

Winterfest 2010: National Human Dogsled Championship

Event Details & Participant Instructions

DATES & TIMES

February 5th, 2009 — Challenger Round (Times TBA)

February 6th, 2009 — Championship Round (Times TBA)

PRIZES

Costume Competition

1st Place: \$500.00 Lowell Gift Certificate Package

2nd Place: \$300.00 Lowell Gift Certificate Package

3rd Place: \$200.00 Lowell Gift Certificate Package

National Human Dogsled Championship

Champion - 1st Place: \$500.00 Lowell Gift Certificate Package



ENTRY FEE

\$25.00 per Team (High School Students FREE)

To cover the cost of Best Costume prizes, there will be a \$25.00 team entry fee (check payable to the Merrimack Valley CVB). On Friday night, your team will be judged, for the most creative costume. Winners will be announced on Saturday along with the 2009 National Human Dogsled Championship Team. High School Student Teams can enter for FREE! Just fill out and submit the High School Entry Form.

COURSE

The total course length is approximately fifty (50) yards, straight-away.

TEAMS

- A complete team will consist of six (6) participants. Four (4) pulling the sled, one (1) rider, and one (1) "musher" [rides on back of sled].
- All team members must have submitted a signed waiver/release document to be eligible to race.
- Teams are encouraged to wear a team costume (at least be in the same color tee-shirt).
- 2009 Championship Race limited to 32 teams.

EQUIPMENT

- **The Sled** – will be provided and may not be altered in any way.
- **Harness** – will be provided and rigged to the sled.
- **Footwear** – any type is permissible, except for metal spikes.

RULES

- The race will be run in a double elimination format. A winning team is determined by the first complete team to cross the finish line in each race.
- The entire team must start behind the starting line.
- The “Musher” may push-start the sled up to the start line.
- Once the sled has crossed the start line, the “Musher’s” feet must remain on the sled in order not to aid the sled across the finish line.
- The entire team must stay within the race lane. Any team, or part there of, that enters the opposing team’s lane, may be disqualified.
- The “Rider” must remain on the sled for the entire race.
- Any infraction of the above rules may result in team disqualification.

*To register for the Human Dogsled Competition or for more information please call
Keri Rourke in the Lowell City Manager’s Office at 978-970-4000.*