

Fairbanks Junior Dog Musers Association

Membership Application

For more information, including race rules and our season schedule, see the FJDMA's Web site at www.fjdma.org. Questions can be directed via e-mail to info@fjdma.org.

Application Instructions

1. Fill out the attached forms:

- Waiver
- Biographical Information
- Junior's Code Of Ethics
- Parents' Code of Ethics
- Zero Tolerance Policy
- Media Release Form

2. Submit application with supporting documentation.

Bring the forms, proof of age, membership dues and a recent photo to the next FJDMA event. If you wish, you may mail the paperwork to:
Please be sure to submit proof of age with your application. We prefer copies of birth certificates or government-issued IDs which state the child's date of birth.

FJDMA, Inc.
PO Box 70896
Fairbanks, AK 99707-0896

See chart below for the memberships dues. Make all checks payable to FJDMA, Inc.

| #Dogs | Distance (Dec & Jan) | Distance (Feb & Mar) | Age | Dues |
|-------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|------|
| 1 | 200 yds(211km) | 200 yds(211 km) | 3+ | \$4 |
| 2 | 1 mi (1.6km) | 1 mi (1.6km) | 7+ | \$4 |
| 3 | 3.7 mi (3.9km) | 4.5 mi (7.2 km) | 10+ | \$10 |
| 4 | 4.5 mi (7.2 km) | 5.9 mi (9.4 km) | 12+ | \$10 |
| 6 | 5.9 mi (9.4 km) | 7.7 mi (12.3 km) | 14+ | \$10 |
| 8 | 9.3 mi (14.9 km) | 12.1 mi (19.4 km) | 16+ | \$10 |

FJDMA, Inc. Waiver of Responsibility

It is understood that the Fairbanks Junior Dog Musher's Association, Inc. shall not be responsible for, nor shall be held liable for, any losses, damages, or injuries incurred while participating in club activities. This waiver, properly signed, dated, and executed by the participant's parent or legal guardian must be on file with the secretary of the Fairbanks Junior Dog Musher's Association, Inc.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Member's Name: _____ (Please Print)

Fairbanks Junior Dog Musers Association, Inc.
 Membership Year _____ - _____
Biographical Information

Name: _____ Class: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Male Female (circle one)

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone #: _____ Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): ___/___/___

E-mail Address: _____

Sponsors: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

How many years have you been racing dogs? _____

Have you raced in the Junior North American before? _____

Where did you place? _____

Where else have you raced? _____

Where did you place? _____

Who trains your dogs? _____

Leaders' names? _____

Who will be your handler? _____

If from out of town, where will you be staying while in Fairbanks?

What other junior dog mushing clubs do you belong to?

What is your favorite mushing experience? (Use back if necessary)

What other sports or clubs are you involved in? _____

What is your favorite food? _____

Who is your favorite dogmusher? _____

Why? _____

Junior Dog Musher's Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to be positive about my junior dog mushing experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Junior Dog Musher's Code of Ethics Pledge.

I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow junior dog mushers, adult advisors, officials, and parents at every meeting, race, or other junior mushing event by demonstrating good sportsmanship.

I will attend every meeting and race that I can.

I will do my very best to listen and learn from fellow junior dog mushers, adult advisors, officials and parents.

I deserve to have fun during my junior dog mushing experience and will alert parents or advisors if it stops being fun!

I deserve an environment for my dogs and myself that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and expect adults to refrain from their use while in the Musers' Hall at all junior dog mushing events.

I will encourage my parents and or guardians to be involved with junior dog mushing in some capacity because it's important to me.

I will do my very best in school.

I will treat other children, advisors, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

I will remember that junior dog mushing is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

Musher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Musher's Name: _____ (Please Print)

Parents' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in junior dog mushing by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all children, adult advisors, and officials at every meeting, race, or other junior dog mushing event.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child race in a safe and healthy environment.

I will support advisors and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand an environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use, while in the Musers' Hall, at all junior dog mushing events.

I will remember that junior dog mushing is for youth -- not for adults.

I will do my very best to make junior dog mushing fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other children, advisors, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

I promise to help my child enjoy the junior dog mushing experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with general membership duties, or providing support to all junior musers wherever needed.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Muser's Name: _____ (Please Print)

Zero Tolerance Policy

All Fairbanks Junior Dog Musers Association participants are subject to the following “Zero Tolerance” rule. *All junior dog musers, parents, advisors and volunteers* are required to read, understand and abide by the conditions as set forth by the Fairbanks Junior Dog Musers Association, Inc. The parent or guardian registering the junior dog musher will be required to sign and date this form as a part of understanding the “Zero Tolerance Policy” and this form must be signed *prior to the first regular season race*.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In an effort to make junior dog mushing a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the Fairbanks Junior Dog Musers Association, Inc. has instructed the program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all junior dog musers, advisors, officials, volunteers and parents to maintain a sportsman like and educational atmosphere before, during and after all junior dog mushing events.

JUNIOR DOG MUSHERS

- A. A race disqualification will be declared for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) whenever the musher:
 - 1) Openly disputes or argues any legitimate calls made by Race Marshall or Officers. As per FJDMA, Inc. rules, proper procedures are to be followed.
 - 2) Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing *even if it is not directed at any person*.
 - 3) Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with any legitimate call made by the Race Marshall.
- B. Any time a junior dog musher persists in any of these actions, they risk being ejected from the race and future disciplinary action by the Fairbanks Junior Dog Musers Association, Inc.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

- A. A race disqualification will be declared for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) whenever the musers’ parents:
 - 1) Openly disputes or argues any legitimate calls made by Race Marshall or officers. As per FJDMA, Inc. rules, proper procedures are to be followed.
 - 2) Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing *even if it is not directed at any person*.
 - 3) Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with any legitimate call made by the Race Marshall.
- B. Any time the parent of a junior dog musher persists in any of these actions, they risk being ejected from the race and being suspended for one (1) year from date of violation.
- C. All disciplinary actions will be handled by Adult Board only!

OFFICIALS

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial, and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be in accordance with FJDMA, Inc. Race Rules and Constitution. This policy is designed to eliminate direct confrontations with officials while still allowing junior dog musers and parents an avenue to communicate in a calm and reasonable fashion. Officials are ambassadors of junior dog musers and will always conduct themselves with the responsibility in mind.

I have read and understand the above Zero Tolerance Policy. I also understand that the Fairbanks Junior Dog Musers Association, Inc. intends to enforce this policy.

Parents/Legal Guardian’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents/Legal Guardian’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Junior Musher’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Junior Musher’s Name: _____ (please print)

Media Release Form

From time-to-time, FJDMA may use members' names and photographs in FJDMA media material, primarily the Web site. Please check all the information that you authorize FJDMA, Inc. to use:

- Junior Musher's first name
- Junior Musher's last name
- Photograph
- Info from FJDMA biography sheets regarding past racing history, other interests, etc.

Note: Contact information will **not** be used.

Note: Musher's full name **will** be used in race results unless specifically prohibited below. Race results may be posted in various media, including but not limited to the FJDMA Web site and the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

Other restrictions (please be specific):

Signature of parent/legal guardian: _____ Date: _____

Junior Musher's Name: _____ (Please Print)