

## **Musher Information - ENGLISH**

**Welcome to Lannavaara and Tobacco Trail**, starting 8th April 2023. Here is important information you need to take part in the competition. All activities related to the competition take place in connection with Aurora Mountain Lodge at Lannavaara.

In Lannavaara, there is a well-stocked grocery store that is open weekdays. There is no gas station in the village. The nearest are in Övre Soppero and Vittangi.

### **Secretariat – Registration (Lannavaara)**

Open from 11.00 on 8 April, the 'office' will be located at one of the cabins in front of the main hotel (in between the hotel and Checkpoint area). To avoid congestion, make sure all documents are filled out beforehand. You will need the Chip List and "Veterinary book", see appendices. Please note the name of the dog and chipnumber both on chiplist and "veterinary book"-

At registration, we check vaccinations and weigh the reserve food so please make sure you bring the emergency dog food (pre-packed) and dog passports with you.

At Registration, you will also need to make an order for food if you wish to eat at Aurora Mountain Lodge during the race. Breakfast is 120sek per person, Lunch is 150sek per person and the Dinner set menu of main course and dessert is 320sek per person. Meals are paid for directly to Aurora Mountain Lodge.

In Paksuniemi Checkpoint you can get soup and bread. Its free for mushers, handlers and volunteers.

During Tuesday, April 4, a draw will take place and the starting order will be published on the website and Facebook.

Each driver has a marked parking space according to your Bib Number. If two teams ride in the same dog car and they compete in different classes, it is the team number that runs long distance that applies. Please note, due to the number of teams that have signed up, we will need your cooperation with moving cars, particularly at the Start. More information will be given at the Mushers Meeting.

All drivers must be a member of a sled dog club and have a license to compete and must be able to show it. Drivers who compete for a Swedish club must also have a Green Card.

### **Veterinary inspection**

Takes place in the parking lot in front of Aurora Mountain Lodge hotel between 11.00 – 18.00. Three veterinarians inspect the dogs and we will allocate appointments for each team.

You must have the dogs around the car, there is no room for a long stakeout line.

Please note that you can have a veterinary inspection at your local veterinarian, who can complete the Veterinary Book, Chip List and check vaccinations. Please let us know if you choose to have a local vet check. Documents are available to download on the website under "Vet Information".

### **Mushers Meeting**

Driver meeting. 18.00 - 19.00 at Aurora Mountain Lodge. Please ensure you read the Mushers Presentation document beforehand, so we can keep the Mushers Meeting to a minimum.

### **Tracks**

Track map and GPS coordinates can be downloaded from [www.tobaccotrail.se](http://www.tobaccotrail.se) as soon as they are available. We recommend to download the GPX tracks as close to the race day as possible because they could change!

The best Map for the trail is Kiruna Kommun Skoterledkarta. You can buy this map at fuel stations and some shops in the local area. The Secretariat will have a limited number of maps to buy if you can't buy your own before the race. The map should be kept in your sled as part of the mandatory equipment.

### **Start**

Sunday at 11.00 - The team starts at 2-minute intervals with Junior Class first, then Mid-distance (150km).

Sunday at 14.00 - Long Distance (Open) and Long Distance (Limited) at 2-minute intervals.

### **Checkpoints & Distances**

#### **MD150km: Starts 11.00**

Stage 1. Lannavaara- Paksuniemi (70 km).

Stage 2 Paksuniemi - Lannavaara, (70km) finish.

Mandatory rest, 6 hours + equalization at Paksuniemi.

#### **LD300km: Starts at 14.00 (Open) and 14.30 (Limited)**

Stage 1. Lannavaara – Sudjevaara - Lannavaara (56 km).

Trail is along a snowmobile track. After 28 km, the teams turn at turning point loop to return to Lannavaara on the same track. GPS will record the turn and we will have a snowmobile driver at the turnpoint. PLEASE NOTE. The trail will require head-on passing and care should be taken so that meetings take place as smoothly as possible.

Stage 2. Lannavaara - Lainio - Lannavaara (96 km).

After 47km there is a turn-around point on the Lainio River before heading back to Lannavaara on the same track. This trail also requires head-on passing.

Stage 3. Lannavaara - Paksuniemi (70km).

Track is along the marked Tobacco Trail track.

Stage 4. Paksuniemi – Lannavaara (70km) finish.

Mandatory rest 8 hours total at main Checkpoints, of which 2 hours plus time equalization, must be taken at Lannavaara 2.

Note that the minimum mandatory rest time is intended for the driver to be able to dispose of his rest time based on the training done. It is not a recommendation to only rest 8 hours during the competition, but we expect the driver to let the dogs rest more. Drivers who choose to take only mandatory rest can count on having their team examined by our veterinarian.

NO STRAW should be used to rest on the trail. You may take hay if you plan to stop outside of the checkpoints.

### **Checkpoint Lannavaara**

Lannavaara is a well-equipped Checkpoint with food and controlled/limited parking for Musers.

Aurora Mountain Lodge Restaurant is open during Tobacco Trail. Dinner is served from 18:00 until 21:00. Food should be pre-booked during Registration. There is a 'Lounge' area also open to Musers and Handlers.

Depot bags are allowed and handlers must stay behind the taped line.

### **Checkpoint Paksuniemi**

Paksuniemi is a small checkpoint with limited services (food, parking etc). If possible, handlers are recommended to share cars and parking will be monitored. Parking of cars must take place on the right side in one line with the front towards Jukkasjärvi. Soup with bread is free.

Depot bags are allowed and handlers must stay behind the taped lines.

### **Dropped Dogs**

It is possible to drop a dog at both Lannavaara and Paksuniemi Checkpoints. Handlers should take the dog directly from the Muser when dropped. No dropped dogs (or access) at Lainio or Sudjevaara turn-around points.

### **Dinner and award ceremony.**

The award ceremony will take place on Monday evening for both distances. Exact times will be announced on Saturday 8th.

### **Travelling with dogs**

From 1 May 2013, new rules apply for dogs traveling from Sweden to Norway. The dog must be dewormed against the fox's dwarf tapeworm. Deworming must take place 1-5 days before entry into Norway, performed by a veterinarian and documented in the dog's passport. Requirements for deworming from Sweden also apply to the EU countries Finland, Great Britain, Ireland or Malta. Deworming must take place 24–120 hours before entry and it is thus no longer possible to deworm directly before border crossing.

Veterinarians at Tobacco Trail offer this free of charge to participants provided that the driver themselves provides deworming agents. We recommend that you bring deworming agents as we cannot guarantee that there is enough in Apoteket's range in the nearest town.

### **Rules and mandatory equipment**

Please familiarize yourself with the information on the website.

### **Contacts before and during competition**

**Race Leader** - Birgitta Fernström 070 232 0063

**Club President** - Gaynor Leeper 072 727 3817

**Judge** - Alf Hallén 070 545 3714

**Chief Veterinarian** - Jens Hoelgaard 070 335 8844

**Snowmobile Driver (lead in LD)** - Sven Berg 070 556 6392

### **Other in Lannavaara**

We recommend a visit to Kristallen, displaying jewelry and stones from around the world. We hope that a ride with a "gyrocopter" may also be offered in Lannavaara.

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