

Musher Information - ENGLISH

Welcome to Lannavaara and Tobacco Trail, starting 6th April 2024. 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.

Important note about accommodation

If you have booked cabin or hotel accommodation at Aurora Mountain Lodge you will **NOT have access to your room until 14.00 on Saturday at the earliest**. Please respect that the rooms are being cleaned and prepared and the staff need time to do this. You can park your car outside the cabin and relax in the restaurant or lounge area.

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 10.00 on 6 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 chip number both on chipslist 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.

If you have not paid the full balance for the race, you can do so now.

To pay 2500sek balance for the 300km distance by credit card, click here: <https://buy.stripe.com/8wMbIK4e4aKjd1e9AB>

To pay 1500sek balance for the 150km distance by credit card, click here: <https://buy.stripe.com/14k8wybGwdWvf9m288>

To pay the race balance by bank transfer:

Torne River Sleddog Club
Bank Giro 411-2264
SWIFT/BIC – SWEDSESS
IBAN – SE7880000826440631370939

To pay the balance by Swish:

SWISH 1235578281

****Please mark all payments with the DRIVER/COMPETITORS name****

Food is available to buy at Aurora Mountain Lodge during the race.

During Tuesday, April 2, 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.

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 13.00 – 16.00 for long distance and 16.30-19.00 for middle distance. You will be allocated appointment times 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. 12.00 - 13.00 at Aurora Mountain Lodge. We will try and keep the Mushers Meeting to a minimum.

Tracks

Track map and GPS coordinates can be downloaded from 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

Saturday at 20.00 - Long Distance (Open) and Long Distance (Limited) at 2-minute intervals. (The evening start has been chosen to reduce running in the hottest time of the day)

Sunday at 16.00 – Mid distance teams start at 2-minute intervals.

Checkpoints & Distances

LD300km: Starts at 20.00, Saturday (Open then Limited)

Stage 1. Lannavaara – Sekkutoppa - Lannavaara 1 (90 km)

Stage 2 Lannavaara 1 - Sudjevaara – Lannavaara 2 (85km)

Stage 3 Lannavaara 2 – Lainio – Lannavaara Finish (90km)

Mandatory rest , 8 hours (2hrs + time equalisation at Lannavaara 1, 6hrs free to choose)

MD150km: Starts 16.00, Sunday

Stage 1. Lannavaara – Sekkutoppa - Lannavaara 1 (90 km)

Stage 2 Lannavaara 1 - Sudjevaara – Lannavaara Finish (56km)

Mandatory rest, 6 hours + time equalization at Lannavaara 1

Trail is mostly along a snowmobile track with a 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.

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. There is a 'Lounge' area also open to Musers and Handlers.

Depot bags are allowed but handlers must stay behind the taped line unless helping their team in or out of the checkpoint.

Dropped Dogs

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

Dinner and award ceremony

The award ceremony will take place on Monday 16.00 for both distances.

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) - Sven Berg 070 556 6392

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