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PIRENA 2010

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RULES

1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 PIRENA is a sleddog race run in the Pyrenees, which will take place from 23rd January to 6th February 2010 and organized by Affinity Petcare, S.A.

ORGANISATION COMMITTEE: The Organisation Committee of PIRENA is composed by:

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1.2 C.C.P. The CCP is the PIRENA Race Committee, which is composed by the Race Marshal, the Race Judges, a member of the Vet Team and the Control Boss.

Race Marshal – Ramon Rojas
Race Judge – Lleó Vázquez
Race Judge – Jan 'T Hart
Vet Team – Jaume Martínez
Control Boss – Jacint Morist

The intention of the present rules is to guarantee a fair and sportive competition. The CCP with the Race marshal's agreement is responsible for interpreting these rules as well as for guaranteeing that these will be carried out.

1.3 The CCP - PIRENA Race Committee - is the final authority to carry out this regulation.

1.4 The CCP has the authority to suspend, to postpone or to modify certain stages because of snow conditions or bad weather.

1.5 The race shall be governed by these rules. For all that is not included in these particular rules, the ESDRA and IFSS rules shall be valid. When a doubt exists, the Spanish version of these rules will be the valid one.

PIRENA 2010 will consist of two independent competitions, although they will follow the same itinerary.

A.- SLEDS CLASS (open to all dogs)

B.- SKIJORING (open to all dogs)

Before the first stage mushers will appoint a Representative who will be their spokesperson in front of the Organisation Committee and the CCP.

Skijors will also appoint a Representative.

Notice board: all the information, changes, results starting lists, decisions or agreements by the CCP will be published here. The notice board will be located in the Race Office situated in the car park, from 8.00 until one hour after the Awards Ceremony. In the Race Office copies of the starting lists and results will always be available.

CHAPTER I. REGISTRATION AND ADMISSION OF ENTRANTS

2 ENTRY RIGHTS

SLEDS

2.1 The entry fee is 600 €. This includes the admission and entry rights for the musher and the meals and the lodgings for the musher and his handler from the dinner on 23rd January, 2010 to the lunch on 6th February, 2010 both inclusive. The lunch on the 31st January, the dinner on the 4th February and the lunch on the 5th February are not included.

2.2 Only two handlers per team can participate. The second handler must pay 760 € for meals and lodgings.

2.3 The team must consult with the organisation before registering the second handler in order to decide whether it is really necessary.

SKIJORING

2.5 The inscription fee of the Skijor is 360 €. This includes the entry and admission rights and the meals and the lodgings from the dinner on 23rd January to the lunch on 6th st February both inclusive. The lunch on the 31st January, the dinner on the 4th February and the lunch on the 5th February are not included.

2.6 The Skijor's handler must pay 760 €. This includes meals and lodgings.

2.7 If a team would like lodgings different from the ones already booked, the organisation can do other reservations but at the musher's charge.

2.8 As for the dogs AFFINITY PETCARE, S.A. offers free its product ADVANCE PERFORMANCE for athlete dogs to the mushers and Skijors during the two weeks of the race. The Organisation will fix the dates to take the food and the corresponding quantity. It will be compulsory to fetch it in those deadlines. After that no complaint will be accepted.

2.9 The entry fee will be paid back to the musher in case of withdrawal under the following conditions:

2.9.1 if the participant notifies his/her decision until 90 days prior to the start of the race, the full entry fee minus an administrative charge of 150€.

2.9.2 if the participant notifies his/her decision until 45 days prior to the start of the race, 50% of the entry fee.

2.9.3 if the participant notifies his/her decision within 45 days prior to the start of the race, no reimbursement.

2.9.4 In case of cancellation of the entire event for reasons of force majeure (in particular for meteorological reasons), the entry fee will be paid back but the competitors will not be entitled to any compensation.

2.9.5 In case that not all the foreseen stages might be carried out, the entry fee will not be paid back and the competitors will not be entitled to any compensation.

2.9.6 If places are made available, the organisation will call in mushers listed on the waiting list. If they accept the invitation to enter the race they shall confirm it with the payment of the entry fee specified in the article 3.6.

3 ENTRY AND ADMISSION FOR THE SLEDS AND SKIJORING

3.1 Mushers must be at least eighteen years old on the first day of the race, except in special cases accepted by the CCP.

3.2 Each team will have the same musher from the very beginning until the end of the race.

3.3 Substitution: A team can change the registered musher if the CCP is notified of the substitute's name in writing at least one hour before the beginning of the first stage.

3.4 For reasons of security and organisation, PIRENA has decided to limit the quantity of inscriptions to 40 sleds and to 15 skijors.

3.5 Registrations will be accepted in order of receiving. However PIRENA reserves the right to select the participants.

3.6 Every participant will receive an entry confirmation after sending back the filled in entry form by post to:

AFFINITY PETCARE, S.A. - PIRENA
Fontanills, 83
08320 EL MASNOU – SPAIN

The fee is payable by wire transfer in Euros to the following account:

IBAN: ES92 0030 2438 3800 00903271
SWIFT: ESPCESMM

3.7 November 23rd 2009 will be the entry deadline.

3.8 Applications will not be processed if they
3.10.1 do not have the musher's signature
3.10.2 contain omissions or false statements

3.9 With the signature on the entry form of PIRENA the participant agrees to the rules in the present regulation.

3.10 PIRENA reserves the right of admission.

4 CONDITIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

4.1 The day before the start of the race the participants shall have the following documents available:

- **Identity card or passport**
- **Mushers coming from other countries shall have a civil responsibility insurance policy of the dogs and personal sports insurance policy in case of any accident during the 15 days of PIRENA or the official musher sport-card from his country, which covers those policies.**
- **Vaccination card against rabies, distemper, parvovirus, leptospirosis, hepatitis and kennel cough with validity during the days of the race**
- **An official veterinary certificate (individual or collective with the dogs duly identified) of good health to face the race issued during the last 30 days before the start of the race.**
- **Musher's photo**
- **IMPORTANT: It is compulsory to present or send a RESIDENCE CERTIFICATE issued by the corresponding national TAX AUTHORITIES in order to avoid applying a withholding tax from the amounts paid as prize money (it results from the DOUBLE TAX TREATY between Spain and other European countries). Otherwise a withholding tax should be applied.**

4.2 It is compulsory to send photocopies of the following documents with the entry form (23.11.2009):

- **Civil responsibility insurance policy of the dogs and personal sports insurance policy or official sports-card from his country federation.**

4.3 These photocopies will be returned to mushers at the end of the race, if they ask for them.

4.4 Each musher shall be responsible (in a civil and in a sportive way) for the possible damages that his dogs, his handler or himself could cause.

4.5 Handlers shall have got a personal insurance against accidents.

5 SUBSCRIPTION TO THE DOSSIER WITH FULL PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION ON PIRENA

5.1 This subscription costs 125 €.

5.2 After the race and the compilation of a dossier every subscriber will receive:

- A press dossier of the race with all the articles published before, during and after the race in Spain.
- An informative dossier on PIRENA 2010
- List of the appearances on TV made by a fracking Company

- A documentary video on PIRENA
- The summary videos of the appearances on TV

CHAPTER II. RULES FOR SLEDS

6 ADMISSION CONDITIONS OF DOGS

6.1 During PIRENA crossing the Organisation can require to the mushers that their teams abide scrupulously by the present rules.

6.2 Anything not specifically authorized must have the approval of the veterinary service and the CCP.

6.3 The CCP reserves the right of admission of any dog or team for the reasons that it considers convenient and specially for not respecting this regulation.

6.4 The participant dogs of PIRENA must be twelve months old on the first day of the race. If a dog is almost one year old, the musher must consult the CCP.

6.5 All dogs entered shall be identified by their microchips following the international norm ISO 11785. Each musher shall send the list of dogs given by the organisation with the corresponding identification number.

6.6 DISEASES

6.6.1 No dog shall be entered if it comes from a kennel where rabies, distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis or any other contagious disease exist.

6.6.2 If the race veterinarian diagnoses any dog present in the race area to have a contagious disease, that team shall be disqualified and shall immediately leave the race area.

6.6.3 All the dogs participating in Pirena shall be vaccinated against rabies according to laws in force.

6.6.4 All dogs shall be vaccinated in the previous 12 months against the following diseases:

- Canine distemper
- Canine parvovirus
- Canine hepatitis
- Kennel cough (Bordetella Bronchiseptica)

7 VETERINARY CONTROLS

7.1 The veterinary team is the authority to decide the participation or the disqualification of a dog. His decision ratified by the CCP may not be appealed.

7.2 Anti-doping controls will be carried out according to a list of forbidden products.

7.3 If the sanitary control of a dog is requested and the owner or the musher refuses to let the dog be examined by the veterinary, his team will be disqualified.

7.4 If the results of anti-doping tests of a dog are positive, the team which it belongs to will be disqualified after an audition of the CCP.

7.5 After the first stage departure no new dog apart from the ones subscribed officially can be added to the team.

7.6 On the 19th January a first and full veterinary control of the dogs will be carried out. If any document is missing the participation in the race could be nullified.

8 TEAM SET-UP

8.1 Up to maximum of 14 dogs and a minimum of 8 can be entered. The race cannot be continued with less than 6 dogs.

8.2 Every musher will be able to run every stage with 12 dogs maximum and 6 dogs minimum. His/her decision will depend on the characteristics of the trail (distance, unevenness, snow condition...) and the weather (temperature, wind, rain, visibility...). The organisation will give all the available information to facilitate his/her decision.

8.3 In very exceptional cases the CCP could restrict the maximal number of dogs. If there is nothing against the mentioned rule is always valid.

8.4 Any driver, team or dog coming to the starting line, which, in the opinion of the Race Marshal or of the Chief Vet is unfit or incapable of safely completing the trail, shall not be

allowed to start. If dogs are taken out of the team for medical reasons, their further participation is disallowed, until authorized by the chief vet.

8.5 For security reasons, the CCP can make a musher reduce the size of his/her team, if they consider it too big, taking into account the experience of that musher.

8.6 A sick or injured dog will be able to be left at a control stand during the stage, but from that moment that dog will be out of the race for the rest of the race. It will be object of a veterinary control at its arrival to the stake out.

8.7 A sick or injured dog that has started the stage will be able to finish it in the pack- sack, and in this condition it will possibly start the next stages with the permission of the Vet team. At its arrival to the stake out it will be checked by the veterinary. The control of a dog transported in the pack sack shall be carried out before one hour since the team shall have arrived. The driver is responsible for carrying the dog to the Vet team.

9 SLEDS

9.1 Sleds can be made of wood, aluminium and other synthetic fibres. They must be equipped with an adequate "carpet brake" large enough to place the feet, a brush-bow and a snow-hook. They must be of the race or randonée kind. It is compulsory the sled has got a sack with 600 cm² opening for the material required by the regulation and has got enough space to transport safely an excited dog.

9.2 If the sled breaks, authorization to change it will be given in the middle or at the end of the stage to the musher without being helped.

9.3 The CCP reserves the right to reject the sleds that do not seem solid enough or that seem dangerous for the musher or the dogs.

9.3.1 Mushers shall wear a helmet during the stage. The organisation will provide with two stickers with the bib number that will be obligatory to stick on each side of the helmet.

9.3.2 The organisation recommends that competitors carry an ARVA (an emitter-receiver device for locating persons caught under an avalanche).

9.4 MANDATORY EQUIPMENT ON THE SLED

9.4.1 Sleds must have an impermeable sack big enough to contain the minimum material for each stage of PIRENA.

- Harness and collars for two dogs
- 4 booties for every dog in the team.
- A pair of ropes of one meter and a half, with muskets to tie any dog in case of necessity.
- A spare pair of gloves
- A knife on hand to cut the team ropes if it is necessary. It will be better, if it has a rigid handle. On the cable-sledges it is compulsory to have a cable-cutter on hand.
- 15 meters of rope with a short musket at each end suitable for holding the force of the dogs
- Enough space to carry a dog safely.

9.4.2 If a musher does not have anyone of these items he will be punished with one to five minutes of time added depending on the missing item. If this happens for the second time to the same musher, he will be automatically penalized with ten minutes.

10 FORBIDDEN EQUIPMENT

10.1 The sleds that carry any kind of whip, muzzle or strangler collar will be disqualified.

CHAPTER III. RULES FOR SKIJORING

11 SPECIAL RULES FOR SKIJORING

11.1 As for the attention of the dogs, veterinary controls, musher controls and the right behaviour of people the same rules as for sleds shall valid for Skijors.

11.2 CATEGORIES:

11.2.1 There is only one category limited by the quantity of dogs: 1 - 2 dogs. Skijors are allowed to enter up to three dogs.

11.3 EQUIPMENT:

11.3.1 Participants are responsible to make sure that their equipment complies with the requirements of these rules.

11.3.2 Dogs must be tied in a simple or double raw.

11.3.4 Skijors will be allowed to wear the kind of skies as they like and even to change them once the stage started.

11.3.5 Skies of the participants in Skijoring will not be dangerous for the dogs. For example, the ones with sharp ends will not be permitted.

11.3.6 The dog will be tied to the musher by a line with a shock-absorber.

11.4 COMPULSORY MATERIAL

11.4.1 Skijors must carry the following material:

11.4.1.1 4 booties

11.4.1.2 3 m. of rope with a musket at each end

11.4.1.3 It is advisable to use a helmet during the stage.

11.5 TRAIL AND START RULES:

11.5.1 The skijor must follow his team skiing and in technically problematic areas, he is allowed to take his skis off.

11.5.2 If a dog from a one-dog team becomes unfit, the driver is not permitted to finish the heat. In this case he will be applied the time of the last classified in the stage plus 30'. He shall report at the nearest checkpoint and await assistance. If the driver is competing with more than one dog, he shall drop the incapable dog at the nearest checkpoint and report to the checker on the dog's problem. That dog shall no longer be allowed to participate.

11.5.3 The driver is not allowed to run forward his dogs.

11.5.4 The complete team will have to be ready to start on the start line until the signal will be given.

11.6 SPECIAL RULES FOR PIRENA

11.6.1 Taking into consideration the characteristics of this race the following rules have been made in order to adapt the Skijoring category better to Pirena:

11.6.1.1 In the flat stages and if the departure is wide enough the Skijor will be able to start all together or in groups.

11.6.1.2 The stages with big unevenness will be ordered as rest days.

11.6.1.3 If there is a mistake at a crossing the way can be changed taking the dog.

11.6.1.4 The Skijor is allowed to choose the start with 1 or 2 dogs, depending on which he considers to be suitable.

11.6.1.5 In the stages with transfers the organisation of Pirena will take care of the vehicles of the Skijor without handler.

CHAPTER IV. ANTIDOPING CONTROL

12.1 GENERAL DEFINITION

12.1.1 Doping is the use by or distribution to a competitor or a dog of certain substances that could have the effect of improving artificially the competitor's or dog's physical and / or mental condition and so augmenting the athletic performance

12.1.2 Doping is strictly forbidden. Violation of the doping rules shall be dealt with in accordance with the IFSS and ESDRA Penalty Provisions.

12.2 Doping of humans.

12.2.1 Doping substances are the substances mentioned in the doping list of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and chemically and pharmacologically related compounds.

12.3 Doping of dogs.

12.3 Doping substances are the substances mentioned in the doping list of IFSS, ESDRA or by another international association, if approved by them, and chemically and pharmacologically related compounds.

12.4 Blood doping.

12.4.1 The practice of "Blood Doping", on dogs or humans, is considered as use of a doping substance.

12.5 Other substances.

12.5.1 Other substances or methods are also considered as doping, if the administration of them, to dogs or humans, could have the same effect as mentioned in 12.1.

12.6 Doping control.

12.6.1 To carry out the doping control of Pirena the chief veterinarian may collect a sample of blood or urine from a dog one hour before or after the stage. Competitors selected for doping control shall be handed a notice and they shall acknowledge receipt on the relevant section of the notice.

12.7 Failure of a competitor to submit to a doping control will result in disqualification.

13 FORBIDDEN SUBSTANCES AND METHODS FOR DOGS

13.1 No injectable, oral or topical drug or method that may suppress the signs of illness or injury may be administered to a dog. No other drug or artificial means may be used to drive a dog or cause a dog to perform or attempt to perform beyond its natural ability.

13.2 The following substances are prohibited:

13.2.1 Analgesics (with or without prescription)

13.2.2 Anti-inflammatory drugs including:

13.2.2.1 Steroids

13.2.2.2 Anti-prostaglandins

13.2.2.3 salicylates

13.2.2.4 Non-steroids

13.2.3 Central nervous system stimulants

13.2.4 Cough suppressants

13.2.5 Sedatives and anaesthetics, local or general.

13.2.6 Diuretics

13.2.7 Anabolic steroid

13.2.8 Muscle relaxants

13.2.9 Injectable anti-colenergics

13.2.10 Anti-histamines.

The use of topical Corticosteroids is limited to the external parts of the body as ointment or cream.

13.3 Official veterinarians of Pirena may administer to a dog any of the prohibited substances and methods, after having withdrawn the dog from the race.

13.4 Prescriptions issued by a veterinary not belonging to the official Vet Team shall not be used unless approved of by a veterinarian of Pirena.

CHAPTER V. RACE DEVELOPMENT

14 TRAIL RULES

14.1 All teams and mushers shall run the full course of all the stages as established by the race organisation.

14.2 If a team leaves the trail, the musher shall return the team to the point at which it left the trail.

14.3 If a sled covers a stage partially it will be penalized or even disqualified according to the judges but it must have passed through the Start and the Arrival where the timing team is situated. The penalization added to its stage time shall be calculated, as follows:

The time which it would have needed to fulfil the not run distance x 3. To calculate the time the stage average speed of the sled which would have start immediately before it shall be taken.

14.4 Any musher accepting a ride on a vehicle other than his own sled, shall be disqualified unless in case of loose team or dog or for a reason that the Race Marshal approves.

14.5 A driver shall not interfere with a competing team.

14.6 Carrying a passenger at any time during the race shall be prohibited unless:

14.6.1 Called for in the conditions of the race.

14.6.2 Giving a ride to a driver in an emergency situation.

14.7 Mushers running the same stage may assist each other in any manner authorized by the race marshal.

14.8 Spectator or organisation assistance shall be limited to holding the sled, except in the case of a loose team, or a team so unmanageable as to create a clear and present danger to themselves, other team or people.

14.8.1 Handlers may only assist at the start and at the finish line.
On demanding stages, the race marshal may authorize additional assistance.

14.9 Loose teams or dogs

14.9.1 A loose team or dog is an endangered team or dog. Therefore every musher shall respect the following:

14.9.2 A loose team or dog shall not delay or interfere with another team.

14.9.3 The musher of a loose team must overtake the loose team by the quickest means available to ensure the safety of the loose team.

14.9.3.1 In the event that the musher cannot quickly and safely recover his team, the musher must accept assistance, including a ride when available to recover his team. Failure to accept available assistance may result in disqualification of the musher of the loose team. The race marshal shall determine if a musher is to be disqualified.

14.9.3.2 Any person is encouraged to stop and hold a loose team.

14.9.4 A loose team or dog will not receive a penalty provided the team has completed the full trail and the musher only has received outside assistance limited to stopping and holding the loose team or dog.

14.9.4.1 A loose dog and not recuperated before the sled crosses the finish line will be disqualified and shall not run any other stage. Moreover the team shall be penalized with 45 minutes.

14.9.4.2 If a team loses a dog for the second time, even it happens in a different stage, it shall be penalized, according to the Race Marshal's opinion. The dog will be disqualified and the team will be penalised with 45 minutes.

14.9.4.3 This penalization is not compatible with the Disaster rule, excepting when the musher demonstrates that he has tried to recuperate the dog.

14.10 Disaster rule. Pirena always tries to favour men and dogs. Therefore we would like to reserve disqualification only for dog abuse and improper behaviour by musher.

In anticipation of a stage where a musher may be in trouble, he may have recourse to this rule ONLY ONCE during the race.

14.10.1 If a musher loses a dog, breaks the sled or has any other disaster, but he solves the problem and crosses the finish line, he may have recourse to the disaster rule in the following conditions:

14.10.1-a He must notify by writing to the Race Marshal before one hour after the finishing of the stage that he desires to have recourse to the disaster rule. The Race Marshal may apply it to a team when he considers that the circumstances advice to do so even though this team had voluntarily recourse to the disaster rule.

14.10.1.b The time to be assigned will be the time average made in the stage where he has had recourse to this rule by the three participants classified after him,

14.10.1.c A penalty over the assigned time shall be imposed as follows:

30 minutes if the stage is up to 10 Km long.

45 minutes if the stage is between 10 and 20 Km long.

60 minutes if the stage is between 20 and 40 Km long.

90 minutes if the stage is more than 40 km long.

14.10.1.d Mushers only may have recourse to this rule since the 2nd stage to the next to last stage.

14.10.1.e If the arrival check-point was already closed mushers shall report to the Arrival Judge.

14.11 When teams are passing in opposite directions on a single trail, the team travelling downhill shall have the right of way. On level terrain the race marshal shall determine and announce, prior to the start of the race, whether the incoming or outgoing team shall have the right of way.

14.12 MANDATORY CHECKPOINTS ALONG THE STAGES

Some stages may be divided into two or more sections with a checkpoint between each section. The restart after the mandatory stop will be done at two minutes intervals in the order of arrival at the checkpoint.

14.13 INTERNATIONAL COMPANIONSHIP RULE: Drivers shall realize that common sense and good sportsmanship shall prevail and that the well being of dogs and drivers is of main value. Therefore drivers shall assist each other in case Race Marshal should penalize if drivers do not fulfil this requirement.

14.13 If a team wants to stop it must do so in a place where it does not bother the other teams.

14.14 OVERTAKING RIGHT

14.14.1 When a team reaches another one it must communicate its intention to overtake from the distance of at least 15 m. The team that goes first must move away to the right side of the way and if necessary it must stop and wait up to a minute until the other overtakes. If during this time the sled that asked for permission to overtake is not capable of doing so the first sled will go on in its way.

14.14.2 A sled can not ask to overtake a sled that has overtaken it previously until after two minutes or 150 m.

14.14.3 If the sled of an overtaking team gets tangled during the procedure, the musher of the overtaking sled will be able to ask the other team for stopping during a minute at most.

14.15 A withdrawn or disqualified musher in a stage shall give way to other competing teams.

14.16 Disqualified teams and dogs will not be able to continue in the next stage but they will be able to participate apart from the general classification in the following stages if the CCP allows it.

14.17 INTERNATIONAL RACE PROGRESSION RULE

14.17.1 In order to avoid delays in the progress of the race and to facilitate the work of the CCP, after four timed stages, the teams, whose time without penalties is 50% higher than the resultant average of the five first classified teams, will be left out of the classification.

14.17.2 The CCP can enlarge this time or let a team run the next stages apart from the classified teams only in very special circumstances.

14.18 Withdrawn or disqualified mushers may start the following stages outside the official classification, but they shall respect the following conditions:

14.18.1 They shall start 15 minutes before the 1st participant. Possible timetable changes will be notified.

14.18.2 If for any reason, the Race Marshal thinks that they must not start in one stage, they shall accept his decision.

14.18.3 If a participant of the same class overtakes them, they may not start in any other stage.

14.18.4 Their time will be measured but it will not appear in the official list.

14.18.5 They may not start in the stages that have a same trail.

14.19 Disqualified mushers and voluntarily withdrawn mushers shall follow to the nearest check-point and shall communicate this to the responsible person.

14.20 Disqualified and withdrawn teams will loose any option to the Endurance Prize.

15 TRAIL SIGNS

15.1 The trail signs will be indicated as follows:

15.1.1 TURN ON THE RIGHT with a red panel on the right side of the trail. If the curve is narrow or dangerous there will be two red panels one after the other.

15.1.2 TURN ON THE LEFT with a red panel on the left side of the trail. If the curve is narrow or dangerous there will be two red panels one after the other.

15.1.3 STRAIGHT AHEAD with one or two blue panels or panels made of wood painted in orange.

15.1.4 DANGER with two yellow panels one on each side of the trail.

15.1.5 NOCTURNAL COURSE OR WITH FOG with many wood stakes one followed by the others with fluorescent bands so that mushers finds easily the way.

15.1.6 DANGEROUS ZONE. With a yellow triangle. A yellow triangle with a diagonal black line will indicate the end of the dangerous zone.

16 THE DEPARTURE

16.1 The order of departure will be published on the 23rd January at the musher-meeting.

16.2 Number "1" will be for the winner of the previous year.

16.3 From the first day onwards the departure order will be established according to the general classification but reversed. The slowest will be the first and the fastest the last. In certain stages the CCP can change the departure order and the intervals.

16.4 If two teams have the same time the departure will be in reverse order in relation to the previous day.

16.5 At each stage the teams will start at intervals of two minutes excepting on special occasions.

16.6 In some special stages the entrants could start at the same time or in groups.

16.7 A team that starts late, with no serious reasons to justify the delay, will have its time counting from the moment when it was supposed to start. If it does not start during the first half of the time that separates the team from the next sled it will have to start among the sleds which will be following it. In this case the time will count from the actual time of departure and it will be punished with five extra minutes of time after the audition of the CCP. The second time it will be penalized with 15 minutes and the third time it will be disqualified.

16.8 A sled with delay cannot disturb the other sleds that are about to start.

16.9 A team may not start after 10 minutes since the start of the last participant.

16.10 A team may not start, as a security measure, with music earphones.

16.11 At the start only the due identified handlers shall be present.

16.12 In the flat stages and when the start area is wide enough, sleds may start all together or in groups.

17 THE ARRIVAL

17.1 The official arrival of the stage is established at the moment when the nose of the first dog crosses the arrival line.

17.2 If a team that has run the full itinerary crosses the arrival line without the musher the official time will count from the moment the musher crosses that line on foot or on a sled of another classified musher.

18 THE MUSHER-MEETING

18.1 Every day at the time announced previously by the CCP the MUSHER-MEETING will take place. It is an important appointment. **A member of each team is obligated to attend it.** At the MUSHER-MEETING all the foreseeable program changes will be announced. At the Musher Meetings there will be an attendance control. A team might not attend it if they would have notified a just cause to the Race Marshal.

18.2 Mushers will be able to explain their sports points of view if they do not deal with topics that are only within the CCP's competence.

18.3 The first time that a team does not attend the musher-meeting with no justification, a warning will be issued. The second time it will get a 3 minutes penalty.

19 THE CLEANING AND THE ENVIRONMENT

19.1 Every team has to clean the excrements of its dogs and everything it has dirtied. The Organisation will have stands of rubbish collection. The sleddog sport, always situated in the middle of the nature, has to look after the environment with special care.

19.2 If the daily inspection notices any rubbish left by any musher, he will be punished with three minutes on his time.

19.3 Dogs shall be in their boxes from 23.00 h to 7.00 h. The non-fulfilment of this rule will be penalized with 90 € the first time, 150 € the second time and the third the team will be disqualified.

19.4 Participants shall keep their places in the car-park and in the stake-out in the stages which take place in a same ski resort.

20 COMPLAINTS

20.1 Any complaint against one participant has to be made in writing and within an hour from the end of the stage in which the infraction was carried out. Also 60 € must be paid. The money will be refunded if the complaint prospers.

21 PENALTIES

21.1 For violation of any race regulation the following disciplinary actions are possible:

- a warning,
- a fine,
- a time penalisation
- disqualification

No other action shall be imposed unless specifically defined in the regulations (e.g. time penalty and/or fines mentioned in the rules).

A warning, a fine or a time penalty shall be applied by simple majority of the CCP. A disqualification shall require the CCP unanimity.

21.2 Race judges are entitled to enforce the race regulations according to their discretion, except for a disqualification, which only can be inflicted by the race marshal.

21.3 Decisions shall be announced as soon as possible but no later than two hours before the start of any ensuing stage.

21.4 Any disciplinary action following the final stage of the race shall be acted upon prior to the awards ceremony.

21.5 WARNING

21.5.1 For a minor infraction of the regulations or a first infraction a warning shall be issued by writing.

21.6 FINE

A fine may go up to 500 € (Five hundred Euros). Such fines may be deducted from the prize money. A musher with unpaid fines may not enter future Pirena races.

21.7 TIME PENALTIES

Time penalties may be imposed up to a maximum of two (2) hours, except for those specifically listed in these rules.

The organisation may impose a time limit for arrival at a given checkpoint. In case a musher arrives at a checkpoint after the time limit, the Race Marshal may require that he withdraws from that concrete stage. In this case the disaster rule shall apply.

21.8 DISQUALIFICATION

21.8.1 Apart from the cases in these regulations, a disqualification shall be imposed:

21.8.1.1 If a musher submits samples from other than himself or the dog(s) chosen for testing.

21.8.1.2 If the race marshal considers that a musher, handler or sled behaviour at any time in the race zone or during the stage, is detrimental for the sport.

21.8.1.3 if a competitor abuses a dog.

21.6.2 The race marshal may also disqualify

21.8.2.1 if a driver has intentionally or by negligence violated the race regulations and this has given him an advantage or his competitors a disadvantage.

21.8.2.2 in case of a recurrence, when the musher has already been given a warning for the same offence.

21.8.2.3 in case of repeated offences, which clearly shows that the driver is not capable of or willing to pay heed to the race rules.

21.9 All drivers shall be responsible for the conduct of their dogs, their designated handler and themselves, whenever in the race area or on the trail. If the race judges determine incorrect behaviour by any of the above, there will be a time penalty of 10 minutes plus a fine of 150 € for the first offence. In case of recurrence the team shall be disqualified.

21.10 The musher who has a serious infraction pending in the CCP can continue in the race unless the infraction is related to the cruel and inhuman treatment of the dogs.

21.11 All the decisions involving penalties will be published on the results sheets or on the notice board.

22 THE APPEAL

22.1 Drivers can appeal against all decisions of the CCP and up to 1 hour from the moment they were officially informed they shall communicate it in writing. The CCP will fix a meeting as soon as possible.

23.2 The CCP will solve the possible appeals by a vote. In the case of draw, the vote of the Chief Vet will be decisive for the dogs' issues and the race marshal vote for the sport issues.

22.3 The CCP must hear all the involved parties before deciding.
The decisions of the CCP will be binding.

23 AWARDS

23.1 STAGE

23.1.1 After each stage a trophy will be given to the three first classified of each class: sleds in general, sleds with nordic dogs and Skijoring.

23.1.2 Trophies can be given after the arrival of the fifth classified team. The awards ceremony can be changed of time, but mushers shall be previously informed.

23.2 FINAL

23.2.1 GENERAL

1st	TROPHY and	10,000.00 €
2nd	TROPHY and	5,000.00 €
3rd	TROPHY and	3,000.00 €
4th	TROPHY and	1,300.00 €
5th	TROPHY and	1,200.00 €
6th	TROPHY and	1,100.00 €
7th	TROPHY and	1,000.00 €
8th	TROPHY and	900.00 €
9th	TROPHY and	800.00 €
10th	TROPHY and	750.00 €

23.2.2 SPECIAL PRIZE PIRENA- AFFINITY TROPHY and 600.00 € to the musher who will be most outlined against his good treatment of the dogs.

23.2.3 SPECIAL PRIZE to the Sportsmanship and Fair-Play: TROPHY and 600,00€

23.2.4 SPECIAL PRIZE to the Respect for Nature: TROPHY and 600,00 €.

23.2.5 These special prizes will be decided by the CCP, except for the Award Affinity which will be decided by the Vet Team.

23.2.6 All classified teams, that reach the end of the last stage and have not won a prize, will receive the trophy **ENDURANCE PRIZE** and **300.00 €**

23.2.7 **ROOKY AWARD:** TROPHY to the Spanish best inexperienced musher.

23.2.8 **SPECIAL AWARD "AMICS DEL GOS"** to the best handler.

23.2.9 **SPECIAL AWARD "HUMAN COMMUNICATION"**

23.2.10 **SPECIAL AWARD "ADVENTURE"**

23.2.11 **SPECIAL AWARD "RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY"**

23.2.12 **SPECIAL AWARD "SMILE IN NATURE"**

23.2.10 **The first three Spanish classified** participants will receive a special trophy as well.

23.3 SPECIAL PRIZES AND TROPHIES FOR PURE BREED TEAMS

If a minimum of 10 teams with pure breed dogs start the first stage, the following awards shall be given:

1st	TROPHY and	3,000.00 €
2nd	TROPHY and	1,500.00 €
3rd	TROPHY and	1,000.00 €

23.4 SKIJORING

23.4.1 At the end of Pirena the three first classified Skijors will receive a special trophy.

23.4.2 SPECIAL TROPHY to FAIR PLAY to the Skijor, who will be most outlined against his sportsmanship, good treatment of the dogs and comradeship.

23.4.3 All the classified Skijors, who reach the end of the last stage and have not won any special prize in cash, will receive the **ENDURANCE PRIZE: a TROPHY and 300.00 €.**

23.4.4 If 10 skijors at least start, the following prizes shall be given:

1st TROPHY and 2,000.00 €

2nd TROPHY and 1,500.00 €

3rd TROPHY and 1,200.00 €

23.5 The prize money will be paid before the 30th April 2010, after receiving the last anti-doping tests results from the veterinary School.

23.6 The prize money will be subjected to the Spanish fiscal laws.

It is compulsory to present or send a RESIDENCE CERTIFICATE issued by the corresponding national TAX AUTHORITIES in order to avoid applying a withholding tax from the amounts paid as prize money (it results from the DOUBLE TAX TREATY between Spain and other European countries). Otherwise a withholding tax should be applied and participants would receive a lesser amount.

24 SPECIAL RULES IN PIRENA

24.1 **CAMP NIGHTS.**- When after a stage teams must stay on the mountains, but next to their cars, dogs will be allowed to sleep in their boxes. Musher and handlers shall sleep next to their dogs, even in their cars. Leaving the stake-out or parking zone will not be allowed.

24.2 **STAKE-OUT.**- To make easier the task of participants the stake-out will be mounted next to the cars. In spite of this in some stages it shall be made where the organisation will indicate.

The organisation will always foresee a zone to set the stake-out next to the stage start.

When the race takes place more than one day in a same ski resort, on the following days mushers will keep the same place.

24.3 **PROTOCOL ACTS.**- Attending all the protocol or promotion acts that the organisation celebrates during the race and where the participants presence will be required is compulsory for everybody. These acts will be announced in advance.

24.4 **AWARDS CEREMONY.**- Attending the Awards Ceremony after each stage is compulsory. If a participant doesn't attend it, he will lose the award or prize. The repeated absence may be penalized.

24.5 Teams shall accomplish with the indications of the organisation personnel and keeping up respect and good manners. If one musher or anybody in his team doesn't accomplish with that, he will be warned for the first time and in case this happens twice he may be withdrawn of the race.

24.6 **MECHANICAL ASSISTANCE.**- The mechanical assistance team of Pirena is exclusive to maintain the organisation cars. In spite of that if they have got time, mushers can ask for their assistance. As it is a company engaged by Pirena first a budget shall be made and then the repair shall be paid directly to the mechanical team.

25 THE PUBLICITY IN PIRENA

25.1 Sponsors make possible the major part of the important sporting events. PIRENA is not an exception. Therefore the rules of the publicity have to be seriously respected.

25.2 AFFINITY PETCARE, S.A. can use the TV images and the pictures taken during the race with the objectives that it considers suitable and related to the promotion of PIRENA, its sponsors and mushing in general.

25.3 During the competition all the participants shall have their bib numbers well fixed in order to make the SPONSORS' names visible. During the stage if a dorsal is covered the musher will be punished with five minutes on his time. If he breaks this rule once again he will be disqualified.

25.4 At the awards ceremonies at the end of every stage and at the end of the race the winners shall wear their bibs and, if it is possible, be accompanied with their leader dogs.

25.4.1 At the final Awards Ceremony the three first classified in sleds class, the 3 first classified in skijoring, the first classified in Pure Breed class and the first Spaniards shall be present on the podium with their teams following the instructions of the Organisation. If they do not do so, they will be disqualified and lose their awards. The CCP may give its authorisation to a team to leave.

25.5 The CCP will have at its disposal the lateral rectangular triangles of the sleds for the publicity (40 cm. high x 30 cm. basis).

25.6 During the days of the race, at the request of the CCP, the sleds are obligated to do any public demonstration with the dogs in order to promote mushing.

25.7 Mushers will be ready to cooperate in the different publicity aspects of an event as prestigious as PIRENA (radio or TV interviews, press, photos...).

28.8 Participants will place the bib number and the Pirena identification (stickers), which will be handed out by the organisation, on the windscreen of their cars. The non fulfilment of that shall bring a penalisation.

THE CCP EXPECTS THE MAXIMUM SPORTSMANSHIP AND FAIR PLAY FROM ALL OF YOU.

GOOD MUSHING!

El Masnou, 8th October 2009

APPENDIX 1 - SUMMARY OF PENALTIES

Article	Concept	Penalty
6.5.2	Team with a dog with a contagious disease	Disqualification of the team
7.3	Refuse to undergo a vet control	Disqualification of the team
7.4	Team with a dog giving positive results in a doping test (CCP previous audition)	Disqualification of the team
7.6	Missing documents on the first day	Not permitted to start after CCP's decision
8.1	Team with less than 6 dogs	Disqualification
8.4	Sick or injured dog at the start	Not allowed to start.
	Withdrawn dogs for medical reasons	Out of the race until vets discharge them
8.6	Sick or injured dogs and left at a control	Disqualification of the dog and 10' penalisation to the team.
8.7	Sick or injured dog during a stage and carried in the pack-sack	To pass a vet control – Not allowed to run until it has been discharged.
9.3	Dangerous or not solid enough sleds	Not allowed to participate
9.4.2	One or several missing items in the compulsory sled equipment	From 1 to 5 minutes
	For the second time, one or several missing items in the compulsory sled equipment.	10 minutes
10.1	Carry a whip, a muzzle or a strangler collar	Disqualification of the team
11.5.2	Sick or injured dog – one-dog teams (Skijoring)	Disqualification
	Dog left at a control – two-dogs teams (Skijoring)	Disqualification of the dog
12.1.2	Positive result in a doping test	Following RFEDI, ESDRA and IFSS rules
12.7	Refuse to undergo a doping test.	Disqualification
14.3	Run a stage partially crossing the finish line. The penalisation will be added to the stage time.	Distance not run x 3 x average stage speed of the sled started just before.
14.4	A ride on a vehicle other than the own sled	Disqualification.
	A ride on a vehicle other than the own sled in case of loose team or dog or for other reasons	In the Race Marshal's view.
14.9.3.1	Refuse to get on another sled to recuperate the own team	In the Race Marshal's view until the disqualification.
14.9.4.1	A loose dog and not recovered before the team arriving to the finish line.	Disqualification of the dog and 45' penalisation to the team.
14.9.4.2	For the second time, a team loses a dog during the race and not recovered.	Disqualification of the dog 45' penalisation at least.
14.10.1.c	Disaster rule.	Average stage time of the 3 entrants classified after + 30' o 45' o 60' o 90' depending on the stage length.
14.17.1	Exceed more than 50% the average time result of the 5 first Classified in the 4 first stages.	Disqualification.

16.7	Turn up at the start with a delay less than the half of the start time of the following team.	The start will be as scheduled.
	Turn up at the start with a delay more than the half of the start time of the following team.	Start among the teams after it and 5' penalisation after CCP hearing.
	Late start for the second time.	15'
	Late start for the third time.	Disqualification.
16.9	Turning up at the start 10' after the last starter.	Not allowed to start.
18.3	Not attending the musher-meeting without justification.	Warning.
	Not attending the musher-meeting for the second time.	3' penalisation.
19.2	Rubbish left in the car park area	3' penalisation.
19.3	Not respecting the nocturnal timetable	90 €
	Not respecting the nocturnal timetable for the second time.	150 €
	Not respecting the nocturnal timetable for the third time.	Disqualification.
21.6.1.1	Handing in samples from other than one self.	Disqualification.
21.6.1.3	Abusing a dog.	Disqualification.
21.6.2.1	Infraction of the rules giving advantage to the owns team or disadvantage to other competitors	In the Race Marshal view until the disqualification.
21.6.2.2	For the second time infraction of the rules giving advantage to the owns team or disadvantage to other competitors	In the Race Marshal view until the disqualification.
21.6.2.3	Consecutive infractions of the rules.	In the Race Marshal view until the disqualification.
21.7	Not paying a fine.	Not allowed to participate in the following Pirenas.
21.8	Bad behaviour of the musher, handler or team in the race area, for the first time.	A fine 150€ and 10' penalisation.
	Bad behaviour of the musher, handler or team in the race area, for the first time, for the second time.	Disqualification.
24.5	Not attending the stage awards ceremony.	Lost of the prize.
	For the second time not attending the stage awards ceremony.	In the Race Marshal's view.
24.6	Not obeying the organisation's instructions.	Warning.
	Not obeying the organisation's instructions for the second time.	In the Race Marshal's view.
25.3	Keeping the bib number covered during the stage.	5' penalisation.
	Covered bib number for the second time.	Disqualification.
25.4.1	Not getting on the podium with the full team (the three first classified in sleds, skijoring, purebreed and Spaniards)	Disqualification and loss of the prizes and awards.
	Not attending the final Awards Ceremony in La Molina.	Disqualification and loss of the prizes and awards.
25.8	Not displaying the bib number and Pirenas identification on the windscreen of the vehicles.	A fine in the Race Marshal's view.

