



LONG DISTANCE WORKINGTREK RULES

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Eligibility of Dogs and Drivers

1. Any dog participating in a working long distance trek organised by the Alaskan Malamute Working Association must be a pure bred sled dog and be registered with the Kennel Club to that effect, or have a rescue number issued by the Official Breed Club for that breed (sled dog breeds only). Non sled dogs owned by participants are eligible to walk the course with a handler but may not be in harness or attached in any way to a rig/sled/driver.
2. It is the responsibility of the dog owners to make sure that their dogs are sufficiently trained and conditioned and that they pose no hazard to the health or welfare of themselves or other dogs participating in the event.
3. An entry to the trek must be submitted before the start of the event, subject to the entry deadline as set out by the organisers.
4. A trek may be cancelled at any stage at the discretion of the event organiser **and** the AMWA committee.
5. A refund may be given if an event is cancelled once all irretrievable overheads have been met.
6. Dogs undertaking any working long distance trek **must** be 18 months of age on or by the date of the event
7. A dog or team proven to be a hazard to other dog teams or drivers/handlers shall be asked to leave the event by the event organiser/committee.
8. Junior members may take part in a non competitive working trek at the organizers' discretion. They must however be accompanied by a parent in an accompanying team (in which case they must stay together for the entire distance) or alongside walking/running/cycle.
9. The Association strongly advise all participants to wear head protection, not to do so is at the individuals risk. **Head protection is mandatory for juniors.**
10. All long distance working treks are un-timed

Disease

8. No dog, equipment or clothing shall be brought from a kennel where ANY contagious disease exists.
9. Should an event veterinarian diagnose any dog present to have a contagious disease, the handler and dog shall be asked to leave the event area.

Medications

10. Prohibited medications are all those deemed harmful to the dogs or to the sport, including stimulants, depressants, anaesthetics and analgesics.
11. If any dog is suspected of being under the influence of any prohibited medication, the event organisers reserve the right to have the dog examined and tested by qualified personnel, and if positive, the dog, driver and owner will suffer automatic refusal of entry to events for the whole of that season plus any other penalty deemed appropriate (and will cover all veterinary costs).

Equipment

Please refer to AMWA Rally Rules.

Course Procedure – Driving a Team - Conduct

12. A driver may ride, scoot or run as and when he wishes Physical and verbal abuse of dogs is strictly prohibited.
13. A driver shall not interfere with another participating team.
14. Carrying a passenger at any time is prohibited (unless in extreme emergency).

Trail/Course Set Up

15. The trail should be of a suitable surface, avoiding concrete, tarmac or sharp gravel wherever possible to avoid damage to dogs feet.
16. Single colour markers will be used to mark the course. For a night trek these will be reflective.
 - Right turn – red marker on the right (25-50ft) before turn
 - Left turn – red marker on the left (25-50ft) before turn
 - Straight on – blue marker
 - Hazard/caution – yellow marker
17. Marshals will be posted at regular intervals along the trail.
18. Regular water stops will be provided

