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Dan Carter, Pedigree® Stage Stop Race Director, announced today new updates regarding open entry dates for the upcoming 2021 Pedigree Stage Stop Race which is scheduled to kick off January 29, 2021 in Jackson, Wyoming.

The Pedigree® Stage Stop Race, now in its 26th year, intends to move forward following all federal, state, and local public health guidelines.

According to Race Director, Dan Carter: "Like all event organizers, we remain flexible and adaptive as new information becomes available. The changes we have instituted regarding our entry policies are designed to offer potential competitors the opportunity to begin planning for the 2021 race while minimizing any financial risk in doing so."

RACE APPLICATION DATES:

Organizers will accept the first round of entries on September 1, 2020 at 1200 MST in order to allow everyone an extra few weeks to monitor the COVID-19 situation. For further information on entry dates, please see **Section 1 – PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURES AND ENTRY INFORMATION** in the 2021 Rules & Regulations of the musher information section of the website. <https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/?s=2021+Rules+%26+Regulations+>

MODIFICATIONS TO ENTRY FEE REFUNDS:

In order to provide mushers a greater degree of confidence when submitting an application, we have amended our usual entry fee refund policy. The following changes are in effect this year:

- Entry fees will be refunded if the race is cancelled prior to the start of stage one.
- Entry fees will be refunded if a musher is not able to enter the United States because of border crossing restrictions related to COVID-19.
- Entry fees will be refunded if a musher tests positive for COVID-19 prior to the start of the race. If any entered musher tests positive for COVID-19, and recovers before the event, he/she will remain eligible to compete.

- Entry fees may be refunded if an entered musher cohabits with a person who tests positive for COVID-19.

IF THE RACE IS CANCELED AFTER IT STARTS:

The following guidelines will apply in the unlikely event the race is cancelled due to a COVID-19 related scenario after it starts. The ceremonial start will not be considered a “stage”.

- If four or more stages of the race are completed and the remaining stages are cancelled, the race will be considered complete. Four days of day money and 100% of the eligible overall purse will be paid out based on daily and overall results. A champion will be declared and his/her name will be added to the Champion's Trophy.
- If three stages of the race are completed and the remaining stages are cancelled, the race will end. Three days of day money will be paid out plus 75% of the eligible overall purse. Payouts will be based on daily and overall results. No champion will be declared.
- If two stages of the race are completed and the remaining stages are cancelled, the race will end. Two days of day money will be paid out as well as 50% of the eligible overall purse. Payouts will be based on daily and overall results. No champion will be declared.
- If one stage of the race is completed and the remaining stages are cancelled, the race will end. One day of day money will be paid out plus 25% of the eligible overall purse. Payouts will be based on daily and overall results. No champion will be declared.
- Musher Support Program money will be paid out in the same manner and percentages as the overall purse.

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