

Competitors Guide



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La Vern Gibson
Championship Cross Country Course



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Welcome to all of Dog Loving Runners, Walkers and Hobblers!

CanicrossUSA, Kenosha Running Company and Musher are your hosts for the first ever CanicrossUSA National Canicross Championship Event this December 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2024. The Vigo County Tourism Bureau will make all of us feel right at home!

This weekend of Canicross will unlike anything that has ever been held in the USA before as we embrace the growing sport Canicross, which began for us in 2015. We have welcomed thousands of dog loving runners, walkers and hobblers to our events in SE Wisconsin, to our store in Kenosha, WI and at the events we have attended throughout the Country.

We will be hosting races for everyone and for all abilities. Elite National Championships (qualifying times required), National Age Group Championships, Junior Championships and Citizen Fun Run/Walk events(both days).

The Lavern Gibson National Cross Country Course in Terre Haute, IN, is an ideal course for running & viewing such an event and the venue will allow for ample space for vendors, food trucks, tailgating and your own unique experience.

We will be listing by mid-May all the dog friendly hotels and campsites in the area. We will also be working with local restaurants and brew houses for get togethers on Friday and Saturday nights.

The following pages highlight the weekend schedule, rules for each event and contact information.

If you are interested in getting on our mailing list for this event, send to KenoshaRunningCompany@gmail, reference Canicross National Championship in the email subject

Please contact Brian Thomas briant@kenosharunningcompany.com with any questions or comments.

Looking forward to welcoming all you in person!

Brian Thomas



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Canicross USA National Championship Event Schedule

Thursday – 12/12/2024

1. initial set up
2. meeting with volunteers
3. meeting with Dave Patterson & Team
4. Vendor Set Up

Friday – 12/13/2024

1. Final set up, prepare for packet pick up
2. meeting with timers, volunteers, Course Staff, etc...
3. Packet Pick Up and Course preview starts at 2:00 and concludes at 6:00pm
4. Dog Fittings and other products for sale
5. Vendor Set up
6. Allow team and individual set up area

Saturday – 12/14/2024

1. Packet pick up starts at 7:30am
2. Course preview starts at 8:00am – closes at 9:00
3. Vendors arrive at arrive at 7:30
4. Racers Meeting 9:15am
5. Elite 6k Men race starts at 9:45 (Day 1)
6. Elite 6k Women race starts at 10:45 (Day 1)
7. Open – Age Group – Masters & Super Masters Men 6K – 11:45
8. Open – Age Group – Masters & Super Masters Women 6K – 12:45
9. Citizens Fun Run/Walk with and without Dogs – Fundraiser for local Dog Rescue & Humane Shelter; start at 2:00 untimed event with same day sign up
10. Awards for Day 1 at Conclusion of Citizens Race

Sunday – 12/15/2024

1. Packet Pick up start at 8:00am
2. Course preview starts at 8:00am and closes at 9:00am
3. Racers meeting at 9:15am
4. Elite 4k Men race starts at 9:45 (Day 2)
5. Elite 4k Women race starts at 10:30 (Day 2)
6. Junior Boys Under 10, 11-13 and 14 – 17th age groups 4k 11:15am
7. Junior Girls Under 10, 11-13 and 14 – 17th age groups 4k Noon
8. Citizens Fun Run/Walk with and without Dogs – Fundraiser for local Dog Rescue & Humane Shelter; start at 12:45 untimed event with same day sign up
9. Awards for Day 2 at start conclusion of Citizens Fun Run/Walk



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Registration & Entry Fees

Elite 6K Championship Men & Women

- Men starting 9:45am – Saturday
- Women starting 10:45am – Saturday
- awards to top 3 M & F
- \$48.00

Elite 4k Championship Men & Women

- Men starting 9:45am – Sunday
- Women starting 10:30am - Sunday
- awards to top 3 M & F
- \$42.00

Combined Elite 6K & 4K Men & Women

- Awards Presented on Sunday
- awards to top 6 M & F
- \$83.00

Elite Racers Qualifying Times

In order to enter the Elite Races you will need to have a minimum qualifying time for a 5k distance with or without running with your dog.

- Men's Qualifying Time 19:30
- Women's Qualifying Time 22:30

Other rules maybe added, so please review for updates periodically. Those that have signed up will be receiving email notifications of any updates.

6k Open, Age Group, Masters & SuperMasters Championship

- Under 14, 15-19, 20-30, Masters 40-55 SuperMasters (55+)
- Open Category is open to all ages – need to designate when signing up regardless of your age
- awards to top 3 M & F
- 6k Saturday – 11:45 Men starting time; 12:45 Women starting time
- \$48.00

Juniors 4K Championship Boys & Girls

- U10, 11-13 & 14-17
- awards to top 3 B & G
- 4K Sunday – 11:15 Starting Time for Boys - Noon Starting Time for Girls
- \$39.00



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Registration & Entry Fees

Citizens Fun Run/Walk 6k on Saturday or 4k on Sunday

- \$30.00 solo, \$50 couple/family (Day 1 or Day 2)
 - 50% of proceeds from the Citizens Races given to Charity
 - Not Chipped Time, No Posted Results, No awards & No Swag included in entry fee
- (6K Saturday 2:00pm starting time)
(4K Sunday 12:45 starting time)

Sunday & Saturday Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Citizens Race.

No SWAG is included in Citizens Fun Run/Walk, however there will be an option to purchase swag at the event.

(Headwear, T-shirts Long Sleeve, Dog Bandanas, Dog Gear, etc..)



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Event Rules

Rules that apply to all events:

1. **Dogs must be healthy and update on all vaccines**
2. **The Event Veterinarian has the ability to determine if a dog is fit to race in the Elite, Age Group and Juniors Races.**
3. **Aggressive Dogs are not welcome at this event**
4. **Dogs that become aggressive at this event must be removed.**
5. **Proper Canicross gear must be worn by the dog and owner when racing for the Elite, Age Group and Junior Championship Races. Proper gear will consist of; proper fitting harness for the dog, proper fitting running belt and connecting bungee line no longer than 2 meters (no static connecting line will be permitted). Citizens Event no choke collars will be permitted.**
6. **Runners are not permitted to wear metal tip type running spikes.**
7. **Runners are required to wear racing bib while racing and to enter the starting area.**
8. **Competitors in Elite, Age Group and Juniors Race can only run with one dog. Citizens Events you can run/walk/hobble with one or two dogs.**
9. **In the area outside of the race course, dogs must be on a static leash no longer than 3 feet.**
10. **Cleaning up after your dog is required by everyone with a dog. Those not cleaning up after your dog will be asked to leave. There will be plenty waste drop disposal containers and poop bags throughout venue. While racing you will not be required to clean up after your dog for the Elite, Age Group and Juniors Races. Those in the Citizens Event will be required to clean up after their dog.**
11. **Once entering the starting area, all dogs must be under control and bungee line must be held to maintain limited range of the dog.**
12. **Elite, Age Group and Juniors will be assigned a starting box, which will be 9 feet wide. There will be 42 boxes in the front row and 42 boxes in the second row. Boxes will be assigned based on your 5k time submitted when signing up. Each Race will have a mass start.**
13. **Citizens Event, runners will be in the first and second row and walkers will be behind the runners. The event will start with a mass start.**



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Weekend Guidelines

1. **No dogs are permitted to be off leash for any reason. If the chance a dog is off leash, you will be asked to leave the venue.**
2. **Cleaning up after your dog at all times is required except as specified in the Rules section.**
3. **There will be a designated parking area for those racing over the weekend and those with trailers.**
4. **There will be a preferred/designated warm up area.**
5. **Dogs will not be allowed in any of the buildings.**
6. **Course preview is only for those dogs that are racing over the weekend. You must clean up after your dog when previewing the course.**
7. **Only those racing will be allowed on the race sections of the course. There will be numerous areas designated for spectating within the boundaries of the Cross Country Course and outside of the Cross Country Course.**
8. **Additional Guidelines will be added as needed. Please review for updates periodically. Those that have signed up will be receiving email notifications of any updates.**



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