

CHlditarod Team Registration Meeting Handout 2022

WELCOME TO BLOCKDITAROD

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 - the 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.
- **LEAVE NO TRACE!** Littering is for douches. Picking up trash is hot & sexy.
- **Bring your ID and your Vaxx Card**
- Bring a mask - you will be asked to wear it through registration, and you will be asked to wear it in Cobra
- Bike Marshals herd you away from danger zones. Listen to them
- You can still be **DQ'd** for not following rules!
 - No public urination. Period. You're not an actual dog. Use the Portos
 - No public cannabis smoking
 - Zero tolerance for physical violence, destruction of property, theft from carts or persons.
 - If you are a douchebag to a volunteer = you will be DQ'd
- There is no Sabotage this year. None. Period. Don't even think of it.
- **THEFT IS NOT ALLOWED AND NOT TOLERATED. DO NOT GO INTO CARTS AND TAKE STUFF. YOU ARE A BAD HUMAN IF YOU DO.**

Masks

- You must wear a mask until you are completely through registration
- You must keep a mask handy at all times
- If someone asks you to mask up or step 6' back, please be understanding and comply

Health

- If you have traveled less than two weeks before the event, please get tested before coming to the event
- If you are not feeling well in the days leading up to the event, please stay home
- If you wake up feeling sick day of, please stay home
- If your team falls below the threshold of racers due to illness, you will still be allowed to compete
- We reserve the right to adjust the rules around masks and health in accordance with the mandates set forth by the City of Chicago

Vaxx Card Proof:

- Physical Card or Photocopy
- Photo of the Card
- [IDPH Website](#)

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

- Incentives: cut off time for donations towards your Incentive levels is Friday March 4th at **NOON CST**.
- Awards: donations that count towards the top Fundraiser Awards continue until 12pm on Race Day
- Day of: Hard funds (cash or check) can still be collected and will count towards awards ceremony totals. We will have pre-marked envelopes to fill in team name/# - this must be handed in at the Registration.

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

- Must bring a minimum of 69 lbs of food to the starting line for each cart you have registered. If you don't have enough, you will not be allowed into the Yard until you have gone shopping to make your minimum
- Very large donations of food (shopping cart worth or more) can be dropped off at GCFD before the event. Please contact info@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 - not happening for 2022

- Seriously, no. None. Period

Food and Drinks

- Please eat something before you arrive - we do not have breakfast service this year
- Please feel free to bring your own snacks
- Cobra Lounge will be open with a full bar and a full menu, but...
- We will have a food truck also available for your chowing needs
- We will serve coffee
- As in years past, please plan on "watering" your dawgs appropriately while in the Yard
- Of course, if you wanna have a professional bartender serve you drinks and beers? The fine folks at Cobra will be more than happy to take your money and make you a beverage

No Such Thing As Bad Weather, Only Poor Wardrobe Choices

- This event is taking place outside - dress accordingly. No whining.
- Yes, Cobra will be open, but it is also open to the general public - it is not a congregation area for the duration of the event
- You do this thing in March in Chicago for a reason - you're up to the challenge. Let's hope for the best, but prepare for anything

Carts on Parade

- All standard carts will line up to enter the Parade route, and be give three minutes with the Judges to strut their stuff
- Judges will also be wandering the event prior to the Parade. They have big red sashes and clipboards - treat them accordingly
- Stationary Art Carts will be judged at their location
- **Bribery is totally allowed, encouraged and very appreciated around the race. There is 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.**

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

9:45AM - START TO ARRIVE WITH YOUR CART

11:00am - Registration Closes: if you are not in line at this point, sorry dude.

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 per cart → 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 the yard and be merry!
 - **Art Carts:** Same check-in process as above. You will be directed to your location to park
 - **Checkpoints:** there will be popups representing your favorite spots. Please visit and play
 - **If you want CHlditarod Merch, this is a great place to purchase it.**
 - Registration waits increase exponentially as we approach 11:00; arrive early to avoid a wait and enjoy the yard.

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

You **must** take your cart with you at the end of the event.

You **must** send us a picture of your cart returned to its natural habitat after the race. If your photo is not obviously post-race, you can include a newspaper, dated after March 5, 2022, in the photo. Include the cart refund card in your photo to get your deposit back without questioning. Deadline: midnight on March 16, 2022. Cart Deposits can take up to 2 weeks to be returned to those who followed instructions correctly. cartvixen@CHlditarod.org

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS

- As a reminder, when registering through dogtag, you (or your Team Captain, as proxy) agreed to the following protocols:
 - All members of your team have read the city policy on Covid restrictions
 - All members of your team have at least your initial, full vaccination no later than February 19
 - All members of your team will be prepared to show photo ID and proof of vaccination before entering the gate area
 - Any team members who are not a resident of IL, or who travel regularly, you will self-quarantine for 14 days prior to the event and/or provide proof of a negative test 48 hours prior to the event
 - You will not come to the event if you are showing any symptoms of Covid
 - You will keep a respectful distance from anyone who ask you to do so
 - You will have a mask with you at all times, and will wear one when using bathroom facilities (as per city rules, as even a porto is "indoors")
 - As this event will be fully outside, you understand that there is no such thing as bad weather - only poor wardrobe choices - and you will dress accordingly