



**CopperDog 150/25**  
**2021 Race Emergency Stop Policy**

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## **1) CopperDog 150 / CopperDog 25**

The Copper Dog 150 (CD150) is a 106-mile (approx.), 8-dog/10-dog pool, 3-stage professional race open to dog mushers that meet the entry requirements set forth by the CopperDog 150 Board of Directors. The CopperDog 25 (CD25) is a 13-mile (approx.), 1-stage, 6-dog race. The intent of this document is to describe the policies and procedures for stopping and restarting the race due to violence or other emergencies on the trail.

## **2) Race stop for violence/Trail emergency policy**

The Copperdog race organization strives to have a safe race for all participants, volunteers, and officials. A non-race related trail emergency, or a race related violent incident must be considered. To that end, the following will be the procedure if an emergency situation creates an unsafe situation for mushers to continue forward on the trail.

If a trail emergency is reported, the Race Marshall will determine whether the emergency warrants mushers behind the emergency to be stopped in place. If that decision is made, mushers will be stopped at the crossing prior to the trail emergency and held there. All mushers ahead of the trail emergency will continue normally to the next checkpoint. The following steps will happen next:

- The appropriate emergency agency will be immediately notified of the location of the emergency and the best location information available.
- The Race Marshall and/or a Race Judge will proceed immediately to that crossing.
- The timer at that crossing will note the time and bib number at which a musher is stopped
- Mushers may receive assistance if requested while their team stopped
- The Race Marshall and Race Director with assistance from Chair of the Board, will determine when the trail is safe for the mushers to continue
- The timer at that crossing will note the time and bib number at which a musher is started again
- Mushers will restart from the crossing in 2 minute intervals in the order in which they arrived at the crossing
- The Race Marshall will compile the stop times and convey them to the Chief Timer in person or via radio
- The amount of time stopped for each musher will be deducted from the total time for that race segment