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Sass Disqualified

Musher Was Carrying Prohibited Two-Way Communication Device

Tanana, Alaska – Tuesday, March 10, 2015 – Race Veteran Brent Sass from Eureka, Alaska, was disqualified from Iditarod XLIII earlier this evening in Tanana by Race Marshal Mark Nordman for a violation of rule 35; specifically for carrying a two-way communication device.

Rule 35 reads as follows: Electronic Devices: No two-way communication device, including cell phones, shall be carried or used unless provided by ITC. Use of any electronic communication or tracking device shall not be permitted unless provided by the ITC. While a musher may carry a one-way emergency device such as an emergency locator transmitter (ELT), a Spot™, or other similar satellite tracking device, activation of any help or emergency signal, including accidental activation, will make a musher ineligible to continue and will result in an automatic withdrawal from the race. Night vision goggles are not allowed. Use of GPS is permitted.