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MIDNIGHT MADNESS 2021

SLED DOG EVENT



18TH September 2021



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Waiotapu Forest Camp

Old Waiotapu Road, - Kerosene Creek Entrance,
WAIOTAPU, NORTH ISLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

3 Distances offered: 15km, 30km, 45km

NB: Teams new to Distance Events & 2 dog teams are restricted to the 15km distance only.

Entries Close: Wednesday 8th September 2021

Welcome to Midnight Madness 2021

We are delighted to have all our planning finally come together, we know it's been a long time coming and we appreciate your support along the way, with being great sports and supporting our Annual Iditarod Sweepstakes and "Cruella" Movie night fundraiser events. It sure takes a village to make this event come together, and we hope this is a lovely social end to the sled dog season in the North Island.

This is a non-sanctioned Event. Race Rules are based on the NZFSS Distance Race Rules (and we strongly advise you to have a read of them, the link is posted below.

<https://www.nzfss.org.nz/user/file/25/Long%20Distance%3ACross%20Country%20Race%20Rules.pdf> we will detail any specific amendments in this entry pack.

This is an Event and not a Race – The philosophy of the NZ Distance Sled Dog Club has always been to provide mushers and their teams with an opportunity to experience a trail that is longer and more challenging than the average sprint trail, while we acknowledge they are not Distance length in the true sense however, it is a small taste of distance mushing here in New Zealand. This event is about the journey, in reaching your goals for your own teams and success is getting your team across the line happy, healthy and ready to keep going, as for the mushers, we're happy if you cross the line standing, tired but feeling like you've achieved something special with your team. In this event the final team off the trail deserves as much kudos as the first team across the line. And we hope you all support each other on your journeys out on the trail!

Date of Event: Saturday 18th September 2021

Location: Kaingaroa Forest based from the Waiotapu Forest Camp, Old Waiotapu Road, Waiotapu.

Time: The gate will be opened between 1pm – 1.15pm, if you can't make this time frame, please advise Heather on 0279577365.

Accommodation: Is available at the camp for \$20 per person for the night. Come prepared it is a forest camp, NO Heaters are to be used in the cabins.

All dogs must be on leads and under control, at all times. While in the Forest and in the camp. All rubbish must be removed from camp including dog Poo!!! '

Distances are:

15km - 1 loop of the trail.

Teams new to distance Events & teams with only 2 dogs are only permitted to enter this distance. There is no minimum rest required.

30km - 2 loops of the trail.

Minimum Team size is 3 dogs, and a maximum of 8 dogs - with a mandatory rest stop of 15 minutes, in the marked transition area back at the camp.

45km – 3 loops of the trail.

Minimum Team size is 3 dogs, and a maximum of 8 dogs - with a mandatory rest stop of 30 minutes, in the marked transition area back at the camp. This can be split between stages.

- All mushers must be 16 years or older by the event date.
- All Dogs must be 18 months or older by the event date.
- Each team shall be fully self- sufficient. That is to carry ALL supplies and equipment that will be required to run and complete the event, without obtaining OUTSIDE help or supplies and equipment after the start off the event, except for designated supply drops in the transition area. Mandatory gear MUST be carried on the rig. NO scooters, quads, etc are to be used. Only 3 or 4 wheeled rigs are accepted.

Trail Description: These trails are undulating and have differing levels of elevation. Be advised it will be challenging as you would expect from the location of the event. Therefore, a high level of fitness is advised from both dogs & musher. They are hard packed gravel forest roads, nice and wide and comfortable for teams passing. There are plenty of places at the side of the trail for teams to stop and rest. These trails are NOT designed to be sprinted. Teams with well controlled dogs who pull and continue to work when the pace slows will do well.

Pre & Post Event Vet Checks: Vet checks are mandatory for all teams. Your team will be scheduled a Pre-Event Vet check in the afternoon prior to the event. All dogs must pass this Veterinary Check, the musher must be present at the allotted time.

Post-Event Vet Checks to be held upon completion of the Event at the discretion of the Event Marshall.

DOG Welfare is paramount in the Event. Any dog becoming unfit after departure may be carried in the rig bag to the next checkpoint or Safety Point if safe to do so. The Event Marshall or a member of the Event team may detain a team which is deemed in need of rest and may withdraw a team that is deemed unfit to continue the event.

Failure for the musher to administer any medical or preventative care (such as requirement to wear booties, undertake rest or receive treatment) to any dog or dogs in their team as specified by any member of the Event team irrespective of whether the Musher believes it is necessary will result in the entire team being disqualified.

Should the Event team deem it necessary to administer veterinary treatment including drugs or supplies to any dog(s) during the running of the event upon a Vet's instruction the dog or dogs must be dropped, the musher and/or owner of the dog concerned is liable for the cost of said treatment, drugs/supplies.

NO dog shall be brought to this event that has been exposed to any contagious disease, particularly canine cough. If the event team diagnoses any dog present in the Event area to have a contagious disease that team shall be disqualified and must immediately leave the Event area.

Dog Identification: As this is a staged event for the 30km & 45km events ALL dogs entered in these distances will be given an identification tag at the time of their Pre-Event Vet check. This identification tag must be worn by each dog from the time of the pre-event vet check until the completion of any finishers vet checks.

Gear: Each team will be required to start the event with all the equipment and supplies, apart from their supply drops, needed to finish the event and to provide adequate protection from the weather. This included any form of shelter from the weather such as a tent or tarpaulin. If a team

has been found obtaining outside assistance, then they will either have a time penalty incurred, or be disqualified from the event.

Bib draw: Will take place at the mushers meeting prior to the start of the event. The start order will be the 45km distance mushers leaving first, followed by the 30km teams and the 15km Team last.

Start Intervals: We will be operating single starts with Four (4) minutes between teams.

Start time: to be confirmed but around 5pm. Temperature dependant.

Safety Point: We have an additional designated communication and safety point, approximately halfway around the trail with provision to transport a dog or team home should it be needed.

Dropped Dogs: Mushers will be able to drop/scratch dogs from the event at the transition area. An official will accompany you to place your dog back in your vehicle. Or the veterinary team will care for your dog if needed.

Checking in/out at the transition area: Each musher will be required to sign in and out for each stage. This is so the event officials can keep track of each musher. Failure to do so may result in time penalties and/or disqualification.

Notification: Each musher must give at least TWO (2) minutes notice of their intention of leaving the checkpoint to either the checkpoint official, or Event Marshall. Failure to do so may result in time penalties being incurred.

Cut off Times: Note for ALL TEAMS IN ALL EVENTS: The Event Marshall has the discretion to pull any team for “not making sufficient headway”.

Final Time: Teams will have their finish trail time recorded. All time involved on the trail shall constitute trail time including but not limited to meal and rest stops, stops mandated by weather conditions, lost time on wrong trails, etc.

Food Saturday night: There will be soup & buns. Tea, Coffee & Milo available throughout the night & is included in the meal costs. All other food requirements are your responsibility.

Finishers Breakfast: Sunday @ 9am. This Breakfast is free to Mushers who have competed in the event. For all additional support crew, you are ALL welcome to join us, there is a charge of \$15.00 per person to cover costs. This is a cooked breakfast.

Prize Giving; Will be held in the camp dining hall @ 10am Sunday 19th September.

Any Enquiries: Please direct all questions to Heather Wald, subahka@gmail.com or via call phone 0279577365.

Event Officials	
Event Marshall	Jim Coburn
Trail Boss	Deane Wald
Timekeeper	Heather Wald
Vet Team	Rhea Hurley & Lucy Anderson
First Aid Person	Lucy Anderson
Event Co-ordinators	Heather & Deane Wald

Mandatory Equipment list.

This gear listed below is mandatory and must be carried at all times either on the rig or on the musher. This is the gear that will be checked during pre-start and post-finish gear checks.

- **Rig** – 3 or 4 wheeled with brakes capable of slowing, stopping and holding your team.
- **Headlight** – forward facing white light this is clearly visible, attached to rig, musher or both.
- **Tail Light** – rear facing red light (not flashing) that is clearly visible attached to the rig.
- **Water** – at least 1L per dog and a suitable container which allows a dog to drink.
- **Protective Clothing** – Waterproof jacket, thermals.
- **Helmet** – this must be worn at all times on the trail.
- **Hi-Vis Reflective vest/Top** – to be worn under your bib at all times.
- **Booties** – one full set of booties for each dog in your team, either on the dog or carried
- **Safety Line** – attached to your rig where the gangline is secured to you rig.
- **Stake out Line & drop lines** – Suitable lines to securely fasten dogs at the checkpoint/pit stop
- **Hypothermia Blanket**
- **Bib**
- **Snub Line** – to tie off your team on the trail if needed.

Optional but recommended Equipment.

- **Protective Clothing** – boots, gloves, socks, beanie, dry clothes, wet weather gear.
- **Sleeping Bag** – to provide warmth for resting musher.
- **Food** – a days food ration for each dog and one days' food for the musher.
- **Shelter** – If weather is bad resting mushers may find this & a ground tarp handy>
- **Spare Batteries** – for your headlights

Protests & Disputes:

If a musher wishes to raise a protest, they must indicate this to the Event Marshall at the Finish Line. Full details will be gathered once all teams involved have crossed the finish line and tended to their team. The Event Marshall and/or RGO's decision will be final and binding.

Mushers will not protest any decision relating to dog welfare irrespective of whether they believe it is unwarranted or unfair or for any other reason. The Officials and RGO's decision will be final and binding and no discussion will be entered into.

Sportsmanship:

All mushers must conduct themselves in a civil and sportsmanlike manner throughout the Event. Abusive treatment of any form toward people or dogs is prohibited. A breach of this rule may result in disqualification and removal from the Event venue.

A musher will not be penalised for aiding another musher in an emergency. Any such assistance must be reported to an Event Official at the earliest opportunity, or upon arrival in the finish chute at the latest.

Sponsors

Thank you so much to all our wonderful sponsors of the event, we couldn't do this without your support!!



Midnight Madness 2021 - Entry form

Please complete one entry form per team. **Entries close 5pm Wednesday 8th September 2021.**

Your entry will be confirmed once your payment has been received and you have provided all the information required.

Email your entry form to NZSDSC Secretary, Heather Wald at subahka@gmail.com

Which event are you entering? Circle your response, only one distance to be circled.

15km Is this the first time entering a distance event? YES NO circle your response.

30km Please provide details of your most recent qualifying event below

or list Distance Mushing NZ if you have entered their event this year.

Event Name	Organising club	Distance Run	Did you finish	Date of Event
			YES NO	

45km Please provide details of your most recent qualifying event below

or list Distance Mushing NZ if you have entered their event this year.

Event Name	Organising club	Distance Run	Did you finish	Date of Event
			YES NO	

Please provide details of your team below:

Mushers Name: _____

Mobile phone number _____

- The Musher will be aged 16years or older by the Event Date

	Dogs Name	Date of Birth
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		

Handlers Details – Please list the names of your support crew/Handlers that will be coming with you and staying at camp. This will also assist with accommodation location and catering numbers

	Handlers Names
1	
2	
3	
4	

Finishers Breakfast Order: Cost is \$15.00 per person (excluding the musher)

Enter the number of people you are ordering for _____

or I do not want to order breakfast

Payment must be made in full and received into NZDSDC bank account by Wednesday 8th September 2021

	Fee	Quantity	Amount
Event Entry fee	\$85.00	1	\$ 85.00
Accommodation per person	\$20.00		\$
Finishers Breakfast (excluding musher)	\$15.00		\$
NON-NZFSS club members -An additional	\$15.00		\$
Total Entry fee Payable			\$

Please make electronic payment into our bank account as detailed below:

Bank Account Name: NZDSDC

Bank Account Number: 02-1248-0534414-002

Reference: MM21 & your Surname

Declaration

By signing this Entry Form I agree to be bound by the rules and requirements set out in this entry pack and the items listed below in this declaration

1. The organisers of this Event, NZDSDC and the committee of NZDSDC cannot be held responsible or liable for accidents, injury to people, dogs or equipment that may occur as a result of participating in this Event.
2. The organisers of this Event cannot be held liable for events that occur which are outside the control of the organisers, and which may cause disruption to or cancellation of the Event.
3. Suitable alpine clothing appropriate to the conditions must be worn by each musher and numbered Event Bibs must be worn.
4. I will not bring any dog to this event that has been exposed to any contagious disease, particularly canine cough.
5. Brand advertising by each individual musher acknowledging their team/kennel sponsor(s) is at their discretion but shall not interfere with Event Sponsors or other individual mushers same rights.
6. The advertised trails and start times are subject to conditions at the time of the event.
7. I give NZDSDC permission to use any photographs or video footage taken at the event for use of promotion of the event in media and press releases. (Strike out if you do not give permission)
8. Any entry accepted from a musher is deemed to include all assistants/handlers/passengers/people attending with the musher this also included all dogs in their care whether running in the event or not. The musher is responsible for the behaviour and wellbeing of all these people and/or dogs.
9. All entrants are expected to be familiar with the Event Rules specified by the NZDSDC in this Entry Pack including all provisions relating to dog welfare, and in any dispute ignorance of these rules will not be accepted as an excuse.
10. Bearing in mind the overall intent of the Event is for it to be a positive experience, if teams are withdrawn from the Event, the decision of the Event Marshall, Event Organisers or Trail Boss shall be final.

Signed By _____ on Date _____
Print Name Signature

Email your entry form to: subahka@gmail.com by 5pm 8th September 2021