



## Winter Park Bark Skijor Race Official Rules



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### **Equipment**

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### **Starting/Finishing**

- 1) All skijor teams from all Races and all Divisions will start in the same queue.
- 2) The 5 km Race participants will start first, followed by the 10 km Race participants.
- 3) Within each Race, the Race Start Order shall be determined by random drawing.

- 4) Skijor teams will start the race in 30-second intervals. A Start List will be posted after the race meeting.
- 5) Skijor teams must queue at the Start Line several minutes before their assigned start time.
- 6) Each team is encouraged to have their own handler at the Start/Finish Line.
- 7) The tips of the skijorer's skis shall determine the starting point of the team.
- 8) Skiers and handlers will be given countdown warnings at 20- and 10-seconds. The Timer will countdown from 5 to 1 aloud, then give the signal to start.
- 9) All skijor teams must be off the course within two hours of the official Race Start Time, or the skijor team will be disqualified.

### **Passing**

- 1) Before overtaking another skijor team, the faster skier must yell "Trail!" to ensure safety. The faster skier must remain courteous to other racers when there is a need to pass.
- 2) The skijor team being overtaken must yield the ski trail to the faster team, and do the following:
  - a) Refrain from ski-poling to ensure safety of the passing team.
  - b) Control your own dogs and, if necessary, reel-in your line and hold your dogs' harnesses to prevent interference with the passing team.

### **Location & Race Course**

- 1) The Winter Park Bark Skijor Race Event will be held at:

Minocqua Winter Park  
7543 Squirrel Hill Rd  
PO Box 1090 PMB 234  
Minocqua, WI 54548  
(715) 356-3309  
[www.minocquawinterpark.org](http://www.minocquawinterpark.org)  
[events@minocquawinterpark.org](mailto:events@minocquawinterpark.org)
- 2) The "Skijor Loop" will be used as the race course. From the Winter Park Chalet, the race course:
  - a) BEGINS on Base Loop for 100 meters
  - b) LEFT on Creek Trail for 150 meters
  - c) LEFT on Lynx for 100 meters
    - i) STRAIGHT for 20 meters
    - ii) RIGHT at the split for 40 meters
    - iii) STRAIGHT for 40 meters
  - d) RIGHT on Red Pine for 950 meters
    - i) Stay RIGHT to climb the first hill

- ii) Stay LEFT at the intersection with VO2 Max ski trail
- iii) Stay STRAIGHT at the next intersection (Tower Road)
- e) RIGHT on Silver Strider for 250 meters
- f) LEFT on X-C Express for 750 meters
- g) LEFT on Nepco's Cruise for 2750 meters
- h) Race Split:
  - i) 5 km Race: RIGHT on Silver Strider for 250 meters to start/finish line
  - ii) 10 km Race: STRAIGHT on Red Pine for 200 meters to begin a second lap
    - (1) LEFT to stay on Red Pine at the intersection of Lynx

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