

CHlditarod Team Registration Meeting Handout

Thank you for joining CHlditarod, are you ready to MUSH???

CHlditarod Core Philosophy

The primary mission of the CHlditarod is to harness the love and energy of Chicagoans to forge positive relationships and social good across our communities. The annual CHlditarod race aims to accomplish this goal by fostering a culture of mutual care and creative community engagement.

Flagrant violation of these core philosophies will result in exclusion from the event; violations include, but are not limited to, disrespecting others or the property of others, displaying inappropriate racial or cultural stereotypes, participating in or promoting hate speech, enacting sabotage that borders on assault, and wasting food for sabotage or other ill-conceived purposes. Such behaviors bring harm to members of our community and are therefore harmful to all of us.

Pursuant to this Core Philosophy: CHlditarod does not allow any form of impersonation of another culture or race. The changing of one's skin tone to look like another human is absolutely not allowed. Impersonating a green witch, alien, or grizzly bear (you get the idea now) are acceptable forms of face paint. Don't be a jerk, be a smart, mindful human being!

General - do's and don'ts

- Take care of each other if someone needs help.
- Be good neighbors -- CHlditarod's permit with the city depends on it.
 - Do not stash your cart, we will find it. You will lose your deposit.
- **LEAVE NO TRACE!** Littering is for douches. Picking up trash is hot & sexy.
- Aside from the starting line, CHlditarod is a pedestrian race. Use the sidewalks!
- Bring your ID - not for us, but for the checkpoints
- **All 5 racers MUST stay with the cart whenever you are not at a checkpoint. Your cart can not leave a checkpoint or be anywhere along the race without all 5 team members with your cart.**
- Bike Marshals herd you away from danger zones. Listen to them as you would a checkpoint, please.
- Bike Marshals & Checkpoint Leads can and will **DQ** your entire team for not following rules!
 - No public urination. Period. You're not an actual dog. Use the Checkpoint's bathroom.
 - No public drinking, especially right outside a Checkpoint. This is bad. Cops can and will pull you over and search your cart if they see you drinking in public. **You can go to jail.**
 - Zero tolerance for physical violence, destruction of property, theft from carts or persons.
 - Be a douchebag to a volunteer = you will be DQ'd
- **THEFT IS NOT ALLOWED AND NOT TOLERATED. DO NOT GO INTO CARTS AND TAKE STUFF. YOU ARE A BAD HUMAN IF YOU DO.**

Checkpoints - dos and don'ts

- Check in with the volunteers at each Checkpoint. Follow their instructions, play to win the contests!
- Check In volunteers are not there to have fun, sorry, they have a stressful job, cut them some slack.
- **When arriving at the checkpoint, you must present 4 members & your cart to the marked Cart Wrangler (Orange/Green Vest), to obtain a token. This token will allow you to check into your checkpoint.**
- Bring the token and your race card to the check in person inside to officially check in.
- To checkout, you must have 3 team members present to receive your race card back.
- You must hit the checkpoints **in the order they are on your race card & map** & Don't skip any!
- You must stay at the checkpoint for **25 minutes minimum** (or till you get your timecard back).
- **Last time to check in at any checkpoint is 4:45pm.**
- Master Judges: Stationed at each checkpoint there are 2-3 judges who are watching you, closely. Strut your stuff for them.
- **Bribery is totally allowed, encouraged and very appreciated around the race. There is even an award you can win for the best bribe. Food, booze, art, you name it, it can be used as a bribe towards the judges, check in/out people or any volunteer.**
- Merchandise can be bought at Mahoneys
- Phyllis's is **Cash Only** and had only 1 bathroom

Fundraising - <http://www.CHlditarod.org/fundraising/>

- Online amounts for prize incentives cut off time is Friday March 1st at **NOON CST.**
- Day of: Hard funds (cash or check) can still be collected and will count towards awards ceremony. We will have pre-marked envelopes to fill in team name/# - this must be handed in at finish line.

GCFD Food Drive - <http://www.chiditarod.org/food-drive/>

- Must bring a minimum of 69 lbs of food to starting line.
- Very large donations of food (shopping cart worth or more) can be dropped off at GCFD before the event. Please contact jen@CHiditarod.org if you want to pre-drop off food to GCFD.
 - Ideal foods are: high in protein, no sugar or sweets, no glass. See website above for list

Sabotage- <http://www.chiditarod.org/sabotage-guidelines/>

- **There is a prize for best sabotage; The Dick Dastardly Award.**
- The point is to continue to celebrate people who cause chaos, but to minimize cruelty and disrespect.
- **Food is not allowed to be used for sabotage.** This is a food drive! Think about it. Yeah, exactly. This includes chocolate syrup, eggs, oil, flour, honey, mayonnaise and syrups.
- Liquids – such as glue, oil, baby oil, paint, body products, baby powder, cleaning solutions, and food based liquids etc are not allowed. Be creative, not gross.
- Do not use anything that would leave a mess or MOOP (Matter Out Of Place). This is a leave no trace event.
- Don't do anything permanent. Like cutting another team's cart in half or removing cart wheels.
- **U-LOCKS are BAD and will disqualify you.** Anything that locks, needs a key or uses chains to immobilize other teams will disqualify you. Simple as that. It will be humiliating.
- DO NOT damage public property and/or the property of checkpoints. We want to come back next year.
- Teams must do their own dirty work. Only the 5 racers on each team are allowed to sabotage – no outside goombahs.

Starting Line/Check-In Process - 1532 W. Fulton St.

9:45AM - START TO ARRIVE WITH YOUR CART

11:30am - Registration Closes: if you are not in line at this point, sorry dude no racing for you.

1. Arrive at Pre-reg tent w/ email (printed or shown from phone) that includes team name information. → Receive pre-reg ticket and cart bib, take to GCFD food drop tent
2. Minimum of 69 lbs of food → Food Liaisons will tally your total amount of food and add this to your pre-reg ticket
3. Escort to either racer team line or art-cart parking → Have pre-reg ticket and signed liability waivers (one per racer)
4. Receive your racer packet, wristbands, receive any incentives for fundraising, enter yard and be merry!

Art Carts: Proceed to art cart parking, check in at the volunteer booth right inside the big large gate, return to your cart, shake your booty and wait for the art cart judges to come and see your creation and judge it.

Eat breakfast, check out the cool carts. Remember sabotage is not allowed in the yard.

If you want CHiditarod Merch, this is a great place to purchase it.

Registration waits increases exponentially as we approach 11:30; arrive early to avoid a wait and enjoy the yard.

Finish Line - Cobra Lounge

- Finish Line: Is a quick stop to drop off your cart or pack up your cart, drop off any funds you raised during the race, go to the bathroom and load the busses to go to Mahoney's. There will be no band, bar or party at the finish line. **The party is at Mahoney's.**
- All carts in by 6:00pm at Cobra Lounge
- Finish line will close at 6:45pm for the awards ceremony
- **Carts are allowed to be picked up post ceremony until 10pm. Carts are UNATTENDED from 7pm - 10pm at their own risk.**
- Overnight cart parking: your cart is allowed to stay in The Yard overnight, at your own risk! **Carts have to be picked up between Noon and 2:00pm on Sunday March 3rd. If you arrive at 2:01pm, you will forfeit your cart deposit.**
- Time card hand in will be inside Cobra Lounge (Patio Door), cart parking will be in Cobra Lounge Parking Lot (off Ashland).

If you do not finish the race by 6pm AND go to all the checkpoints in the right order, you can not win any awards.

The Cart Vixen - Your cart deposit and return of cart deposit

You **must** send us a picture of your cart returned to its natural habitat from after the race. If your photo is not obviously post-race, you can include a newspaper, dated after March 2, 2019, in the photo. Include the cart refund card in your photo to get your deposit back without questioning. Deadline: midnight on March 9, 2019. Cart Deposits can take up to 2 weeks to be returned to those who followed instructions correctly. cartvixen@CHiditarod.org

Award Ceremony = Mahoney's Pub = Starts at 7:00pm sharp

Come collect your awards, shake your booty and celebrate 14 amazing years of CHiditarod!

Day Of Racer Timeline:

Arrival: 1532 W. Fulton (Fulton and Justine)

You CAN NOT drop off your carts/racers at Fulton and Ashland (Cobra Lounge)

9:45 am Racer Registration Opens

Teams must have all 5 members to enter the registration/yard area

9:45am - 11:30am - Yard Hang out time, no sabotage allowed. Meet your fellow racers & carts, enjoy free breakfast.

11:30 am Racer Registration Closes (must be in line by this time)

11:45 am EE gathers at main gate and plays

12:30 pm Race starts

End of day - depends on good weather/starting on time.

4:30pm - 7pm Shuttle busses are running from The Yard (Cobra Lounge) to Mahoney's for the award ceremony

4:45 pm **Last time a team can check in at a bar, no more check ins after.**

5:10 pm Checkpoints Closed

6:00 pm **Final time to check into/cross the finish line at the yard**

7:10pm Award Ceremony at Mahoney's Pub

7:30pm Epic Dance Party

Pacing For The Race

aka make sure you finish in time

Every route has 5 bars and 6 legs of the race.

The Yard ----> bar 1

Bar 1 ----> bar 2

Bar 2 ----> bar 3

Bar 3 ----> bar 4

Bar 4 ----> bar 5

Bar 5 ----> back to the yard

You have 5 and a half hours to finish the race. (Total 330 minutes)

At each bar you will be required to stay for 25 minutes before you can check out. (Total 125 minutes)

Each leg of the race is roughly .75 miles - 1.2 miles.

On average, according to google maps, it will take you roughly 25 minutes to walk 1.2. This does not account for your awesome but heavy shopping cart.

Remember to look at your routes when you get them at The yard. Know where your first bar is. Going to the wrong bar will make finishing the race in time very hard.

While we did add extra time to the race this year, please remember that this event does has a time frame so if you lollygag at every checkpoint, you will not finish the race intime and **you will be DQ'd from winning any prizes.**

SUPER BONUS CHALLENGE 2019

To shake things up a bit and inspire those who need it, SUPER BONUS CHALLENGE returns in 2019!! Incorporate one or more of these concepts into your cart theme. The more you can include and do well, the better your chance of winning!

Hedgehogs * Illinois "Bison-tenial" / 200 year birthday * The Blues