

## **Dirty Dog Dash Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**What's the latest I can pre-register on line for the 2019 DDD?** Must pre-register no later than 11:59pm Tuesday, May 28. Pre-register and save \$\$\$\$. This is also the deadline to make edits to your team on line.

**What if I miss the pre-registration deadline?** You can always register on site the evening prior or the morning of the event. On site registration times and locations are as follows,

Friday, May 31: 6-9pm in the Snowflake Lounge

Saturday, June 1: 8:30-10:30am at event venue near base of Mountain Express Lift

**What if I need to make changes to my DDD team?** Team member changes must be made using the pre-registration website service by the Team Captain. The Team Captain must "Login" at [www.RunningGuru.com](http://www.RunningGuru.com) in order to access/edit the team information. If the Team Captain has not created a user name and password, he/she will need to do so prior to accessing the information. After 11:59pm on Tuesday, May 28 any changes must be made by contacting the Race Director OR at onsite registration.

**How many people are allowed on 4 person and 10 person teams?** The number of participants is limited to 4 on a 4 person team and 10 on a 10 person team.

**How are the 4 person and 10 person teams scored?**

4 Person Teams: all 4 times count

10 Person Teams: the best 7 of 10 times count towards the team time

**When do I find out my wave assignment?** Wave assignments will be sent to all pre-registered participants who provided a valid email address when registering for the event no later than end of day Thursday, May 30.

**How are waves assigned?** Waves are assigned in the order in which the entry was received. Early registrants will get an early wave assignment, later registrants receive a later wave assignment.

**Once I receive my wave assignment how do I know what time my wave will start?** We plan to start the first wave at 11am and each successive wave will start approximately every 20 minutes thereafter. Of course, delays are possible if there is an injury or the course requires maintenance. An estimated start time for your wave will be sent with the wave assignment email to be sent on Thursday, May 30.

**Where will the start/gathering area be at Boyne Mountain Resort?** The start/gathering area for 2019 will be at the base of the Mountain Express Lift. For those of you unfamiliar with Boyne Mountain, there will be directional signs once you enter resort property directing you. The actual "Start Line" for the race will be located at the top of the slopes of Boyne Mountain Resort. Participants will be transported to the "Start Line" using the Hemlock Scenic Chairlift.

**What time should I arrive to Boyne Mountain Resort?** Pre-registered participants should arrive at least 1 hour prior to their estimated wave start time to allow time to pick up their bib, welcome packet and to ride the Hemlock lift to the starting area. *Participants registering on site must arrive no later than 10:30am in order to enter the 2019 DDD.*

**How will I know when to ride the Hemlock Lift to the top for wave start?** There will be signs at the bottom of lift indicating what wave should be loading the lift. We will be loading waves on the lift approximately 20-25 minutes prior to the estimated start time of each wave.

**What are the times and locations for bib pickup, waiver signing and on site registration?**

Friday, May 31: Snowflake Lounge at Boyne Mountain, 6-9pm

Saturday, June 1: Bottom of Mountain Express Lift at Boyne Mountain, 8:30am-1pm

*NOTE: if you are not pre-registered for 2019 DDD, you must register by 10:30am*

**Other than the event entry what else is included with the entry fee?** Also included is an event t'shirt, drink ticket and a survivor dog tag for all participants who complete the course. The drink ticket can be redeemed for a Craft Beer or available domestic beer if you are 21 or older, otherwise the drink ticket can be redeemed for a soft drink. Oh yeah, and lots of smiles, mud, sore muscles and memories to last until next year.

**Is there anything else going on during the event?** Heck yeah, it's going to be a party. The Pistil Whips will be playing live from 11:30am-3:30pm and there will be drink specials on select Craft Beer to be determined.

**What time will awards take place?** Awards will take place approximately 30 minutes after the last participant crosses the finish line. Estimated time for awards is 3-3:30pm.

**In addition to the top finishers are there any other awards?** In addition to the top finishers there will be awards for "Dirtiest Dogs", "Best Team Costumes", "Goofiest Dogs" and a bunch of other fun categories that we'll make up as we go along

**How will participants be timed?** The 2019 DDD will use chip timing. The clock will start for each participant when the participant crosses the "Start Line" and the clock will stop when the participant crosses the "Finish Line".

**What if I don't want to conquer a certain obstacle on the course?** Easy, just go around it, no pressure. The main purpose is to have fun and avoid injury.

**What should I bring to the 2019 DDD?**

\*good, but not your best running shoes because they WILL get dirty

\*a change of clothes if you want to change out of your "Wet and Dirties", though many participants take great pride in wearing their mud and dirt as a Badge of Honor

\*a goofy costume, believe me you will not be the only one

\*an incredibly awesome attitude to not only complete the race but to have a great time before, during and after the race

**Are credit cards accepted for the entry fee payment at onsite registration?** Only CASH and Checks will be accepted for entry fee payment at onsite registration, however there are ATMs on Boyne Mountain Resort property.

**I have some friends/family who are not participating but want to watch the action?** Spectators are welcome to attend the DDD and are welcome to position themselves anywhere along the course route. Shuttle service to various locations of the course will NOT be available to spectators.

**Is lodging available at Boyne Mountain Resort?** To inquire about lodging call Boyne Reservations at 231.549.6040. Let the reservations agent know you are a DDD participant and provide them with the code "DDDASH" to receive a discount off the regular rate.

**Is tent camping allowed on Boyne Mountain Resort Property?** Camping is NOT allowed on Boyne Mountain Resort property. Young State Park on Lake Charlevoix is located approximately 12 miles from Boyne Mountain Resort, check with them for availability.

**When will the 2020 Dirty Dog Dash take place?** The 11th Annual Dirty Dog Dash is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2020.

**For the 2020 Dirty Dog Dash I want to register as early as I can to get the lowest possible entry fee and an early start wave, when does pre-registration for the 2020 DDD open?** Registration for the 2020 Dirty Dog Dash will open in January or February of 2020. We typically offer preregistration to 10 person teams only during the first week of preregistration and open up preregistration to all categories shortly after.