

Dryland Checklist

Pre-race

Scooter, Bicycle, and Rig

Pre-start chute and in the start chute checklist:

Check the following:

- Neckline/tugline snaps
 - Check for closure, sand and dirt prevent automatic spring closure.
- Main gangline from wheel dogs to rig
 - Check for wear/fraying.
- Carabiner between rig and main gangline
 - Check for closure, steel carabiners get rusty/dirty and then stay in the open position.
- Locking Carabiner
 - Check that barrel lock is locked.
- Threaded link
 - Check that threaded nut is screwed shut.
- Rope and snap looped around the steering headset
 - Check that rope or snap is not interfering with brake cables.
- Bike/scooter bayonet:
 - If gangline is attached to the end of a bayonet
 - Does a safety line also go from the gangline to the headset?
 - If bayonet is plastic
 - Check for severe sun rotting and cracking. B ayonets can break and get in to the spokes.
 - High/steep attachment angles can accelerate cracking.
 - If bayonet is other material such as electrical conduit
 - Check for bending.
- Front wheel quick release/skewer: Do a physical check of the lock.
 - Is wheel axle all the way up in the pocket?
 - Is the QR tightened on the safety lip?
 - Is the QR tight and locked? Use of zip ties helps the lever lock to resist opening on the trail.
 - Is the QR bent?
- Rear wheel quick releases:
 - Follow the front wheel check list
- Brakes
 - Do they work?
 - Pull the brake handles and try to move the rig forward. No brakes, No race!
- Brake caliper and adapter mounts
 - Are they tight? Bolts work loose and brake calipers move around and don't work right.
- Is the gangline, or any other rope, wrapped around the handle bars?
 - Bicycles and scooters are good for this.

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- Are any extra ropes and necklines that hang on the frame secured?
- Is there a gangline extension/snubline on the rig?
 - Does the length end before or between the musher's knees?
 - Is it secured so it can't fall into the front wheel?
 - Can the line reach the rear wheels?
- Bikes and scooters:** as it applies
 - Are the handlebars and stem tight?
 - Grab the bars and try to twist them. Up/down, left/right is usually sufficient.
 - Are the handle bars aligned/straight with the front wheel?
 - Is the saddle/seat tight?
 - Grab the saddle/seat and trying to move it. Up/down, left/right is usually sufficient.
 - If the chain was replaced, did you test ride the bicycle before your event to make sure it works with the old cassette/chainrings?
 - Has the chain been removed or zipped tied aside for a bike being used in the scooter class?

Musher:

- Are the musher's shoes tied?
- Is the musher wearing a race bib?
- Is the race bib tied?
- Is the race bib back number obscured by hair, jacket hood or other object?
- Is the musher wearing a helmet?
- Is the helmet on backwards?
- Is the helmet secured?
- Does the helmet visibly appear to be broken? Cracked plastic/broken seam tape?
- Does the musher need/have glasses or goggles?
- Anything that could be considered a safety issue while on the trail?

Note:

It is extremely important and highly recommended that you have your scooter, bicycle, or rig inspected by someone qualified after a major crash.

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- This list is not all inclusive and is intended as a reference only.
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 - If bicycle component terminology is unfamiliar Reference: <http://www.sheldonbrown.com/>
Go to the alphabet Bicycle Glossary.
 - Scooters, Bicycles, and Rigs take maintenance!