**Layover rules for BL 240 (Both open and 8 dogs class)**

The mandatory layover for BL 240 is 9 hours, of which 3 hours mandatory rest and time adjustment has to be taken at checkpoint Nyborgmoen 2.

**Veterinary checks**

The veterinarians are allowed free access to check dogs at all checkpoints, and can, at any time, perform extra checks of dogs if they feel it is necessary.

**Involvement of handlers at manned checkpoints**

One handler is allowed to lead a dog team to the appointed resting place at the checkpoint, and to help the team out from the checkpoint. The handler may move the drop bags and other

equipment to where the team is resting. In addition, the handler is allowed to help the musher

with all checkpoint routines, including care of dogs. The musher must, however, be present and take part in the care of the dogs at manned checkpoints. The handler and musher must leave the checkpoint once the dogs have been cared for. The musher is to be the last person to leave the team and the checkpoint area. The handler is not allowed to be within the area of the checkpoint, nor to return to the dogs while they are resting. If the dogs must receive attention during the rest period, only the musher is allowed to return to the team. Before departure from the checkpoint, the handler may go the team, together with the musher, and may then assist with all routines associated with preparing the dogs for departure, including helping the team out of the checkpoint. The handler is NOT allowed to have dog food ready-prepared in, for example, a cooler. All dog food must be prepared within the area of the checkpoint, where the dogs are resting, and with the use of the water cooker and other essential equipment that is already in the sled.

**Dog cars**

Musher with different type of dog resting cars (motorhomes etc) will be placed at permanent places at the checkpoints. The organizer will give all the directions.

**Dog rest**

The dogs shall rest on straw or hay, otherwise insulated sleeping mats that are carried in the sled. It is not allowed to transport straw or hay further along the trail, but it is allowed to carry sleeping mats. Dogs are not allowed to rest either in dog trailers or vehicles. All dogs must be secured by necklines. Each team must be secured by use of a snow anchor or similar, in front of the lead dogs.

**Spread of infection**

If a musher suspects that dogs in the team have a risk of infections that can be spread, the

musher is to report this on arrival at the checkpoint. The musher will then be led to an area

away from other teams, to allow the team to be kept under observation and to continue in the

race.

**Public**

Members of the public may not cross the line into checkpoints, and are not allowed to help any musher without special dispensation from the race arrangers.

**Dropped dogs**

It is possible to drop dogs at all checkpoints. Handlers or others who are asked must

immediately take care of dogs that are dropped at manned checkpoints. At unmanned

checkpoints, either handlers or others must make sure that dropped dogs are also taken care of. The musher is not to leave a checkpoint before the dropped dogs are secured and cared for. No musher may continue down the race trail before a handler or other person has physically taken responsibility for any dropped dogs at unmanned checkpoints. The record of dropped dogs must be delivered to the race arrangers upon finishing the race.

**Placing of teams at checkpoints**

At checkpoints used several times by the same musher, both the musher and dog team must rest

at the same place. It is also hoped that the same straw can be used several times, where

possible. This is to prevent the spread of infection, to use less straw, and to make things easier

for the whole race support team. Such checkpoints will be clearly marked.

**Signing in and out of checkpoints**

Due to the corona the musher will not sign in and out of each checkpoint. The musher must confirm the time in and out of checkpoint in consultation with the timer person.

**Clearing of manned checkpoints**

Handlers and mushers are both responsible for clearing away the straw from the manned

checkpoints. The arrangers will provide rakes and rubbish sacks for this purpose. All equipment

and rubbish from the team much be removed from the resting place and checkpoint.

**Jury**

The jury will consist of the race leader, the race referee, one from the organizer, a fourth member and one reserve member. Each issue to be discussed by the jury will cost NOK 100,-.

**Ski poles**

It is not permitted to use ski poles in any classes.

**Sled cover air ventilation**

The sled cover must have air ventilation for dogs in the sled. Minimum 600 cm2. The opening can be shaped like a large, or several smaller openings.

**Sled changes**

It is allowed to change sleds in all the classes. A sled must be empty before it is exchanged for another empty sled. It is only allowed to change sled at checkpoints.

**Size of teams**

Bergebyløpet 240 (open): Maximum 16 dogs at the start and a minimum of 6 dogs at the finish. Not less than 9 dogs at the start.

Bergebyløpet 240 (8 dogs): 8 dogs at the start and a minimum of 5 dogs at the finish. Not less than 6 dogs at the start.

**Mandatory equipment in the sled - BL 240 (Open and 8 dogs class:**

* Compass and map of the race trail. Maps are available for free at the mushers meeting.
* Working GPS
* Snowspade
* Extreme winter sleeping bag with a rating of at least -30C. (Must weigh a minimum of 2 kg.)
* Sleeping mat
* Extreme windproof survival bag. (Must weigh a minimum of 1200 grams) or an alternative to an extreme windproof survival bag: a tent and normal windproof bag.
* Water cooker and food bowls
* ½ litre red spirit
* Garbage bag
* Extra winter clothing (inner and outer clothing, full length, plus winter footwear)
* First aid kit
* Headtorch and batteries, plus reserve
* Axe or long knife
* 4 booties per dog (can be on the dogs)
* Matches
* Light stick or signal flare (carried on musher)
* Ski goggles
* Rope/line to secure the musher to the sled
* Emergency rations for the musher for 24 hours

Reserve food for dogs: 0.5 kg per dog plus reserve food for the musher: minimum 500 grams. This

food must travel unopened to the finish line. If the reserve food has been used during the race, it must be replaced at the first manned checkpoint. Reserve food is not meant to be used for dogs that are taken out of the race. The musher must have enough food for the dogs between unmanned checkpoints, without having to use the reserve food.

NB! Mandatory equipment must always remain in the sled. The list is meant as an absolute minumum. Damaged equipment can be replaced during the race. The musher is themself responsible for deciding what is necessary as survival equipment, and is also responsible for deciding upon what extra equipment and food is required at the unmanned checkpoints.

NB! At the finish, the TD will check that the mushers have completed the mandatory veterinary checks during the race, and that the veterinary checks have been written in compliance with the race rules. If these veterinary checks are not complete, a musher may be disqualified from the race.

**OTHER CONDITIONS**

**Vaccinations**

All dogs that are to take part in races organised by the Norwegian Sled Dog Federation must be vaccinated against sudden puppy illness, parvovirus and hepatitis. These vaccinations must be no older than 3 years old on the first day of the race. Current vaccination cards must be shown to the race arrangers within two hours of the start of the race.

**Chip lists**

All participating dogs must be chipped. A list of dogs for the team must be delivered at the starting line. Vaccination cards with chip numbers for each dog must be carried by the handler during the race, and must be shown to the arrangers on demand.

**Self-declaration**

Must be completed and delivered at the starting line.

**Entrance fee**

No musher will be allowed to start the race until it can be proved that the entrance fee has been paid.

**Prizes:**

Bergebyløpet will work until the race start to secure sponsors for the race, and will offer a range

of prizes in excess of the guaranteed minimum prizes. All mushers who complete the race will

receive a prize.

**Bergebyløpet premium table:**

Bergebyløpet is working with the premium table all the time towards the race start. If the economy allows will it be cash prizes for all the classes.

**Other rules and regulations**

Bergebyløpet is a race on the main race calendar, and follows the current rules and regulations

for the Norwegian Sled Dog Federation. More information can be found here: http://

[www.sleddog.no/omforbundet/Sider/Lover.aspx](http://www.sleddog.no/omforbundet/Sider/Lover.aspx)

The musher is themself responsible for having read and understood the regulations.

**Anti-doping regulations**

Bergebyløpet follows the IFSS anti-doping regulations for dogs, as well as the regulations for

banned substances. Mushers are themselves responsible for following the regulations concerning

banned substances. More details can be found at: [http://www.sleddog.no/omforbundet/Sider/](#_top)

[Antidoping.aspx](#_top)

**Norwegian Food Safety Authority**

The Norwegian Food Safery Authority (Mattilsynet) is the control authority for all live animals

that are brought in to Norway. It is important that animals that are brought over the borders do

not travel with infectious diseases. Foreign mushers, plus Norwegian mushers travelling through

other countries to the Bergeby race are themselves responsible for complying with Mattilsynet’s

rules and regulations. More about these can be found here: [http://www.mattilsynet.no/](#_top)

[dyr\_og\_dyrehold/ If Mattilsynet](#_top) needs to be contacted during the race, the number to use is:

+47 22 40 00 00.

**Dead dog**

If a dog dies on the trail, it must be transported either to the next checkpoint or to the previous

checkpoint. The dog must be placed in a refuse sack and transported in the sled. The dog must

be covered over on arrival at a checkpoint.

**Restrictions on the number of teams**

If large numbers of teams enter the race, it may be necessary to set a limit on the number of

teams. The arranger will provide due warning and information if this is the case.

**Change of class**

It is possible to change race class.

**About the English translation race rules**

It is the Norwegian race rules that is official for the race.

**End of the arrangement**

The race arrangement will formally end at 12.00 on Sunday 13rd february. No teams are permitted

to leave checkpoints after this time. Teams that are still out on the trail may continue to the

next checkpoint and finish there. Teams that are already beyond the last checkpoint and are

therefore on their way to the finish will have their result approved.

**Changes**

The race arrangers reserve the right to make changes to the programme/race rules.

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