



FINNMARKSLØPET
NORWEGIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 8-DOGS LONG DISTANSE 2017



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WELCOME TO FINNMARKSLØPET 2017



ROLL CALL

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MUSHERS MEETING 2017

FL - 500

RACE MANAGER

Rita Hallvig
Jan Gunnar Vian FL-500

RACE TEAM

Roger Dahl – FL 1000
Kjetil Erntsen – FL 1000
Kari Jæger – FL 500/1000





FL-JUNIOR



- 7 Participants from 14 – 18 years
- Trail from Alta – Sautso – Soussjavri – Jotka – Alta
- Totally 12 h. mandatory rest
- Starts between FL-1000 and FL-500
- Finish on Sunday afternoon /evening
- Welcome them 😊



SHOWSTART FINNMARKSLØPET 2017





Joint Viking



8000 Soldiers' in Finnmark 6.-15. March.
Alta via Sennalandet to Porsanger.
All Handlers must drive Road 93 via Karasjok!



Media / Press

Information regarding media/press during FL

- Members of the media/press must comply with the FL guidelines regarding contacting/interviewing mushers during the race.

The following information will be provided to the media/press:

- *Mushers will enter the check point, park their sleds, collect food bags, remove their socks, lay their dogs down on straw beds and start preparing food. The musher is available to media/press after this, and then only on request.*
- *However, photographing/filming during this time from a distance without disturbing the participant is permitted.*



Start number / Handler west

- **Start number/bib** at start banquet – all mushers must be there
- Start number and Sponsor patch SpareBank1 Nord-Norge must be visible on the front of musher hat.
- **Must** be visible from:
 - Start to Jergul
 - To Skoganvarre and to finish line
 - At the awards ceremony in the pedestrian street
- **Start number** on sled must be on the left side (left side when you are standing on the runners)
- Handler **MUST** wear handler west



START FINNMARKSLØPET 2017

NM 8 Dogs – FL 500

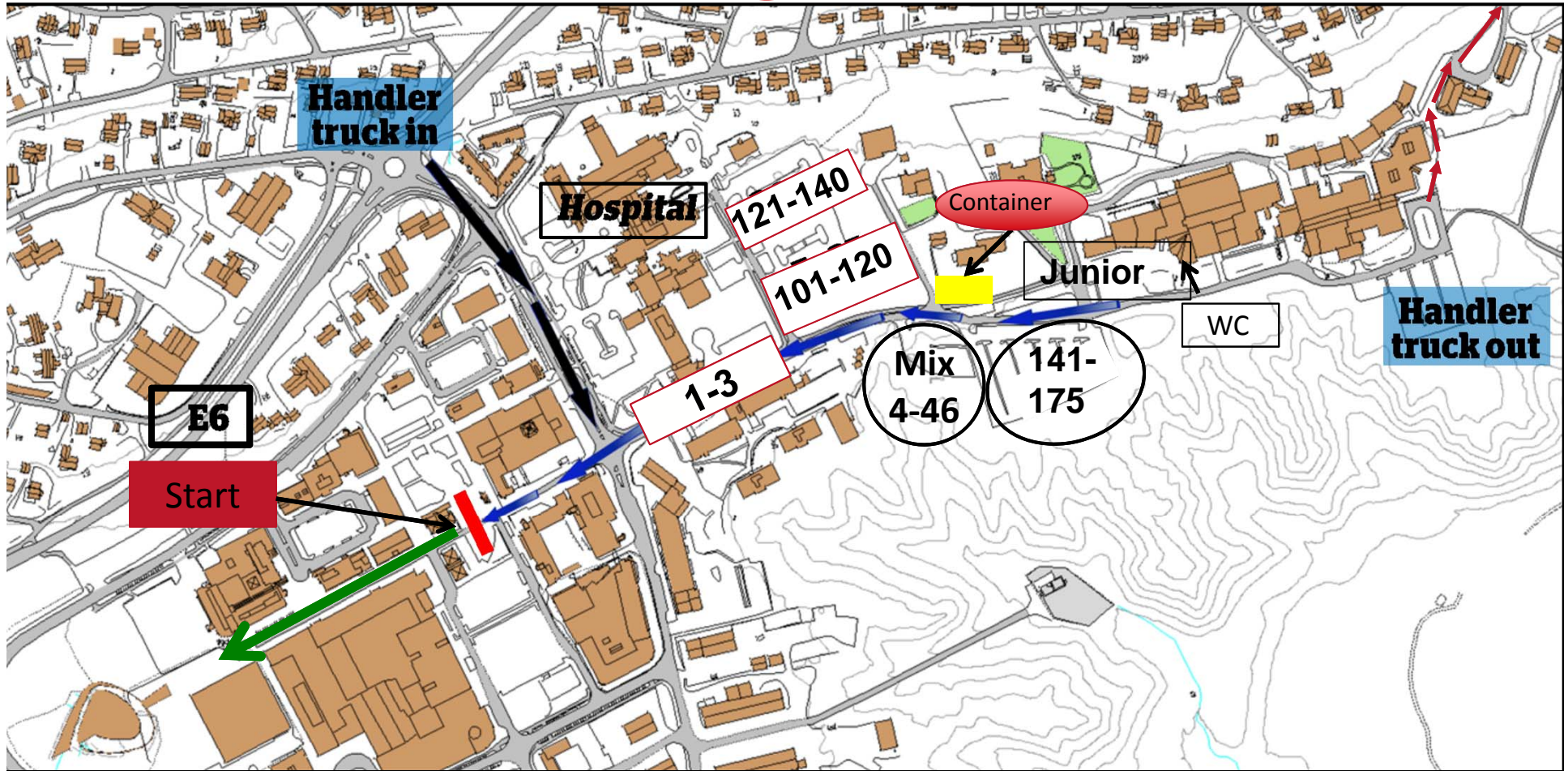




Start Schedule

- Parking area opens at **8 am**
- Driving **in** from Markveien and Follums vei
- Have your **Bib visible** in the front window
- Parking crew will instruct you where to park
- All mushers must be in the parking area **before 9 am**
- Mushers that have more than one team at their car, **MUST** inform us at the musher meeting
- The sled must stand on the **left** side of the car
- **Only** the mushers car in the parking area

Parking area





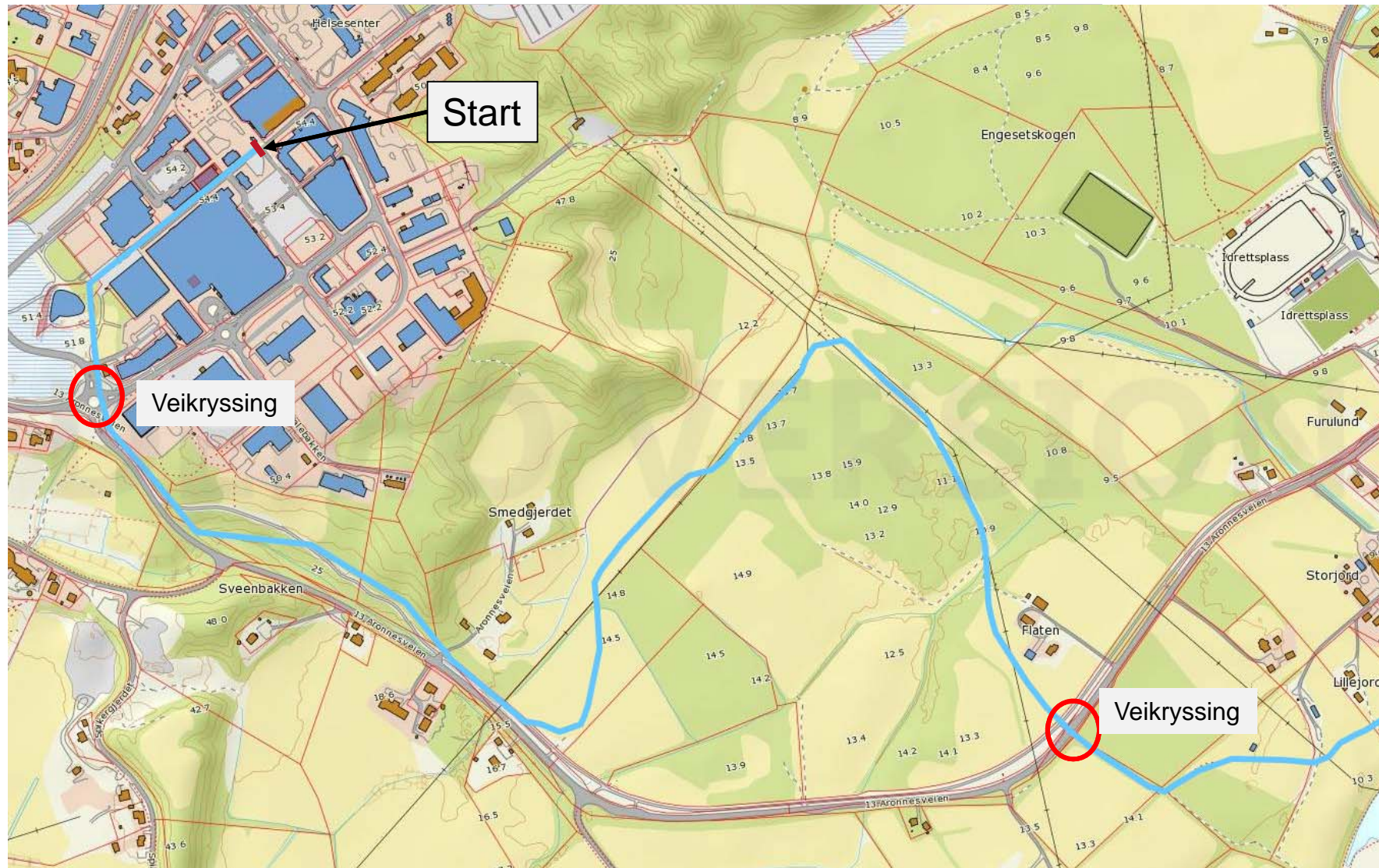
Before the start

- FL-500 chiplist will be checked before start, only to cross off which dogs will **not** be in your team.
- Mushers are responsible to have their team ready on time. You must **be ready 15 mins** before your starting time. Follow the instructions you receive from start crew and ATV drivers.
- **All teams will be helped** to the start with ATV. Start crew will help you from Markveien to the start.
- Your **handlers should lead** you from your parking place to the start.
- Parking places **must** be cleaned before you leave.
- **No handler cars FL 500** can leave before the last dog team has started.



Finnmarksløpet 2017

Start and exit trail from Alta Sentrum.





Start

- First FL-1000 team leaves at 11 am
- FL-Jr – FL 500, 3 min between the classes
- Mushers must have snow hook ready on the right hand side
- Use your drag mat to brake in the walking street and until you get to the Alta river
- The trail goes out from the city centre, along walking/bicycle route to Aronnes where you cross the road
- Crews will be at the road crossing
- Resque team from start to Jotka (SNO)
- Remember to clean up the area where you have parked, check that you have all your things.



Snow hook on the right hand side





Remember to smile 😊
You will be photographed and filmed





Signing in and out of checkpoints



FL- 500 must sign in and out at all checkpoints
Mandatory rest totally 22 hours
2h + alignment at Jotka 1
6h at Skoganvarre (Mandatory Vet control)



Trail







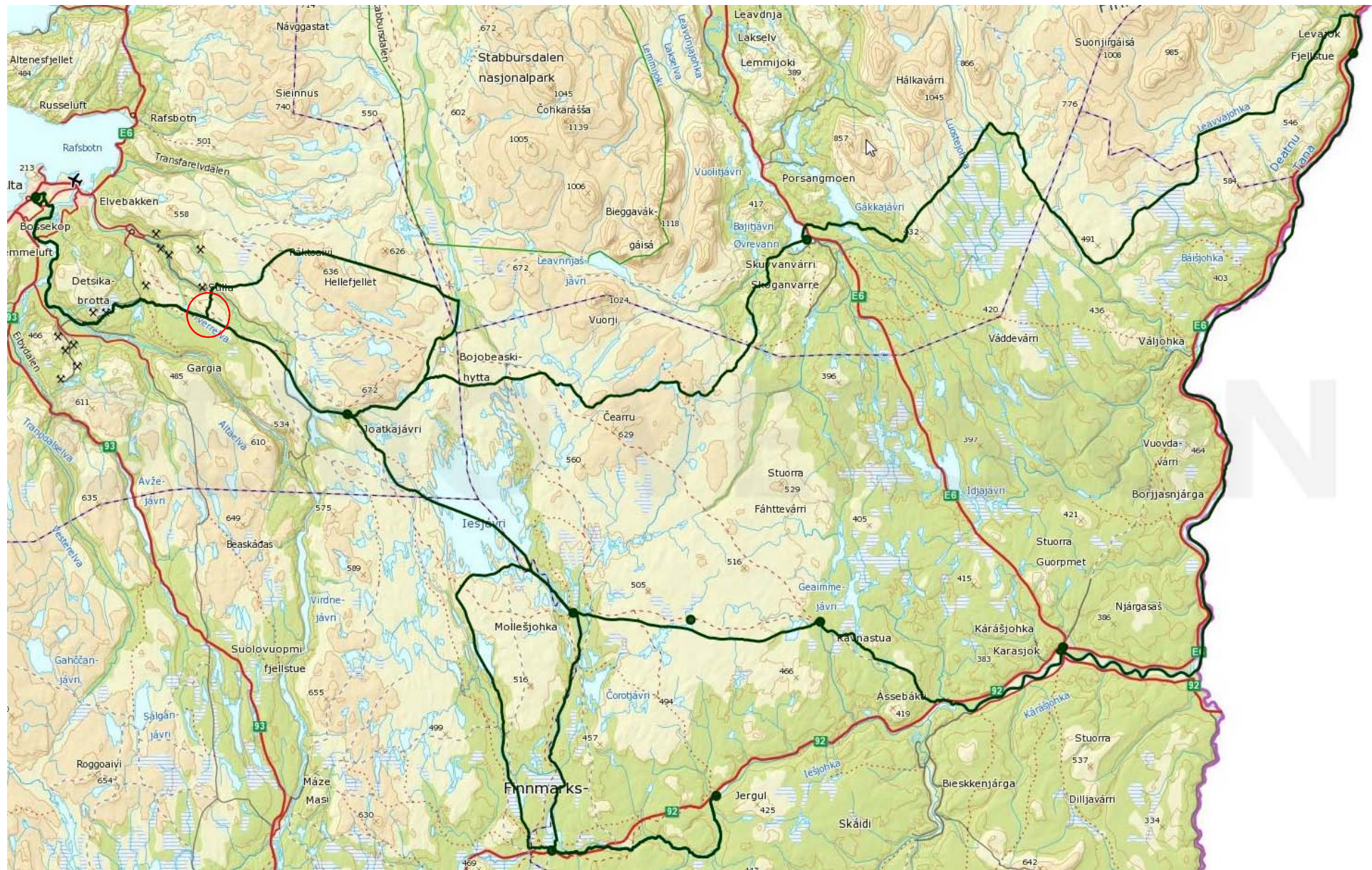
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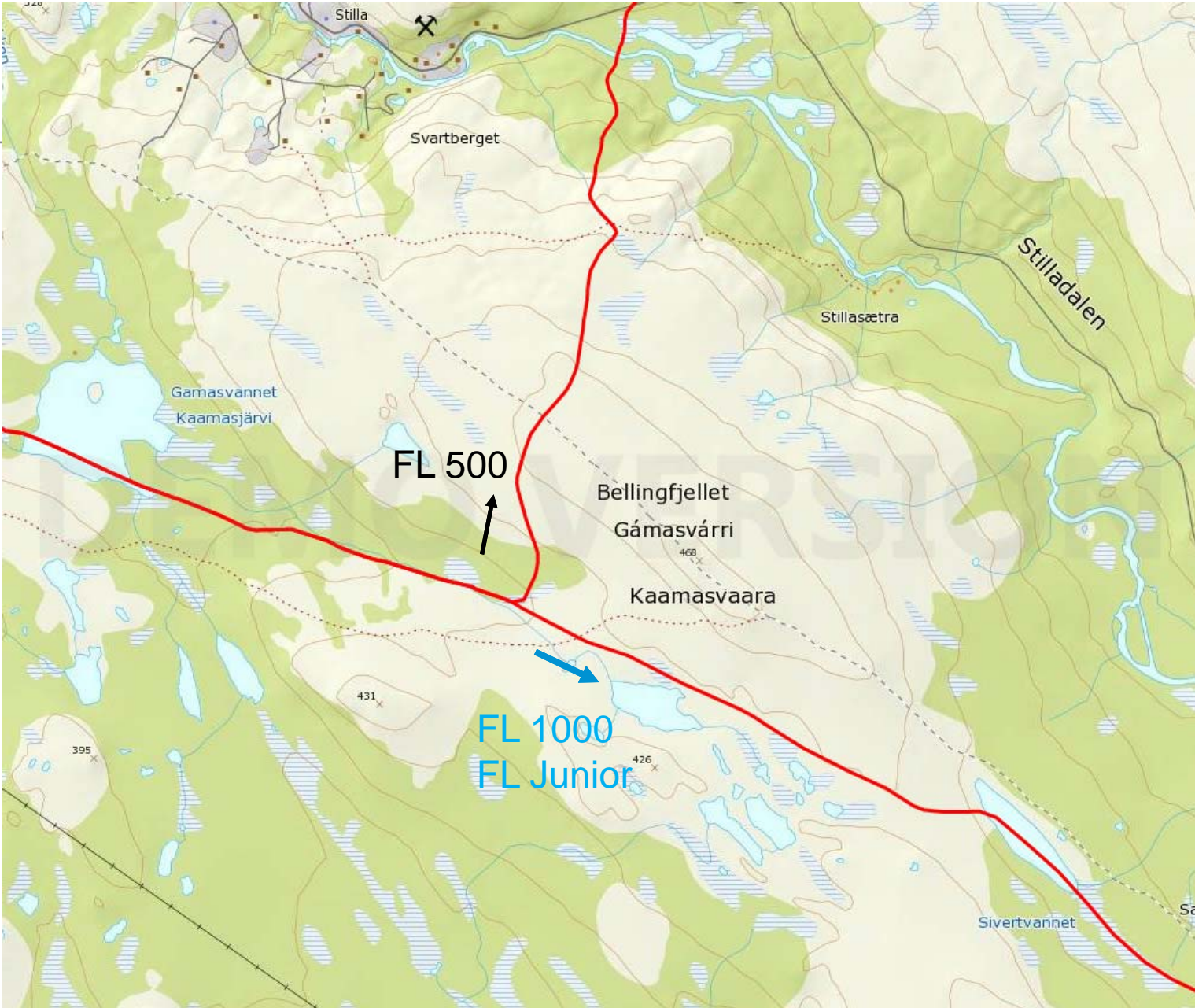
- In general: mixed snow conditions, some overflow
- Trail can change. FL will inform you if it does
- Trail made by snowmobile with field drags and snowcat
- Military snowcat is used on land, not over lakes
- Marking of trail: FL markers and some wooden sticks along the trail, blue, red and yellow signs
- Road crossings are marked.
- The bridge in Øvre Alta, be aware. About 7km from start. Marked with yellow sign.

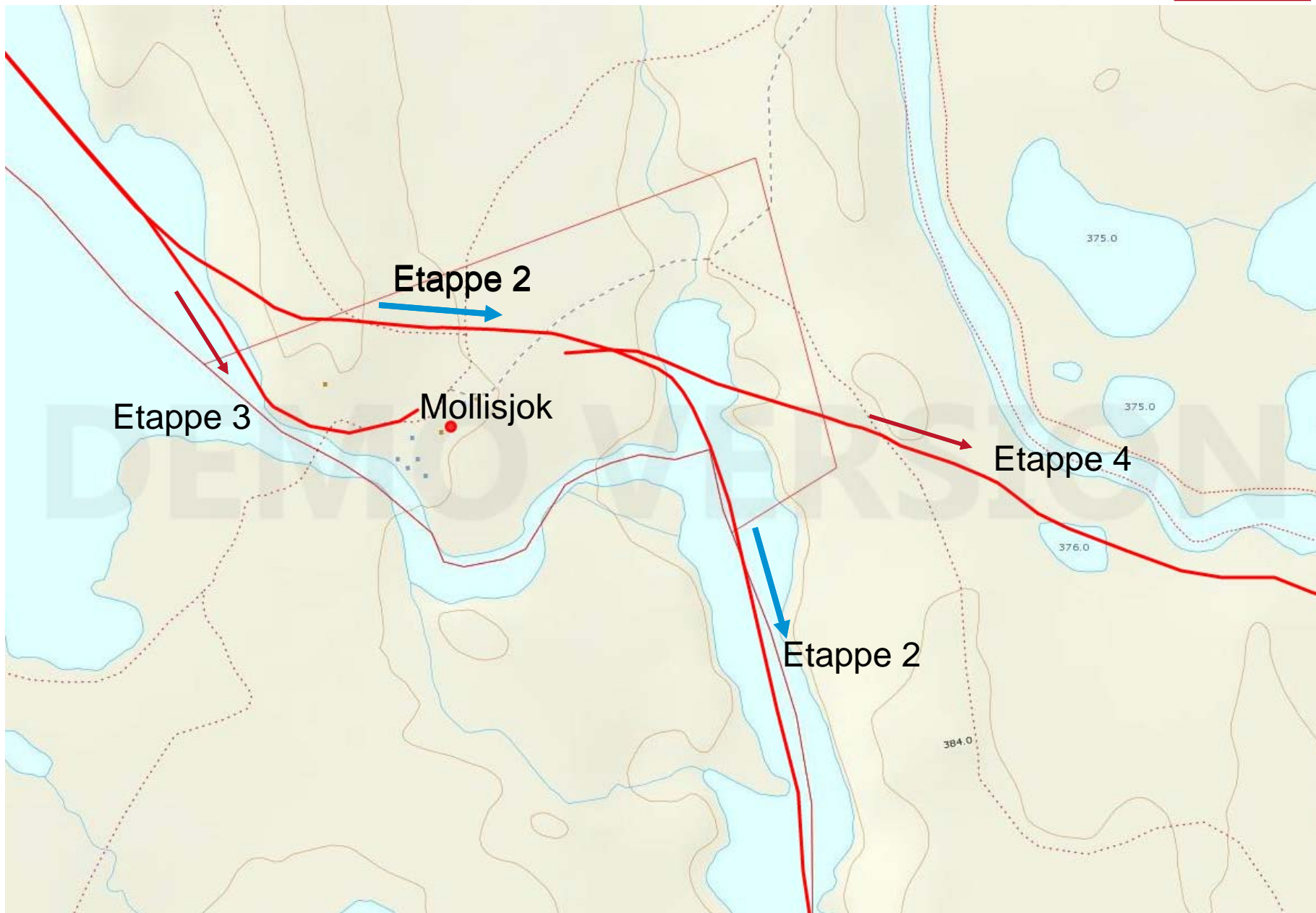


**PASSING UNDER THE BRIDGE AT
HOLMEN IN ØVRE ALTA
BE AWARE! LOW ALTITUDE**











Finnmarksløpet 2016, Karasjok, 500 km inn - utkjøring



T. Svineng

Fra ferjul

Sjækkpunkt Karasjok, inn og utkjøring 500 km
Bilparkering markert med P

Målestokk: 1:5 000



News in 2017

- Ability to drop dog in Sorrhivna (former restart area for FL1000)
- Dog hotel at Røstan in Alta.
- The time alignment will be on Jotka 1
- Placement of dog teams in Levajok
- Changes / updates of FL Special rules:
 - *#19 Violation of rules*
 - *#29 Participant's suitability for completion of the race*
 - *#31 Littering*



Dog-drop Sorrisniva

- Musher may drop dog in Sorrisniva, ca 18 km after start
- Musher must give message to the handler
- Handler must retrieve dog before starting out from Alta
- Remember that dogs must be checked by Vet
- Dog must be registered in dropped-dog journal

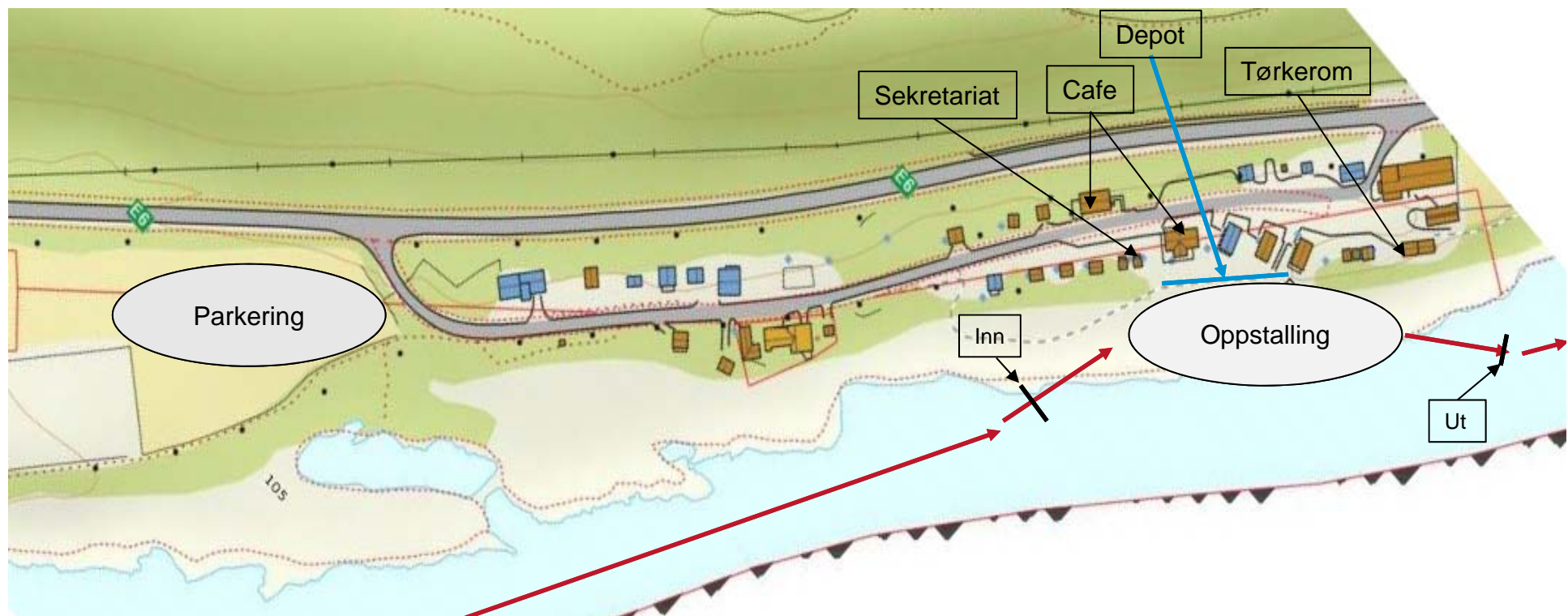


Dog hotel at Røstan in Alta

- Dogs that are brought down from Jotka will be placed in a dog hotel
- Dogs must be picked up as soon as possible.
- Participant will be informed if dogs get sick.
- Musher must pay for treatment
- You can call Owner Sissel Evensen: phone:+47 478 83 555



Levajok Chekpoint FL 500





Common sense

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- **#19** Violation of rules conducted by the participant, handler/s or other outsiders may lead to disqualification of the participant. Should a participant or someone from his/her handler team act unduly towards FL race officials, volunteers, other participants, press or the general public, this will lead to disqualification of the participant in question.



Suitability

- #29 Participant's suitability for completion of the race. The Finnmarksløpet race manager and/or jury can withdraw a participant for further participation in the race. This is to protect the dogs, the participant and/or organizer's interests and security. The participant will be withdrawn if the dogs or participant can not safely or suitably continue in the race.



Littering

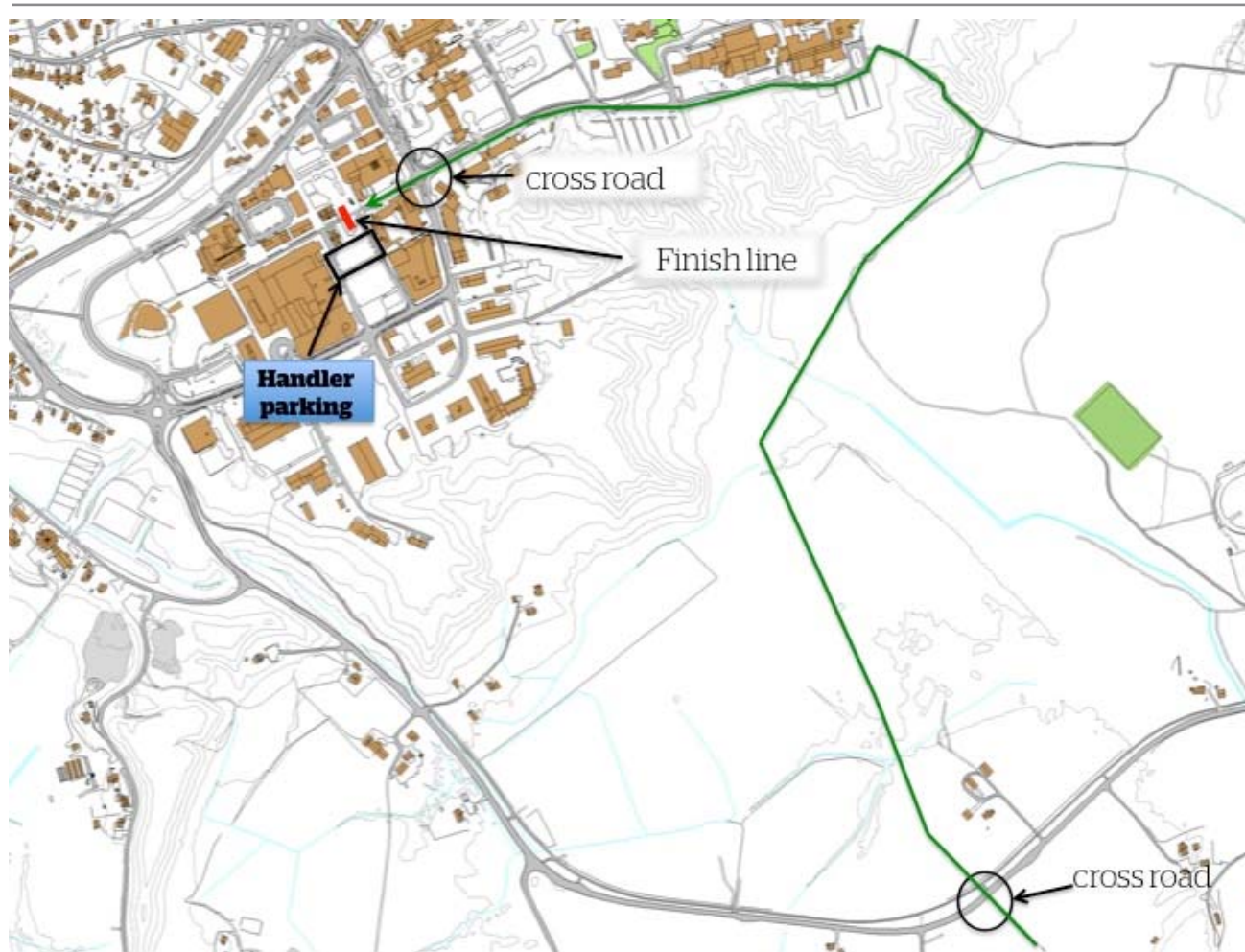
#31 Littering

Any form of littering is prohibited along the trail and may result in disqualification of the participant. It also includes a dog booties and dog food!





Finish area





Finish area

- «No Mans Land» from the bridge in Øvre Alta (ca. 7km)
- Remember mushers **MUST** wear:
 - Start number /bib
 - Hat with **Sparebank1 Nord Norge** sponsor tag
 - From **Skoganvarre** to the finish line
- Marked area for parking of handler trucks in Alta city center
- **Just parking while picking up musher and dogteam at the finish line**



After finishing

- Remember to hand in:
 - GPS
 - Start number plate from the sled
 - Vet book

- **This also applies to if you choose to scratch from the race**



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SHORT BREAK



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**Information by Head Vet
Arild Jøssund.**





Volunteers



**They use leisure time on YOU -
treat them with respect 😊 Rules for FL #19**



Safety

- REINDEER – be aware in the trail
- Road crossing – important for mushers to be focused. It is marked with signs and road guards

- Handlers – reindeer and moose along the road
- Should be at least two persons in the handler cars
- **Tlf to the secretariat 905 78 928**



EMERGENCY

- *Rescue after 24 hours – FL will consider the weather conditions*
- *Bring with mandatory equipment with good quality*
- *Rescue takes time, depending on weather conditions and location*

- *Spare food for dogs and participants: To be used approximately 24 hours after the participant has left the checkpoint, and lies between two checkpoints.*
- *Therefore, participants must carry enough food and snacking for the first 24 hours, for both her/him self and the dogs.*



Checkpoints FL - 500

1. Jotka 1 - ½ Straw
2. Jergul - Whole Straw
3. Mollisjok - ½ Straw
4. Karasjok - ½ Straw
5. Levajok - Whole Straw
6. Skoganvarre - Whole Straw
7. Jotka 2 - (½ Straw)



At the checkpoints 1

Mushers

- Mushers get / fetch straw when you arrive checkpoints
- Water must be retrieved by the musher in the river or water barrels
- There is access to sleeping places for mushers at all checkpoints
 - On Jotka and Mollisjok it is tents
 - Give the secretariat at the checkpoint info about where you are sleeping
- Depot delivery is in designated areas. Content can / will be checked
- Food bowls and scoope - must be brought from the start in the sled
- Remember food for dropped dogs (Jotka 1-2 and Mollisjok)
- At some checkpoints it is little space, pay attention
- Are you unsure of something ask for help from a functionary or volunteers
- Not all checkpoints have open dining the whole night – look up opening hours. Jotka and Mollisjok **just cash!**
- The Mountain Cabin at Mollisjok shall not be used



At the checkpoints 2

Handlers

- Cafes at checkpoints must not be used for eating food you brought in, nor as a place to sleep
- Wool blankets **must not** be dried in the sauna
- If the musher have enough dog booties, don't dry booties in the sauna
- It is not allowed to shout/speak from the sideline to musher/handler, re: what to do/not to do. This is poor sportsmanship and disturbing to others
- Remember to clean up the area where you have parked, check that you have all your things. Please gather the depot after your musher has left
- Think about safety – sleep when you are tired/take turns driving. Don't leave dogs alone outside the car, they can get hit by traffic
- No electricity for campers at checkpoints
- Red cross at some checkpoints
- The musher has got a parking card that must be presented when parking at the checkpoints
- There are special road signs for Finnmarksløpet



Road signs





Information Race Judges

Main Judge Nils Finsrud

Main Judge FL 500 Roar Volden

TD - Reidun Karlsen

TD-aspirants:

- Pål Karlsen Haugsnes
- Silje Nygård
- Connie Malen Moen
- Martine Domaas

FL - 500

Norwegian Championship



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Rules

- Passing Rules
- Large enough sled - trailer
- Supplementing mandatory equipment - other equipment
- Dog food should not be taken from car
- Time penalties
- What can be obtained from the car and into the area for the racer



After you have finished

- **Evaluation FL-500** March 15th kl. 14:00-15:30 at the UiT, Alta
- Awards Ceremony FL-500 Wednesday 15th March 16.00
All mushers that are in Alta during the ceremonies must attend
Remember to where bib and hat patch!
- Scandic Hotel Alta closing banquet FL-500 March 15th kl. 19.00
- Mushers pub at Studenthuset City Friday 17. March Kl. 20.00
- Awards Ceremony FL-1000 Saturday 18th March 12.00
- Scandic Hotel Alta closing banquet FL-1000, 18. March kl. 19.00



Awards ceremony All mushers





Today

Opening Ceremony Borealis Thursday 9th March

- You must meet no later than 18.45 at Scandic Alta. (East entrance) Hosts are waiting. Walk as a group from Scandic to the Borealis stage at Alta centrum. Mushers must be at stage. Follow instructions

Start Banquet Thursday 9th March

- Go directly from opening ceremony to the start banquet at Scandic Alta. Banquet starts 20.00
- Every musher gets two arm tickets. One for the musher and one for the handler. Need to be shown to be able to enter the banquet



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