

2011 Gin Gin 200 Rules

Entries: The Gin Gin 200 is sponsored and operated by the Gin Gin 200 Race Organization. The entry fee for the Gin Gin shall be \$235. All entrants must be members of the Gin Gin 200 Race Organization. The annual membership fee is \$15. (your total entry will be \$235) Receipt of the entry fee and a signed entry form will constitute drivers agreement and compliance with race rules and conditions set forth. Entries will be accepted until December 1st. Late entries will be accepted until December 15th; entry fee; \$300. No entries will be accepted after December 15, 2011.

Start/Race Format/Finish: The drivers meeting will be held Wednesday, Dec. 28th; 8:00 am at Paxson Lodge. There will be a woman's division and a men's division. The start will be at milepost "0" on the Denali Highway.

Women will start at 11:00 am. Men will start at noon. Participants will start at two minute intervals. Time equalization will occur at the mandatory layover.

The Gin Gin 200 covers slightly more than 200 miles. There will be one mandatory layover on the course; 8 hours plus time equalization at Alpine Lodge.

Finish will be at Paxson Lodge.

Awards ceremony will be held at Paxson Lodge mid-afternoon on Friday, December 30th.

No planned help is allowed at any time during the race.

Food Drops: Food drops must be bagged and left in a designated place at Paxson Lodge by 10:00 am. December 28th. The race committee will haul one 30# (thirty pound), drop bag for each team to Alpine Lodge. Drop bags in excess of 30#'s will not be hauled. Racers will be responsible for any additional food they may require. Straw will be provided at Alpine Lodge.

Purse: The purse will pay the top 3 times overall, consisting of 55% of the total entry fees collected, plus any additional sponsorship. 1st: 40%, 2nd: 30%, 3rd: 20%. Vets award; 10%

Dogs:

All dogs must be current with rabies, distemper and Parvo vaccinations.

12-dog maximum, 8-dog minimum. Teams must finish with 8 dogs on the line.

Dogs may be dropped at any Alpine; there will be a \$50 drop fee for dogs dropped at the Alpine checkpoint. Dropped dogs may be picked up at Paxson Lodge.

Dogs may not run loose or be led behind the sled.

Dogs carried in the sled must be secured and covered.

Inhumane treatment of dogs will result in disqualification, penalty, or withdrawal. Inadequate dog care may result in withdrawal. Carry adequate supplies!

Whips or jinglers will not be permitted.

The same dogs must be used throughout the race. Dog deaths for any reason other than a vehicular accident or a moose incident will precipitate withdrawal from the Gin Gin 200.

No products that mask signs of injury will be permitted. No injectibles. The drug policies of the Yukon Quest will be followed.

Gear and Procedure: One sled is to be used throughout the race; the driver will be responsible for all repairs. Drivers may receive assistance with repairs at checkpoints with approval of the Race Marshall.

Sleds need be equipped with a working brake and brush bow.

Mandatory gear shall include; snowshoes with a minimum area of 250 sq. inches, axe with an overall length not less than 22", a cold weather sleeping bag and 8 booties per dog.—leaving the checkpoint. A cooker capable of melting snow and 2 good headlamps are strongly suggested.

There will be 30 minute time penalty assessed for missing mandatory gear, assessed at the next mandatory layover or the finish, whichever applies.

Littering will result in a one hour time penalty.

Drivers must sign in and out of the Alpine checkpoint.

Layover time begins after completion of the mandatory gear check.

Drivers must keep their teams clear of the trail when resting or snacking.

Standard passing procedures will apply. No Man's Land will be the outhouse at Milepost 7 on the Denali on the return leg.

Race Officials/Scratches/Protests; The Race Marshal will be in charge of all aspects of the race from the time of the drivers meeting until the completion of the awards presentation. Decisions of the Race Marshal, Judges and Officials will be final.

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 any claims or violations with the Race Marshal.

Drivers wishing to scratch must notify a race official at the nearest checkpoint.

Sportsmanship is paramount. Drivers and handlers are expected to be courteous at all times. This race is designed to be fun; please conduct yourself accordingly.....

These rules are intended to guide the Race Marshal and race organization throughout the running of the Gin Gin 200. The Race Marshal and organization has the right to make non-rule on the spot decisions, regarding all aspects of this race, deemed to be for the good of the race and it's participants.