

Dear Friends,

At the FISTC WC 2011 in Donovaly the mushers had two different points of view: some of them had a very positive opinion and the other ones had a very negative one.

I too had very negative thoughts arriving in Donovaly on Wednesday seeing green fields where normally the start and finishing area is. But in two days and two nights, our Slovak friends made a great job, almost a miracle, and the entire trail was ready for the start on Friday morning. The snow fallen in the night between Friday and Saturday was a great help to having better conditions for the next two days of racing.

On Friday morning a musher who was a representative for all starters, checked the safety conditions of the entire trail together with some FISTC board members and they decided that the trail was OK.

I know that some mushers did complain on the condition of the trail, but we must remember that all starters had the same trail.

I think that the FISTC has the duty to organise every year a Championship: we had to do it in order to respect the efforts that all mushers do to prepare their teams for such an event. And also this year, thanks to the work of Donly Club, we had a great Championship.

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