



THE REEL FUN NORTHLAND CHALLENGE  
DUCK PARK DOGGY DERBY OFFICIAL RULES  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026  
DUCK PARK, ALPENA

Welcome to the Reel Fun Northland Challenge Duck Park Doggy Derby! While we all know that Sasquatch is not the most social creature, what many don't realize is the Squatch is an event coordinator at heart. Planning and hosting events that others can have fun at is right up its alley! As a stickler for details, (and in hopes of clarifying how this doggy derby works) the Squatch has established the following for participants (and their people handlers) to adhere to as they participate in the Reel Fun Northland Challenge Duck Park Doggy Derby.

#### Race Schedule

Weight Class	Time of Race
0 - 15 lbs	11:00AM
16 - 30 lbs	12:00PM (noon)
31 – 45 lbs	1:00PM
46 – 60 lbs	2:00PM
61+ lbs	3:00PM

- ❖ Entry fee for this event is \$10.00; All proceeds for this event go towards supporting Alpena Animal Control
- ❖ All owners must complete the entry form, sign the release of liability and waiver, and pay the entry fee in order to participate in the event
- ❖ Registration is open the day of the event
- ❖ Registration and weigh in must take place 30 minutes before the scheduled race
- ❖ All dogs must be weighed in before going to the starting line

- ❖ All dogs must have two human handlers for the race (one person located at the beginning race area, one person located at the end of the race area)
- ❖ More than one dog per owner may be registered, but each dog must have two people  
Entry fees are non-refundable
- ❖ Only dogs entered and registered for the race are permitted on the grounds and around the race track
- ❖ All dogs must remain leashed unless they are racing
- ❖ Dogs must display their best behavior. Any dog showing aggression or fighting will be asked to leave and may not be permitted to race
- ❖ Owners must control their dogs at all times. Dogs may not be left unattended for any reason
- ❖ Owners/handlers are responsible for cleaning up after their four-legged friend
- ❖ Handlers may use treats, toys, or stuffed animals to entice the participating dog towards the finish line. Night lights, laser pointers, or items thrown down the track will not be allowed
- ❖ Owners are not allowed to run with their dogs, and must remain stationary at the start and/or finish line of the event
- ❖ All races are to be started with four paws on the ground and at the designated started area. Handlers are not allowed to toss their four-legged friends ahead of the others to start the race
- ❖ Any dog that jumps the start whistle may be disqualified at the judge's discretion
- ❖ The fastest dog to the finish line wins the race. In the event of tie, the dogs may run against one another in a tie-breaker doggie derby run-off
- ❖ Winners will receive a special doggie derby prize and bragging rights; their humans will receive a trophy on their four-legged friend's behalf memorializing their greatness
- ❖ All race decisions by the judge's will be considered final

Finally, the most important detail:

**Have fun!**