

To all Racers, Expedition & Ambassador Class Participants in the 2026 Iron Dog Race:

This letter is to help all of you be prepared and be aware of what is expected from you at the Tech Inspection event on February 10th, 2026.

The attached tech inspection form is what the tech inspection team will be using to check you, your gear, and your snowmobile.

The following items are worth taking special notes of.

- OEM Serial # on Engine and Chassis. Make sure to write your engine and chassis serial # down on the form that is in your racer packet before tech inspection. Know where these # are on your sled, so that if the situation comes up that a Race Marshall needs to see either of these #'s, you know exactly where they are. **Do not cover up these serial # with graphics / wrap / decals.**
- Make sure your snow machines have been registered before tech inspection. You will not pass tech until this without this.
- **The helmet rule language has been revised for 2026.** Read rules # 3.4, 3.5 & 3.6. You must now put an Iron Dog serial # sticker on your helmet. This sticker # will be just like the Iron Dog sticker # that you put on your slide rail. These stickers will be verified and recorded at Tech inspection. **The helmet rule has new language to require meeting Snell 2020 / ECU 22.06. If you used an older Snell or ECU 22.05 rated helmet that passed Tech in prior years, it will not pass tech this year.** Take the time to know where the Snell / ECE rating sticker is located on your helmet.
- **Iron Dog Rules for Track and Traction have been updated. See 4.50, .51, .52, .53.**
- You now must have a vest that meets ISR approval. **See [Cross Country - Isrracing](#)**
- Pack your sleeping bag so that the temperature rating sticker is visible just by opening the stuff bag. If it is not visible, then the sleeping bag will have to be pulled out of its stuff / vacuum seal bag so that the tech team can see the temperature rating. If the temperature rating is not physical on the bag, be sure to bring documentation to prove the temperature rating for the model bag you have.
- Your Bivvy Bag must be "substantial or equivalent" The space blanket type material which has been allowed in the past is no longer approved.
- Have sufficient strength rope – 25 ft of 1,200 # test or stronger. Remember, you will need this if you break down and need to tow. The square of the circumference multiplied by 900 pounds. – used for USCG ratings. 3/8" rated for 1,000 pounds – 1/2" rated for 1,400 pounds.

First Aid Kit – here are some examples, have one of these or the equivalent.

- Adventure Medical Kits, [Sportsman Bighorn](#), SKU 0105-0388, 1 lb., 7 oz.
- Adventure Medical Kits, [Ultra-light & Watertight .9](#), SKU 0125-0290, 12 Oz.
- REI, Item #784609, 1-2 People, Multi-Day, 17 Oz.

- There are good selections at REI, Bass Pro, Sportsman Warehouse & Eagle Enterprises.
- You are now required to have a satellite communication device (InReach, SPOT, Satellite Phone). Cell Phones with satellite calling capabilities are not currently approved to meet this requirement.
- Face Protection - Probably one of the most important things as far as protecting yourself! Have helmet and goggle setup so that zero wind can get through. A fiber tape of some sort recommended. Foam backed surgical tape works well, as does Mole skin with duct tape added.
- Sponsor Decals on the windshield. Be sure to put on per instructions in your racing packet. Note that the Polaris Decal is only required to be on Polaris brand snowmachines.

Special note to Ambassador and Adventure Class participants.

You are having tech inspection two days before you leave.

This gives you little time to correct any deficiencies that are brought up during tech inspection.

You must have any deficiencies corrected before you are allowed to depart.

Should you have any questions prior to Tech, do not hesitate to contact me.

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1	RACERS	A			(print)	(signature)												
2		B			(print)	(signature)												
3	TEAM #					DATE:					START		NOME		FINISH			
4		Rule #									A	B	A	B	A	B		
5	IDENTIFICATION	A					B											
6		2.10.1	ENG. #					• ENG. #										
7		2.10.2	RAIL #					• RAIL #										
8		2.10.1	SERIAL #					• SERIAL #										
9			SERIAL # Cont.					SERIAL # Cont.										
10	INSIDE	4.5	REGISTRATION #					• REGISTRATION #										
11		4.21	EXHAUST & INTAKE (OEM) - If not stock muffler must pass															
12			SAE Standard J2567 Sound Test, Max. 88 Db, If required by Race Marshall															
		4.3	CLUTCH GUARD															
		3.14.10	BELT (one spare)															
13	OUTSIDE	4.38	THROTTLE (Right Side, Thumb Type, return spring)															
14		4.32	BRAKE - OEM Position, Left Front of Handlebar															
15		4.3	TAIL LIGHT AND BRAKE LIGHT															
16		4.3	HEAD LIGHT															
17		4.3/4.55	WIND SHIELD															
18		4.3	SNOW FLAP															
19		4.44/.45	CARBIDES RUNNERS (SKIIS)															
20		4.51	STUDDER TRACK (2 per track bar)	See Rule 4.52 Re. Studded Paddles														
21		3.14.11	GPS OR MAP & COMPASS															
22		4.67	GPS TRACKER MOUNT (GPS must be on at starting line)															
23	3.7	GAUNTLETS																
24	DECALS	WINDSHIELD:	View from in front of the snowmachine															
25		2.15	• TEAM #	POSITION														
26		2.16	• Donlin Gold	Center														
27		2.16	• MTA	Center Below Team #														
28		2.16	• Toyota	Left Side														
29		2.16	• Polaris	Right Side														
30		2.16		Only Required for Polaris Riders														
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38	PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING	3.5	HELMET • MODEL (Snell 2020 or ECE 22.06)								
40		3.4	• Iron Dog Helmet Tech Sticker # A #B								
41		2.14	Bib # (On JACKET)								
42		3.9	UPPER BODY PROTECTION / TEK VEST OR EQUAL Must Meet ISR Rules								
43		3.8	(2) EYE PROTECTION (Goggles, Face Shield) Spare Required per 3.14.7								
44		3.14.6	(2) UPPER THERMALS Spares to be in waterproof containers								
45		3.14.6	(2) LOWER THERMALS per 3.13								
46		3.7	(2) FACEMASKS								
47		3.7	(2) PAIR GLOVES								
48		3.14.6	(2) PAIR SOCKS								
49	3.11	SHIN / KNEE GUARDS									
	3.7	BOOTS - Arctic Grade									
50	SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT PER PERSON	3.14.1	SLEEPING BAG -20° F (un altered, label must show rating)								
51		3.14.5	BIVY BAG (substantial - no space blankets)								
52		3.14.8	FIRE STARTER (20 matches or 2 lighters in waterproof container)								
55		3.14.9	(1) FLASHLIGHT (with spare batteries)								
56		3.14.13	(1) Satellite Communication Device (InReach, SPOT or Sat Phone)								
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58	SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	3.15.5	ROPE (25ft.) (1200#) minimum								
59		3.15.6	TOOLS (5 lbs +/-)								
60		3.15.1	HATCHET OR SAW								
61		3.15.2	FIRST AID KIT (1-4 people, up to 4 days, weighing 7 oz or more)								
62		3.15.3	ARCTIC STOVE								
63	3.15.4	PAN OR CUPS (1 pint)									
64	COMMENTS										
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TECH INSPECTORS:

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RACE MARSHALL: Sign Off any items not approved at Tech

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