

**BlackHawk**



Western Australian  
Sleddog Sports Association



**ASSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE**

**MUCK'N MAYHEM**

13TH-15TH JULY 2024



## Information Pack

North Wialki is located in the central Wheatbelt and is approximately 3.5 hours North East from Perth CBD. The venue's host is the Sprigg family who have generously opened up their homestead to us.

The homestead has limited phone reception, so this is a chance to enjoy reconnecting with your friends and fellow mushers around the campfire instead. The homestead is on UHF channel 30 if you do need assistance whilst driving. You will be driving on dirt roads as you approach the homestead but do keep in mind loose gravel can break windows, so drive with care.

As this is a rural event, the closest town is Wialki which is a 15 minute drive away but has not shops. Shops are located at Beacon which is approximately a 30 minute drive, or Muckinbudin which is approximately 40 minutes. Please read the race information pack carefully to ensure you are fully prepared for the journey to this beautiful race site.

**When setting up camp**, please be mindful that this is a fully functioning farming property, there is livestock and poultry nearby, with every effort made to keep them away from camp and racing tracks.

We ask you to ensure that ALL dogs are contained/restrained at all times as per WASSA rules. There are working dogs on the farm and we need to ensure our dogs do not interrupt them should they be working nearby.

**There are prickles on the farmland so please wear shoes and please bring spare tyre tubes for your bikes/scooters!!**

**Please pick up all dog poo, this is someone's property we need to look after.**

## Safety Officer and First Aid

In the event of an emergency, the car horn will sound 5 times to signal and will continue to sound off.

Everyone should meet at club HQ without your dogs to be briefed on the emergency. In the event of loose dogs do not leave camp if you have not been briefed.

Only those with UHF Radios will be deployed and channel 21 to be used.

## Food/Drink

There is no water available onsite. Please bring enough water for you and your dogs for the entire weekend. Water can be purchased from Mukinbudin Caravan Park (approx. 45 minutes from race site) for tanks and jerry cans.

The club will be providing a BBQ dinner free of charge for all entrants on Saturday night. All non entrants will be required to pay a small fee. We will have a selection of meats as well as vegetarian dishes.

You **MUST** contact the club with any dietary requirements.

What to bring:

- Plates, cutlery and cups
- Camp chairs
- Cash (no eftpos available)
- Food (for meals not catered)
- Water

## Medical Issues

If you or your dog(s) are in need of urgent medical attention, the nearest facilities are located as following:

<b>Animal Care</b>	<b>Human Emergency Department Facilities</b>	
<b>Vet</b> 30 minutes from Race Site Dr Heather Stewart (08) 9048 7031	<b>Kunnunopin Hospital</b> 30 minutes from Race Site Approx. 106km Leake Street Kunnunopin WA (08) 9683 0222 Has Emergency Department	<b>Merredin Hospital</b> 40 minutes from Race Site Approx. 128km Kitchener Road Merredin WA (08) 9081 3222 Has Emergency Department

## Venue

**\*GPS co-ordinates to the property entrance off Moondon Road are (-30.446214, 118.228842)**

**If you are located North of Perth:**

- Drive North East along Toodyay Rd to **Toodyay**
- East at Goomalling Toodyay Rd towards **Goomalling**
- Follow through to Goomalling Wyalkatchem Rd to **Dowerin** (*Last Fuel Stop for 200km, close at 8pm*)
- North (left turn) onto Stewart St, and follow it onto Dowerin-Kalannie Rd,
- Follow Dowerin-Kalannie Rd onto Burakin-Wialki Rd to **Mollerin**
- Stay on Burakin-Wialki Rd past Mollerin to **Beacon** (*Fill up fuel here for trip home if need be – 24 hour self-service*)
- Stay on Burakin-Wialki Rd (connected together by Lucas St) to **Wialki**
- Continue onto Wialki N E Rd connecting onto Calton Rd
- Follow Calton Rd and turn North (left) onto Moondon Rd (*14.2km, 34 mins*)
- Travel approx. 2.1km until you reach 1514 Moondon Rd, there is a turn on the Right into the property

### **If travelling from East of Perth:**

- Travel on Great Eastern Highway towards Northam, take the Goomalling/Northam Rd exit off Great Eastern Highway
- Head North to **Goomalling**
- Go to Goomalling then Dowerin, Wyalkatchem and Trayning
- Turn Left onto the Bencubbin /Kellerberrin Rd at Trayning
- Stay on the Bencubbin/Kellerberrin Rd for 14km then take a Right turn onto Harrod Rd
- When you get to the T road at the end of Harrod Rd turn Left this will take you all the way into Mukinbudin Town
- Once you get into Mukinbudin go over the railway line and stay on the Mukinbudin North Rd towards **Bonnie Rock**
- At the end of Mukinbudin North Rd turn right at the T road towards Bonnie rock, stay on the road for 14km
- Turn left onto Moondon Rd
- Stay on Moondon Rd for 15km until you reach 1514 Moondoon Road, turn right into the camping area.

### **If travelling from Eastern States (not Perth):**

- From Norseman to Race site (approx. 541 kms in total):
- Travel on Great Eastern Highway (National Highway 94) until you reach Southern Cross (approx. 355kms)
- In Southern Cross turn right onto Antares St (you will then go through two roundabouts) and stay on Antares St for about 2km
- Antares St will continue onto or become Bullfinch Rd
- Stay on Bullfinch Rd for approx. 32.8km until you reach the town of Bullfinch
- Bullfinch Rd will continue onto Doolette St, stay on Doolette St for about 1km
- Turn left onto Kearney St in Bullfinch
- About 1km down Kearney St will become Koorda-Bullfinch Rd
- Stay on Koorda-Bullfinch Rd until you reach Mukinbudin – approx 93km
- Turn right onto Bent St for around 600m when it then changes to Bonnie Rock-Mukinbudin Rd
- Stay on Bonnie Rock-Mukinbudin Rd for 24.5kms
- Turn right to stay on Bonnie Rock-Mukinbudin Rd for a further 16.9kms
- Turn left onto Brandis Rd for 2.9kms
- Turn right onto Moondon Rd – around 12.7kms down you will arrive at 1514 Moondon Road – The Race Site!!!
- Turn right into the property (there will be WASSA Club signs on the road) and follow directions to camping area.

Please keep an eye on your fuel and fill up at any one of the mentioned towns.

**Please plan your route and come prepared with a detailed road map, do not rely solely on the directions and map provided above.** These maps are a guide. **Please also note that some phone-based GPS devices will not work.** Check the route before you leave and do not plan to rely on your in-car GPS. Drive with a friend, or in a convoy. We will leave signposts out where we can once you get near the race site, and suggest whichever way you come in, to follow them.

# Accommodation/Amenities

**Camp is open from Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

Accommodation at the Muck'n Mayhem race will be basic bush camping only, with plenty of room for tents, campers, RV's and caravans. **Please be considerate and leave camping spaces near the start line for entrants with large/multiple teams. Should you be camping next to someone, please ensure you liaise with them prior to setup.**

The campsite will be close to the race start/finish chute, so you will not be required to drive between the campsite and start line.

The Sprigg family and many committee members have been working tirelessly to build shower and toilet blocks in addition to preparing camping grounds for additional people. Therefore, below are the grounds fees for this event.

- \$10 per WASSA/ASSA Member (if you are an ASSA member but not a WASSA member this is the fee)
- \$15 per non WASSA/ASSA members
- Children under the age of 5 free

The above fees apply per day

Eg. 2 people who are members pay \$20 per day. Nationals is 3 heat event so expected is minimum 3 days camping. Total is \$60 for a couple/double.

If staying an extra night either side of the event must also pay the additional nights.

There are no drinking water facilities at this event. Please plan to be self-sufficient with water for the duration of the event and ensure you bring enough for you and your dogs for the weekend.

# Vaccination Checks

There will be vaccination checks at this race.

An online generator will be used to randomly select up to 25% of entrants by bib number. Please ensure you have all the relevant up-to-date vaccination/Titre Testing information and microchip numbers for every dog you bring to the event that meets the ASSA Race Rules.

# Race Entries

Entries to the event are available via Showmanager.

Early bird entries are available until 31st May 7pm AWST

Entries close 7th July 7pm

Late entries close Wednesday 10th July 5pm (\$25 fee). Must be emailed to committee at [committee@wassa.com.au](mailto:committee@wassa.com.au)

Class changes will be permitted until 9am Friday 12th July. This MUST be communicated to Jamelia Bramwell (club President), Marilyn McPaul (club Treasurer), Emma Maney (club Secretary) or Jonathan Lane (club Vice President).

Refunds after close of entries on 7th July will not be provided.

You will be provided with a numbered bib with an RFID tag to wear in your classes. If this bib is lost or returned damaged you will be required to pay \$70 for the replacement of your tag.

## Race Etiquette

All competitors and spectators are to remember the following to ensure safety of both humans and dogs on race days.

- All dogs are to remain on leads, stake out lines or drop lines at all times, if not secured in a cool car or trailer.
- All people and dogs are to remain clear of the racetracks when classes are running.
- Do not stand in front of the start/finish line, please stay well behind the barriers, and do not bring non competing dogs into these areas
- Speak to owners of dogs before approaching their dogs.
- Keep a distance of at least 5 metres from staked out dogs, when walking/stretching your dogs.
- Clean up after yourselves and your dogs to ensure future use of race location.
- For any enquiries or questions regarding the races please speak to a committee member or race official (race officials will be wearing high visibility vests).

Helmets MUST be worn in all bikejoring, scooter and rig classes. Bikes, scooters and rigs must be equipped with cutters as per race rule requirements. Headlights may be required for races if temperatures dictate an early start. Also ensure your issued bib is worn and visible at all times while competing.

Race etiquette and rules can be found online at [www.wassa.com.au](http://www.wassa.com.au), under the documents tab and the ASSA website in the Race Rules .

## Race Officials & Schedule

The Race Marshall for this event will be:

**Nathan McNee**

Nathan McNee is a well respected member of the WA sleddog community. Having been involved for roughly 16 years and raced in a huge variety of classes such as 1, 2 3, 4 Dog and Bikejoring, Nathan is incredibly familiar with WA's racing circuit and has always been a supporter of our three sleddog racing clubs throughout his 10 years of Race Marshalling. Nathan took a small hiatus from Australia to finish in the Top Ten in the Yukon Quest 300 and spend some time with some amazing mid and long distance Alaskan mushers.

We are extremely excited to have Nathan on the team for this years National Championship race, while having a wealth of knowledge, he is exceptionally approachable and well read on the rules.

The Race Jury will consist of Jarrad Foreman, Linden Maney and Jess West.

**Driver's meetings will be held at the Race HQ (No dogs to be taken to race meeting). You must attend the race meeting, should you not be at the meeting as scheduled you will not be able to race in that day's heats.**

*(If for any reason you cannot get to the race meeting (break down/arranged appointment etc), you must contact the Race Marshall and/or Committee prior to the Race Meeting time to advise/explain your non- attendance for the race meeting and request an exemption. Every request will be individually assessed.)*

## Drivers Check in and Welcome (compulsory)

All entrants must attend the welcome held at 5pm on Friday 12th July

## Heat 1

Driver's meeting will be held at 5.00am Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Racing starts at 5.30am (depending on temperatures)

**Classes will be run as follows (subject to change, relevant people will be notified):**

1. 8 Dog and 6 Dog
2. 4 Dog and Bikejor – 2 Dog
3. 3 Dog and 2 Dog *(if entries are large for both classes, this may be split – all affected entrants will be contacted)*
4. Bikejor – 1 Dog
5. 1 Dog
6. 2 Dog Veteran, Touring (Session 1) and Junior
7. 1 Dog Veteran, Touring (Session 2) and Novice
8. Canicross
9. Pee Wee / Mini Pee Wee

*(Class groupings 6 and 7 may be changed depending on entries received, all affected entrants will be contacted)  
(Both Touring sessions can be on Scooter or Bike, and either 1 dog or 2 dog teams)*

## Heat 2

Driver's meeting will be held at 5.00 am Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Racing starts at 5.30 am (depending on temperatures)

**Classes will be run as follows:**

1. 8 Dog and 6 Dog
2. 4 Dog and Bikejor – 2 Dog
3. 3 Dog and 2 Dog *(if entries are large for both classes, this may be split – all affected entrants will be contacted)*
4. Bikejor – 1 Dog
5. 1 Dog
6. 2 Dog Veteran, Touring (Session 1) and Junior
7. 1 Dog Veteran, Touring (Session 2) and Novice
8. Canicross
9. Pee Wee / Mini Pee Wee

*(Class groupings 6 and 7 may be changed depending on entries received, all affected entrants will be contacted)  
(Both Touring sessions can be on Scooter or Bike, and either 1 dog or 2 dog teams)*

## Heat 3

Driver's meeting will be held at 5:00 am Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Racing starts at 5.30 am (depending on temperatures)

**Classes will be run as follows:**

1. 8 Dog and 6 Dog
2. 4 Dog Bikejor – 2 Dog
3. 3 Dog and 2 Dog *(if entries are large for both classes, this may be split – all affected entrants will be contacted)*
4. Bikejor – 1 Dog
5. 1 Dog
6. 2 Dog Veteran, Touring (Session 1) and Junior
7. 1 Dog Veteran, Touring (Session 2) and Novice
8. Canicross
9. Pee Wee / Mini Pee Wee

*(Class groupings 6 and 7 may be changed depending on entries received, all affected entrants will be contacted)  
(Both Touring sessions can be on Scooter or Bike, and either 1 dog or 2 dog teams)*

**\*\* Heat 2/3 may be run in Reverse Order, should it be required at the Race Marshalls discretion\*\***

You will be advised of the race order, and any class changes at the driver's meeting, the above is what we have planned and will depend on the temperatures on the day and entries received.

Please arrive at the start chute promptly when called (horn will be sounded). Races will normally start no more than 10 minutes after the last dog from the previous heat has crossed the finish line.

Start times are approximate. Temperatures on the day will dictate actual start times. If safe temperatures are not reached to allow the full race schedule to run as stated, time saving measures will be brought into play such as shortening of distances in either or both heats or cancelling of heats.

Please ensure that all dogs not actively competing (or preparing to compete) in the current class are kept either in a cool car or trailer or secured well away from the track.

Please do NOT walk your dog anywhere near the tracks while people are racing.

**ASSA Race Rules and WASSA Bylaws must be STRICTLY adhered to.** The official rules are available at [wassa.com.au](http://wassa.com.au) under *Documents*.

## Race Tracks

Race distances will be approximately as follows **and subject to change** depending on weather and track conditions.

Canicross, Touring, Junior, Novice and Veteran - 2.9km

1 Dog Scooter - 3.3km

2 Dog Scooter and 1 Dog Bike – 4.8km

3 Dog and 2 Dog Bike - 5.3km

4 Dog, 6 Dog and 8 Dog - 6km