



## 2025 CROSSCOUNTRY RULES

### Schedule

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

8 h	Inspection of the snowmobiles of all categories
9h30	Pit meeting for all racers on starting line
10h00	Start of the race for all categories: Pro, Sport, Participation and women

**Pit area strictly forbidden for anyone under 18 years of age**

**\*\*\* 15 km/h maximum within pit area \*\*\***

### 1. Registration

- 1.1 All competitors must be at least 14 years old at time of the race.
- 1.2 All participants must have paid, in full, all fees of registration as well as completed and signed all necessary documents on February 28, 2025, at 20h00 to the latest.
- 1.3 No refund of registration fees will be done unless the race is canceled before its departure.
- 1.4 If there are less than 5 registrations in one category, the category will be canceled and participants refunded.
- 1.5 At the exception of the pro category, racing bibs will be provided by the organisation to each competitor. A deposit of 40\$ will be required. Participants must bring the bib back to the official marquee tent at the end of the race for the refund of their deposit.
- 1.6 At the end of registrations, departing lines will be revealed and published on the Facebook page of the festival.
- 1.7 To register in the participation category, competitors must be beginner racers. For any other situation, it will be up to the Race Director's judgement if participants can register in this category or not.

### 2. Competitor's Responsibilities and Obligations

- 2.1 All must conform to the general rules of the competition, to the directives of all officials and the signage in effect, and this accordingly to the participants category.
- 2.2 During the race, it is obligatory to register at each designated checkpoint.
- 2.3 Racer must keep count of the laps required for their category.
- 2.4 Racer must have adequate sportive behaviour on all of the event's sites, within the race and with all participants and officials.
- 2.5 A maximum of three (3) mechanics will be aloud for each racer.



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- 2.6** Participants must not be under the influence of, or consume any drug, alcohol or other doping substances during the competition.
- 2.7** At the exception of the pro category, all participants must wear their racing bibs.
- 2.8** The participants number must be visible at all times of the competition.
- 2.9** No deliberate obstruction of the passage of other racers in any way, nor any pushing of opponents.
- 2.10** It is required to wait for the way to be cleared before keeping on with the race after a participant has crashed, fallen or exit from the track.
- 2.11** Participants must move their snowmobile out of the way if this one has stalled.
- 2.12** The snowmobile must be driven or pushed only in the direction of the race.
- 2.13** At all times, participants must follow the established route and tags of the race.
- 2.14** Participants must assist all meetings including the pit meeting the morning of the race scheduled on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 9h30 on starting line.

### 3. Strictly Prohibited

- 3.1** Racing out of the circuit in any way that may advantage the participant.
- 3.2** Racing on the road or snowbank along the roadside.
- 3.3** Filling the gas tank at any other moment than the beginning of the race.
- 3.4** Driving more than 15 km/h at pit stops (see sanction 9.5)

### 4. Team Members Responsibilities

- 4.1** Respect rules and regulations of the event as well as the authority of event officials.
- 4.2** No team members are permitted on the racecourse during the competition, except to remove a snowmobile.
- 4.3** In the event of a mechanical problem at the start line, the driver may receive assistance with the consent of an official.
- 4.4** Repairs are permitted through the course of the race.
- 4.5** Fuelling is only permitted in the zone assigned on the site of club mx (at the start line)
- 4.6** Every team performing fuelling must have a working fire extinguisher ready.
- 4.7** Only vehicles with a PADDOCK sticker, will be admitted to the riders' parking lot.



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### 5. Verification and Inspection

- 5.1** Drivers must submit their snowmobile for inspection to verify that they comply with the rules.
- 5.2** Snowmobiles must be on site by 8h00 on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 for all participants.
- 5.3** If the inspection reveals that the snowmobile does not qualify, the driver will not be permitted to race (see section 8)

### 6. Start Line

- 6.1** Following the inspection, the driver or a team member must move the snowmobile to the start line in accordance with the drivers position and class. The snowmobile must be in place before the start of the race.
- 6.2** At the pit meeting and during the start line formation, only the driver and one (1) team member will be aloud on the start line.
- 6.3** At the start of the race, only the driver and his mechanic will be aloud on the start line.
- 6.4** Between every line of departure will be a delay of 30 seconds to 1 min. The delay time will be determined the morning of the race.
- 6.5** The drivers will position themselves from left to right on the start line in accordance to the predetermined spots.

### 7. Drivers Mandatory Safety Equipment

- 7.1** A protective helmet that provides full protection (including the jaw) and complies with Québec's Protective Helmet Regulation.
- 7.2** Gear such as a visor or goggles designed to protect the eyes.
- 7.3** Gloves and clothing designed for the weather conditions.
- 7.4** Boots that go above the ankle
- 7.5** Though not mandatory, an ISR approved chest protector (designed to protect the torso) is strongly recommended.

### 8. Snowmobile Equipment

- 8.1** Snowmobiles must be equipped with a working Tether Switch (automatic ignition kill switch) which complies with the following criteria:
  - 8.1.1** The wire must be no more than 1.5 m (5 foot) long when fully extended.
  - 8.1.2** The wire must be solidly tied to the driver.
  - 8.1.3** The wire must not be mounted to the handlebars.
- 8.2** Brakes must be in good working condition.



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- 8.3** Snowmobile must be equipped with a working taillight.
- 8.4** Snowmobile must be equipped with a rear snow guard.

### 9. Penalties

- 9.1** Competitors who contravene the rules are liable to penalties, exclusion and disqualification.
- 9.2** Competitors who contravene the 3.1 will be disqualified or penalized.
- 9.3** Competitors who contravene the 3.2 will be disqualified or penalized.
- 9.4** Competitors who contravene the 6.1 will have their final time increased by 10% as well as by the number of minutes of lateness.
- 9.5** Competitors who go over speed limit (15km/h) in the pit area will be given a penalty stop on the side of the track before going back in the race. The penalty will be applied by the referee (Rule 3.4)

### 10. Event officials

*(Race Director, Safety Director, Technical Director and Checkpoint Director)*

- 10.1** The Race Director is responsible for conducting the competition and for imposing penalties on drivers who contravene the rules.
- 10.2** The Safety Director is responsible for ensuring the safety of competitors and spectators throughout the race, and supervises the signallers stationed along the racecourse.
- 10.3** The Technical Director is responsible for verifying the compliance of the snowmobiles and driver's equipment.
- 10.4** The Checkpoint Director is responsible for all markers, signs and checkpoints along the racecourse, The Checkpoint Director also supervises all checkpoint officials and anyone working at the checkpoints.
- 10.5** All decisions rendered, and any penalties imposed by an official are final and are effective immediately.
- 10.6** The race director can stop the race for anyone or all of the competitors at any time without further notice.