

RULES, TERMS & CONDITIONS

General:

Canicross Cornwall and South West Lakes Trust are not to be held responsible for any accident or injury sustained during the race. Racers and spectators attending the event do so at their own risk.

In all cases the safety and health of you/your dog are paramount. If you/your dog are not usually active, it is advised that you/your dog should be checked out by a doctor/veterinarian before running.

All children attending the event must be supervised by an adult at all times and instructed not to approach dogs they do not know.

All participants must attend the pre-race briefing/safety talk.

Bad Weather, Cancellation, Refunds and Credit:

All competitors should check our Facebook page for updates before setting off for the event. This will not only inform you the event is proceeding as planned, but give you any new information we have right up until the morning of the race. If possible an email will be sent to all entrants and updates issued on our website **BUT PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON THESE**.

Canicross Cornwall is NON Profit making. As costs are incurred from planning through to the staging of the event your entry fee is invested into this cost.

In the event of cancellation for reasons within the control of the organisers we will endeavour to issue a full refund.

If the event is cancelled due to reasons beyond the organisers' control, we regret that no entry fees can be refunded, credited or deferred to future events.

Prizes and Race Mementos:

Prizes given to competitors on the day of the race cannot be made available to anyone who fails to attend the prize giving.

Control of Dogs:

The rightful owner of a dog is the person named as such in the dog's vaccination book and/or official paperwork.

The rightful owner of a dog is required to have liability insurance (or family insurance) for any damages that their dog may commit. The rightful owner must ensure that the animal is owned (cared for) in accordance with the law. In case of an injury (where there is no responsibility of any others) competitors are covered by event insurance.

Dogs must be kept on a lead **AT ALL TIMES** whilst at the event **UNLESS** to do so would present a danger for the dog, the owner, or others. Dogs are **NOT** permitted in the lake.

Any fouling must be cleared away and disposed of responsibly.

Competitors should not race dogs that are nervous of humans, as this can cause undue stress to these dogs.

It is strongly recommended that dogs receive a vet health check before competing at any event.

Any dog(s) deemed unfit to race by either the race Vet or Race Director must be withdrawn from competition.

For canicross dogs must be over 12 months of age on the day of racing.

For bike-jor and scooter dogs must be over 18 months of age on the day of racing

A dog may only run in one 5K event per day. If you have entered a second class then a second dog must be used. The only exception being a dog also running in the Under 18's class.

Bitches in Season:

If you have a bitch in season, please advise the Race Director before the race start.

No pregnant or nursing bitches are allowed to compete.

Equipment:

CANICROSS:

Canicross can be done with collar and lead or a Canicross waist belt and harness with a bungee line with built-in shock absorption that allows greater comfort for your dog and hands-free running for you.

The following items are **NOT** allowed:

- Choke chains or any collar that constricts your dog's throat

- Electric shock collars

- Halties

- Muzzles (other than racing greyhound type muzzle)

- Flexi leads

Your line / lead must not have a metal snap or loop on the handle.

Lines /leads should be no longer than 2–2.7meters (2-dog/Bike-jor/Scooter) (6–8 feet).

If your equipment does not meet these rules, you may be turned away from the start line – if in doubt ask at race headquarters.

CANICROSS UNDER 18's: Competitors aged 7 – 10 on the day of the race must be accompanied by an adult attached to the dog, on foot (no bikes).

BIKE-JOR:

In order to participate in bike-joring, the following is compulsory: A harness for the dog, a line attached to the bike, leaving a stretch (2.50 m max. extension measured from the stem of the bike), helmet and gloves. Highly recommended: A bicycle equipped with a bike-jor adapter at the front and the use of protective eyewear.

SCOOTERS:

In order to participate in scootering, the following is compulsory: A harness for the dog, a line attached to the bike, leaving a stretch not less than 2.5 meters expanded and not exceeding 3 meters in length expanded in front of the scooter helmet and gloves. Highly recommended: The use of protective eyewear.

Strictly forbidden in all wheeled classes: Bikes with metal fenders and side clips such as a "Springer". The use of personal stereos, MP3 players or any electronic device with headphones etc. that impairs the ability to hear marshals or other competitors is strictly forbidden. Anyone using such a device will be asked to refrain immediately or be disqualified. In all circumstances, the following are strictly prohibited: the use of a choke collar and a pinch collar, flexi leads and any device that could injure or frighten dogs.

Race Rules:

Competitors must do their utmost to ensure that their dogs do not interfere with other competitors or dogs.

If a Race Marshal determines that a competitor's conduct at any time in the race area or on the trail is detrimental to the sport/race, that competitor shall be disqualified. This includes prior to, during, and after the event.

Abuse of dogs, both physical and verbal is prohibited. If a competitor, in the opinion of a Race Marshal abuses a dog, that competitor will be disqualified.

Any form of abuse of marshals will result in automatic disqualification.

If a dog becomes unfit or refuses to advance for any reason, the competitor is not permitted to finish the race. They must remain where they are and wait to be picked up by the event sweeper and advise a marshal as soon as possible if the dog is in need of urgent attention.

It is deemed acceptable for your dog to be behind on downhill or on technical sections of a route.

When overtaking, the advancing competitor must shout "coming through on left/right" to warn the competitor in front of their intentions. The competitor who is being overtaken must assume responsibility to ensure that their dogs are to one side of the track and do not interfere with the competitor going past.

It is recommended that competitors who have dogs who are worried by other canines should allow plenty of space for their dogs, especially at the start of the race, to alleviate any undue stress.

At all events an on-call vet will be organised in advance and their name, emergency phone number, address, postcode and directions from the race to the vets will be displayed in a prominent position for the duration of the event. Competitors should familiarise themselves with this information on arrival at the event.

All competitors should show their fellow competitors and their dogs respect at all times and should not use the misfortune of another to unfairly gain an advantage. Additionally, if a runner or a dog is in distress, ALL competitors have a duty to assist if reasonably and safely able to do so.

The temperature is an important consideration when racing. In high temperatures it is essential to respect the welfare of the dogs and to adapt to their pace. Competitors must allow their dog to drink/cool down at the water points provided on the course and at the start/finish.

The use of personal stereos, MP3 players or any electronic device with headphones etc that impairs the ability to hear marshals or other runners is strictly forbidden. Anyone using such a device will be asked to refrain immediately or be disqualified.

Please show respect to all other trail users. Your actions should not make other trail users feel uncomfortable or intimidated in any way. Always give right of way. Conflicts may jeopardise our future use of venues.

Race numbers must be worn on the front of your clothing attached with 4x safety pins (one in each corner). The whole bib must be visible at all times during the race.