

**PARTICIPANT WAIVER/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
2012 GOLD RUSH TRAIL DOG SLED MAIL RUN and STAGE RACE**

(All participants must sign and submit this form)

I acknowledge that I am participating in the Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Mail Run/Stage Race entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility. The Mail Run and the Stage Race are run over wilderness trails and roads between Quesnel, Cottonwood, Troll Resort, Wells and Barkerville B.C. as participants endeavor to test their own abilities and those of their sled dogs against the challenges of the trail and weather conditions. The spirit of the Mail Run and Stage Race is one of adventure, enjoyment, mutual support and safety. Organizers endeavor to minimize hazards and to ensure the well-being of participants, however participation in either the Mail Run or Stage Race involves a risk to personal safety. Risk factors include unanticipated heavy snowfall, becoming lost, extreme cold temperatures, separation from dog team, physical injury due to falls or other accidents, equipment failures, hypothermia and other unforeseen factors. These risks, hazards and dangers cannot be eliminated for any participant, particularly in a wilderness environment in mountainous terrain.

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I AM AWARE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT BACK COUNTRY WINTER TRAVEL BY DOG TEAM, SKIS, SNOWSHOES OR ON FOOT HAS INHERENT DANGERS AND RISKS FOR ANY PARTICIPANT.

I will endeavor to ensure my own personal safety by carrying recommended safety gear and equipment in my sled or pack. I am confident that I and my sled dogs are conditioned and capable of completing the physically demanding sections of the route that I will undertake to travel. At all times I will err on the side of caution. If I am concerned about trail conditions or weather I will opt for the safest possible option, even if that requires waiting in one place or choosing to withdraw from the event. I also understand that it is my responsibility to plan, prepare and otherwise organize my personal supplies such as food, fuel, equipment and medical supplies

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I agree to be responsible for my conduct and the conduct of my sled dogs and my dog handlers and to accept the decision of event officials as final. I ensure that to my knowledge my sled dogs are not ill, that they have current vaccinations and that there is no infectious disease in my kennel at this time. I will respect all private property and the rights and needs of all participants. I shall not hold the sponsors, officials, volunteers, members of the Gold Rush Trail Sled Dog Association nor any other persons involved with this event liable for any injury or damage to myself, my dogs or my equipment. I understand and agree to abide by the provision so governing this event.

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I HAVE CAREFULLY READ, CLEARLY UNDERSTAND AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS PARTICIPATION, WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT.

Signature of Participant Executing this Release

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Participant a Minor

Date