

Gin Gin 200 Rules

Signing Up For Gin Gin 200

The Gin Gin 200 will be open to all participants 18 years & older. There will be two divisions; a women's division and a men's division. Entries will be accepted in both divisions until 8:00am Friday, Dec. 28th 2007. There will be no limits on entries to the women's division. The men's division shall be limited to 30 teams. There will be a 10-team waiting list if necessary. Drivers must complete the entry form & submit it to the race organization to be considered officially on the wait list. The Entry Fee for the women's division shall be \$ 225.00. Entry to the men's division shall be \$175.00. The entry fee includes a \$15.00 membership fee to the Gin Gin Race Organization. The Gin Gin Organization also hosts the Taiga Spring Break 300. The \$15.00 membership fee will include both races in the same calendar year.

Mandatory Driver's meeting

The drivers meeting will be held at Meier's Lake Roadhouse, (Milepost 171 Richardson Highway), at 8:00 am. on Friday, Dec. 28th, 2007.

Race Cancellation

The Race may be cancelled if the temperature is -40 or colder on Meier's Lake at 9:00am Friday, Dec. 28, 2007.

Vet Check

Vet check begins at 8:30 am. Proof of Rabies vaccinations must be presented at vet check. Dogs will be checked for health and fitness. Dogs considered unfit will not be allowed to start. The decision of the race marshal in conjunction with the race veterinarian concerning fitness will be considered final.

Mandatory Gear:

Snowshoes- 250 sq. " minimum.

Cold weather sleeping bag

Axe- 22 " minimum

Cooker- 3-gallon capacity minimum

Cooking Gear- heat source

Booties- 8 per dog at start **and** at restart

Snow Hooks- 2 required

Headlamps- 2 required

Dog food- 5 lbs per dog at start – minimum 1lb per dog at restart.

Personal Food- minimum 4000 calories

Mandatory gear will be checked upon arrival at the Maclaren checkpoint and at the finish. Missing mandatory gear will be penalized at 30 minutes per item.

Trail Etiquette:

Trail must be kept clear at all times- teams resting and snacking must leave room for passing teams. Overtaking teams have the immediate right –of-way except within 1 mile of the finish line. Overtaken teams shall assist in passing & hold their teams if requested.

Littering: There will be a 1-hour time penalty for littering.

Dogs:

All dogs must be current with rabies, parvo and distemper.

There will be a 12-dog maximum for the women's division. A 10-dog maximum for the men's division. 7-dog minimum for both divisions.

Dogs may not run loose or be led behind the sled. Dogs carried in the sled must be secured and covered.

No whips or jinglers. Inhumane or abusive treatment of dogs will result in disqualification.

The same dogs must be used throughout the race.

Dog death for any reason other than a vehicular accident or a moose incident will precipitate withdrawal from the Gin Gin 200.

Expired dogs must be immediately submitted to the Race organization at the next mandatory stop. A necropsy will be performed at the driver's expense

No product that masks signs of injury will be permitted. No injectables. The drug policies of the Yukon Quest will be followed.

Sleds:

One sled equipped with adequate brush bow and breaking device is to be used throughout the race. 5-foot basket minimum. Repairs to be done by driver –help from other race

participants is allowed. Sled, gear, equipment must be in good repair as determined by the race organization.

Assistance:

No planned outside assistance. Drivers may receive assistance in recovering a lost team. Any means in recovering a lost team is permissible except that time penalties may accrue if it is determined by the race organization that an advantage was achieved.

Trail:

Teams must follow the trail as marked.

Food Drop

There will be no food drop for the Gin Gin 200; drivers are expected to self-sufficient. Carry adequate food and fuel!

Dog Drop

No dog drop without vet's approval. Dog drop at Maclaren River Lodge checkpoint for a transport fee of \$ 75.00 per dog, no time penalty will be given. Dog must be dropped with a cable drop.

Start & Running the Race

Mass Start. Meier's Lake at mile 171 Richardson Hwy, 11:00 am. Friday, December 28, 2007 for the Women's division. The Men's division will start at 12:00 noon. Drivers not able to start at the timed start may leave at any time up to one hour after the start of the men's division, however, they will be considered timed out at the start of their respective division.

Trail. The Gin Gin Trail will cover approximately 200 miles in the Alaska Range. The first leg will be approximately 110 miles. The second leg will be approximately 90 miles.

Layover: Mandatory 8 hour at Maclaren River Lodge.

Finish: Meier's Lake Roadhouse – 1st team across the finish line- all dogs & driver.

Awards. There will be an awards ceremony on Sunday Dec. 30, 2007 at a time to be announced.

Purse; The purse for both divisions will be announced, however, the race will pay a minimum of 50% of entry fees to the top 5 finishers in the women' division and to the top 3 finishers in the men's division.

Payout shall be as follows;

Women's Division	Men's Division
1 st : 22%	1 st : 18%
2 nd : 18%	2 nd : 12%
3 rd : 12%	3 rd : 5%
4 th : 8%	
5 th : 5%	

Checkpoints: 1 checkpoint @ Maclaren River Lodge.

Check-in & Check –out: Drivers must personally sign in and out. Drivers are considered checked in when all mandatory gear is verified. Campsites must be left clean of trash but straw will be cleaned by race organization.

Penalties: Penalties, both time and monetary, may be assigned for littering, unsportsmanlike conduct and other trail infractions. They may be applied at mandatory layovers or at the finish.

Race Officials/Scratches/Protests:

The Race Marshal is in charge of all aspects of the race from the time of entry until the awards presentation. Decisions of the Race Marshal, Judges, and Race Officials will be considered final. The Race Veterinarian will have the final say on dog issues.

Drivers may protest any decisions made by the Race organization and/or report rules violations in writing to the Race Marshal at any time up until the beginning of the awards presentation. Drivers will have the opportunity to personally present and discuss and claims or violations with the Race Marshal.

Drivers wishing to scratch or withdraw should notify a race official at the nearest checkpoint.

Sportsmanship is paramount. Drivers and handlers are expected to be courteous at all times. Have fun!----and conduct yourself accordingly.

These rules are intended to guide the Drivers, Race Officials and the Race Marshal throughout the running of the race. The Race Marshal and Judges have the right to make

non-rule, on the spot decisions regarding all aspects of this race that are deemed to be for the good of the race and it's participants.

Drivers agree to hold the Gin Gin Organization, their members, all race personnel, volunteers and sponsors harmless from any claim or demand based on any alleged action or inaction by the driver, his/her dogs, agents or others acting on his/her behalf. The driver also agrees to release the Gin Gin organization, their members, participants, volunteers, officials, race sponsors, agents or employees from any claim or demand resulting from injury to the driver, his/her dogs or his/her property. Long distance travel with sled dogs through Alaska is recognized to have inherent dangers and challenges. The driver accepts all responsibility for his/her capability and ability to deal with obstacles and challenges that may present themselves.

Who is GIN GIN?

GIN GIN 120 is named after a remarkable dog that dominated a dog kennel for over 10 years. She was an inspiration both on the trail and in the yard. She was a dog with unswerving loyalty & stubbornness. She did not know "quit". Her ability, drive & attitude should serve as an example to dog drivers everywhere.

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