

WILDFIRE DEFENSE RACE SERIES

2027 TIME TRIAL RULES

Purpose

The WDRS Time Trials are designed to provide mushers with a training opportunity and spectators with an opportunity to interact with mushers in a low-stress environment.

The Time Trial format allows spectators to observe team preparation, starts, trail activity, finishes, and post-run activities throughout the day while learning more about sled dog racing from participating mushers.

Mushers are encouraged to engage with spectators and help promote the sport of sled dog racing.

Championship Points

Each musher who participates in the Time Trials will receive four (4) points toward the WDRS Series Championship.

Participation points are awarded once per musher regardless of distance selected, finishing time, or number of teams run.

Registration and Time Slot Selection

Mushers may reserve up to two (2) Time Trial slots.

During online registration, mushers may select their preferred day and time for each requested slot. Mushers shall also provide an alternate day and time selection for each slot in the event the requested time is unavailable.

Time Trials slots will be offered between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Each time slot shall accommodate up to two teams and includes up to two (2) hours for setup, team preparation, running time, and cleanup.

One (1) hour shall be scheduled between time slots.

Mushers are responsible for managing their allotted time.

Distances

Mushers may select one of the following distances during registration:

- 5 Mile
- 8 Mile

- 14 Mile
- 19 Mile

Mushers may select different distances for different time slots.

Teams and Dogs

Mushers may run more than one team during a scheduled time slot.

Mushers are not restricted to their declared race pool during the Time Trials and may run any dog transported on their truck.

A musher may also run dogs transported on another musher's truck with the knowledge and consent of the dog's owner or handler.

All dogs participating in the Time Trials must meet current WDRS vaccination requirements.

All equipment used during the Time Trials must comply with WDRS equipment requirements applicable to championship race events.

Mushers may utilize GPS devices during Time Trial runs.

Rabbits

A rabbit is required for all Time Trial runs.

During registration, mushers must indicate one of the following:

- A. The musher will provide their own rabbit.
- B. The musher has a rabbit handler but requires the event to provide a snowmobile.
- C. The musher requires both a snowmobile and driver to serve as the rabbit.

Official Timing

Official times shall be recorded using the WDRS microchip timing system.

Mushers must use the same chip used during race competitions.

Microchip times shall be considered the official times for all Time Trial runs and shall be used to determine results for the Time Trial Competition.

Time Trial Competition

The winner of the Time Trials is not determined by the fastest recorded time.

Prior to their run, each musher shall submit a predicted finishing time for their selected distance.

The Time Trial winner will be the musher whose actual finishing time is closest to their predicted finishing time.

In the event of a tie, the winner shall be determined by a random drawing of the tied mushers' names conducted by race officials.

Fun Competitions

Additional fun competitions may be offered during the Time Trials as scheduling permits.

Handlers and mushers may compete in these activities.

Dog Booting Competition

Participants shall compete to determine who can correctly boot six (6) dogs in the shortest amount of time.

Timing begins when instructed by race officials and ends when all six dogs have been booted.

All boots must remain properly secured on the dogs. If any boot falls off before inspection by race officials, the attempt shall be disqualified.

Race officials shall determine the final outcome of all Dog Booting Competition results.

Poop Scooping Competition

Participants shall use their own scooping equipment to collect a designated quantity of simulated dog waste represented by pine cones.

Each participant shall be assigned the same number of pine cones.

The winner shall be the participant who successfully collects all assigned pine cones in the shortest amount of time.

Race officials shall determine the competition area, starting procedure, and final results.

Junior Mushers

There is no minimum age requirement for participation in the Time Trials.

Participants under eighteen (18) years of age may be permitted to compete on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Race Marshal.

An experienced musher familiar with the participant's skills and abilities must be willing to vouch for the participant's ability to safely control a team and complete the selected course.

Awards and Prizes

No cash purse will be awarded for the WDRS Time Trials.

Small fun prizes may be awarded to winners of the Time Trial Competition, Dog Booting Competition, Poop Scooping Competition, and any other activities conducted during the event.

Prize availability and distribution shall be determined by race officials.

Rule Interpretation

The Race Marshal shall have the authority to interpret and apply these rules and to make decisions regarding matters not specifically addressed herein.

The Race Marshal's decision is final.