The organization has the right to carry out unannounced checks.

Unannounced checks may also be carried out by the official French anti-doping agency. Any musher / ski-joëer may be subject to urine samples analysis and/or blood samples at any time from the start until one hour after the end of the race.

4.15. Arbitrary time affected to an interrupted stage

A musher / ski-joëer may not finish a stage or ask not to run a stage. He may be allowed to continue the race if his withdrawal is approved by the organization. In this case, an arbitrary time will be applied to him which will be equal to 150% of the time of the slowest crew of the stage of its category.

4.16. Time limit

For safety and/or organizational reasons, time limits for crossing certain sectors may be imposed on competitors. These times will be indicated in the briefing preceding the stage. If the competitor has not reached the checkpoint before the time barrier, he will be stopped by a member of the organization and Rule 3.15 above will be applied. In the general ranking, he will be ranked behind the mushers/ski-joëers who have gone through all the stages.

4.17. Race incident

In the event of a race incident that could distort the race, the race director may decide at any time to: modify the course, temporarily neutralize the stage, consider the stage as undisputed, and cancel the results, cancel a portion of the stage and give a new start near the incident site, keep the results acquired or give a new start taking into account the differences recorded at the time of the event. 'incident.

The possible invalidity of a step will be communicated only at the end of this one. No communication will be made during the step unless its cancellation.

4.18. Communication

Except in case of immediate danger, the mushers/ski-joëers and their teams are prohibited from communicating via mobile phone with the race management for the duration of the stages.

4.19. Ranking

Every day, a ranking of the stage will take place.

At the end of the last stage, on February 7th, 2021, the final standings will be announced during the closing ceremony. The final ranking will take into account the total number of stages covered and the total race time.

A classification for teams of Nordic dogs may be considered. The presence of the mushers/ski-joëers at the announcements of the daily results and the final classification is mandatory.

5. PENALTIES

5.1. Officials and claims

Race Jury

The race director, the race judges, the chief veterinary and certain members of the organization are the officials of the event and are responsible for applying all the rules of the competition. They constitute the race jury. The final decisions are taken by the clerk of the course.

Claim

A competitor may make a claim for an action by a competitor which he considers to be opposed to the spirit of this regulation. To be admissible, this claim must be made verbally upon arrival to the race director. The complaint must be confirmed in writing no later than one hour after arrival.

5.2. Warnings

Written warnings may be given for minor offenses or for a first offense.

5.3. Blame

The organization, after the end of the race, can blame a musher. This blame may include a warning, public or private, and may eliminate the musher from future racing. A written warning, a penalty or disqualification must have been made before the blame.

A disqualification accompanied by a reprimand will automatically sanctioned any violation of the anti-doping rules of dogs and mushers/ski-joëers as well as inhuman or cruel treatment.

5.4. Time penalties

Time penalties may be imposed up to a maximum of two hours per offense with the exception of those specified in the regulations.

5.5. Missing equipment

In the event of missing equipment, the Race Direction will apply the following penalties:

1st forgetfulness	Penalty of 5 minutes
2nd forgetfulness	Penalty of 15 minutes
3rd forgetfulness	Penalty of 30 minutes
4th forgetfulness	Penalty of 45 minutes
5th forgetfulness and next	Penalty of 60 minutes

If the missing material is the ARVA, the musher/skijoërer will be disqualified.

5.6. Exclusion

Mushers/ski-joërerers may be disqualified:

- Either for not having crossed the finish line of more than 2 stages (abandoned, out of time, and/or non-presentation at the start);
- A musher/ski-joërer who finishes two consecutive stages with a time greater than 150% of the best time of the stage for his category (time of the best Nordic team for a Nordic team-ski/ski-joërer);
- If his attitude or the attitude of his handler is detrimental to the image of the sport, after a written warning.

The mushers/ski-joërerers will be disqualified:

- For any violation of the rules concerning the abuse;
- Either for cheating or deliberately breaking a rule so as to have an unfair advantage over other mushers/ski-joërerers.

The mushers/ski-joërerers will have the opportunity to present their case to each member of the jury before the decision.

5.7. Appeals

The mushers/ski-joërerers can appeal a decision of a race official.

Calls for warnings and disqualifications must be submitted in writing (in French, English or Spanish) to the Director of the race within one hour following the decision.

Appeals concerning blame must be submitted in writing to the organization within 7 days of the closing ceremony.

Appeals will be considered during an informal hearing before an appeal board appointed by the organization to be held prior to the start of the next stage.

6. Image right and communication

6.1. Photography and video

The organization has all the authority to authorize photography, films and information gathering about the race, participants and their handlers, their dogs.

It also has the authority to use the information and images for its own information, public relations and advertising purposes.

By participating in the competition, the competitor authorizes the organization to photograph and film him. This authorization includes his dogs and members of his team (handlers) provided that these images are directly related to the race and do not affect his privacy or his reputation.

These images may be exploited by the organization for its own purposes or that of its partners without any limitation as to date, territory or support.

6.2. Trademarks presence

It is forbidden to cover the name of a sponsor of the race on the bib.

Competitors will be free to wear the names and logos of their personal sponsors on their clothes and on their sled.

On dogs, harnesses and blankets (or T-shirts on the shoulders) may bear the mark of musher's sponsors.

Competitors' vehicles may bear the marks of the musher's personal sponsors. These marks must be attached to the vehicles.

On the online registration form, ticking the following boxes implies acceptance of these regulations and the health conditions.

Registration link : <https://pyreneesrace.fr/en/registration/>