



2023 MUSHER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- VET CHECKS**
JAN 28 - 8AM
Black Bear Casino - Otter Creek Event Center
Arrive before your pre-scheduled check time. Enter Event Center to sign in and review records with assigned vet (30min). Go to truck with vet team for dog health checks (30 min). Allow 30-45 minutes to sign Trail Mail and posters.
- DRIVER MEETING** 
JAN 28 - 1:30PM
Black Bear Casino - Otter Creek Event Center
Arrive 15 minutes early to get situated. Meeting starts sharply at 1PM. One handler per team welcome.
- OPENING CEREMONY**
JAN 28 - 3PM
Black Bear Casino - Otter Creek Event Center
Pipe ceremony, John Beargrease eulogy, ceremonial bib number draw, swearing in as US Postal carrier for Marathon and BG 120.
- MUSHER PARKING**
JAN 29 - 6:30 -- 8AM
East End Auto parking lot by Billy's
Arrive and get parked starting at 6:30AM. Parking assigned by race on arrival. No overnight parking.
- MEET THE MUSHERS**
JAN 29 - 8AM
East End Auto parking lot by Billy's
Spectators will be allowed in lot to ask musher questions, take photos, pet dogs, etc.
- MARATHON DROP BAGS DROP OFF**
JAN 29 - 1 HOUR BEFORE YOUR START TIME
East End Auto parking lot by Billy's
Volunteers at lot will point out the "drop bag truck." Strongly recommend using bags over tubs or coolers.
- RACE START**
JAN 29 - 10AM
Billy's
First Marathon team starts at 10AM
First BG 120 team starts at 10:56AM
First BG40 team starts at 12PM
- BG 40 FINISH**
JAN 29 - 3:30 -- 7:20PM
Hwy 2 Checkpoint
Sign out and return bibs. Awards handed out about 7PM, depending on last musher in.
- BG 120 FINISH**
JAN. 30 - 6:40-11:40AM
Trestle Inn
Buffet breakfast starts at 6AM. Sign out and return bibs. Lunch and awards 11-1PM depending on last musher in.
- MARATHON FINISH**
JAN. 31 - 5:25-- 10PM
Grand Portage Lodge & Casino
Sign out and return bibs. Get some sleep.
- FINISHERS MEETING**
FEB 1 - 8AM
Grand Portage Lodge and Casino
- CLOSING CEREMONY**
FEB 1 - 9AM
Grand Portage Lodge and Casino
Awards and election of musher representatives to board.