



## **IFSS CHAMPIONSHIPS REGULATIONS**

### **A. GENERAL**

1. The World Championships (WCh's) are sled dog competitions by which IFSS, as a recognized member of GAISF, grants the title "World Champion" to the winners of each of the World Championship classes as defined in these regulations.
2. The Continental Championships (ECh's, NACH's, etc.) are sled dog competitions by which IFSS, as a recognized member of GAISF, grants the title "European/North American/etc. Champion" to the winners of each of the Continental Championship classes as defined in these regulations.
3. Only events organized according to these regulations shall be recognized by IFSS and its Members as World or Continental Championships.
4. The World Championships should be held in every odd-numbered year.
5. The Continental Championships should be held in every even-numbered year in the concerned continents.

### **B. APPLICATION**

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6.1 Any Voting National Member having competitors with interest in the World/Continental Championships (i.e. with DID) may submit an application to host a World or a Continental Championship. The proposed race site shall have been accredited as World Cup event in the previous racing season(s). Said member shall thereby bind itself to make available to IFSS a race suitable for the purpose (see also §§ C and E).

6.2 Upon receipt of a pre-application the candidates will be provided with the following information before the end of the bid period:

- 1) Scope of the event (classes to be run)
- 2) Financial terms of the bid
- 3) Entry fees
- 4) Number of IFSS Officials
- 5) Contract (with marked section that shall not be changed)

6.3 The IFSS shall take into consideration when evaluating all applications that the World and Continental Championships should be held as late as possible in the racing season of that hemisphere.

6.4 A test event shall be organized the racing season before the World/Continental Championships by the Technical Organizer on the same race site and the World/Continental Championships Race Marshal shall be invited as an observer.

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7.1 Applications for World Championships shall be submitted a minimum of two (2) years before the event to the Vice President of Sport who will seek advice from the Accreditation Committee Applications for World Championships shall be approved by the IFSS Council.

7.2 Applications for Continental Championships shall be submitted a minimum of two (2) years before the event to the concerned Continental Director who will seek advice from the Accreditation Committee. Applications for Continental Championships shall be approved by the IFSS Council.

7.3 In the case that no application is received within the time frame indicated in the call for a bid, the IFSS has the right to find on its own a site and organizer and recommend them to the concerned Voting National Member.

8. IFSS, as the organizer of the World and Continental Championships, shall sign an agreement with the hosting Member/Organization, called the Technical Organizer, about the implementation of the event.

9. An accreditation fee shall be established by the IFSS Executive Board and included in the agreement.

### **C. ADMINISTRATION AND RULE ENFORCEMENT**

10. The Chief Rule Enforcing Officers for the event shall consist of the Race Marshal, Animal Welfare Judge, Doping Control Officers (DCOs) and the Chief Veterinarian.

10.1 All Chief Rule Enforcing Officers shall be appointed by the IFSS in agreement with any local legal requirement.

10.2 The required Chief Judges shall be appointed by the Race Marshal.

11. Other Race Judges (e.g., Start Judge, Finish Judge, Trail Judge, etc. as required), Chief Timer, Race Site Crew Foreman and Chief of Secretariat shall be appointed by the Technical Organizer but are subject to the approval of IFSS.

12. Other Officers (e.g., Equipment Controllers, Dog Identification Controllers, Trail Stewards, Doping Control Assistants (DCAs) etc. as required) shall be appointed by the Technical Organizer but are subject to the approval of the Race Marshal. They will report to judges designated by the Race Marshal.

13. The Race Veterinarians and Veterinarians' Assistants shall be appointed by the Chief Veterinarian.

14. The Trail Crew shall be appointed by the Technical Organizer but is subject to the approval of the Trail Boss.

15. The Time Keeping Crew shall be appointed by the Technical Organizer but is subject to the approval of the Chief Timer.

16. The Sled Holders, Speaker, and Parking staff shall be appointed by the Technical Organizer but are subject to the approval of the Race Site Crew Foreman.

17. The Secretary Crew shall be appointed by the Technical Organizer but is subject to the approval of the Chief of Secretariat.

18. No person holding any position under this Rule may be a participant of the event.

**D. The IFSS shall:**

19. Send out invitations and entry forms to all national Members and publish them on the IFSS website.
20. Publish the schedule of events in cooperation with the Technical Organizer.
21. Summon a Team Leaders meeting prior to the races to distribute essential information pertaining to the event and to supervise the drawing of the bib numbers if not done electronically earlier.
22. Supervise, assist and support the Technical Organizer in its preparations for and implementation of the event.
23. Provide trophies of honor (at least gold, silver and bronze medals) for the first three finishers in each class.

**E. The Technical Organizer shall:**

24. Appoint an Organizing Committee including a person who will be the main contact person between the Organizing Committee and IFSS.
25. Obtain the necessary permissions from the police and other authorities.
26. Take out insurance for those responsible for the event.
27. Obtain on-site accommodation for the required number of officials.
28. Be responsible for the promotion of the event.
29. Arrange the opening ceremony, the awards ceremonies and the closing ceremony with the assistance of IFSS.
30. Procure participation certificates.
31. See to it that the following technical requirements are met:
  - 31.1 Area: enough space for the agreed number of participants.
  - 31.2 Trail and trail markings: in accordance with the IFSS Race Rules.
  - 31.3 Loudspeakers: covering the complete race site, especially aimed at Vehicle Holding Area (Drivers parking/stakeout) and Starting Area. Microphones shall be provided for at least the Announcer and Starter (the latter preferably with his/her own system).
  - 31.4 Radio/other means of communication: as required for the following Officials - Race Marshal, Race Judges, Chief Veterinarian, trail Checkers and trail Boss.
  - 31.5 Electronic time keeping (with chip reading) and online results.
  - 31.6 Vehicles: motorized trail vehicles for IFSS Officials.
  - 31.7 Materials: enough materials for building the start and finish area and blockings of the trail.
  - 31.8 Antidoping: secure facilities for Antidoping activities (athletes and dogs).
  - 31.9 Mobile data and phone coverage should be available on the race site.

**F. The participating Voting National and Provisional Members shall:**

32. Nominate participants worthy of representing their countries.

33. See to it that their participants are made familiar with the regulations pertaining to the event and that they have correctly filled and made available the official documents required by the IFSS (Consent form, Guardian form, Chip list, etc.).

34. Appoint a Team Leader (see § J).

## **G. FINANCES**

35. The Technical Organizer shall be responsible for the complete finance of the Championship race, including expenses for IFSS-appointed Rule Enforcing Officers (food and lodging on site for up to ten persons during the period agreed upon; travel costs to be paid or reimbursed by IFSS).

36. The IFSS reserves the right to cancel the agreement with the Technical Organizer if the accreditation fee is not paid as contractually scheduled.

## **H. ENTRY FEES**

37. The entry fees, as established by the IFSS Council, accrue to the IFSS unless otherwise stipulated in the agreement between the IFSS and the Technical Organizer.

38. The entry fees shall be paid by the National Members, according to the time limits established by the IFSS Council. The entry fees are, in principle, not refundable. Fees shall be partially or totally reimbursed in case of cancellation of the event for reasons of force majeure.

38.1 If a class is cancelled by the Race Marshal, one hundred percent (100%) of the entry fees for that class will be reimbursed.

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39.1 National Members not complying with the established time limit for payment of the Entry fees shall pay a two hundred percent (200%) entry fee.

39.2 Entry fees for additional entries as defined in § 41.3 below will be two hundred percent (200%) of the regular entry fee.

40. All dues concerning the participation of a national team shall be settled before the members of said team are eligible to participate.

## **I. PARTICIPATION RULES**

41. The Voting National and Provisional Members shall nominate teams from its country for participation in the World or Continental Championships according to the following provisions:

41.1 Each Voting National Member may enter three participants in each class at On-Snow and Dryland Championships, one (1) relay team at Dryland Championships and two (2) relay teams at On-Snow Championships. This quota is doubled for the hosting country. There is no quota for Distance Championships.

41.2 Each Provisional Member may enter one (1) participant in each class and one (1) relay team at On-Snow and Dryland Championships. There is no quota for Distance Championships.

41.3 If the total number of regular entries is smaller than the acceptable total number of teams, Voting National and Provisional Members may be granted additional entries. The Vice President of Sport in the World Championships and the concerned Continental Director in the Continental Championships shall decide in which classes the additional entries may be granted. The additional entries shall be distributed among the countries

having requested additional entries proportionally to the number of their competitors ranked in the World Cup final result.

41.4 Without affecting the number of entries mentioned above, the winners from the previous Championships are preselected to participate in the same class.

41.5 Without affecting the number of entries mentioned in § 41.1 through 41.4 above, the top three (3) Global World Cup ranked competitors and the number one Continental World Cup competitor in each class from the previous racing season will be preselected in their class for the following World Championships. To be preselected based on World Cup results the competitors shall have completed at least two (2) World Cup races in their class.

41.6 Without affecting the number of entries mentioned in § 41.1 through 41.4 above, the top three (3) Continental World Cup ranked competitors in each class from the previous racing season will be preselected in their class for the following Continental Championships. To be preselected based on World Cup results the competitors shall have completed at least two (2) World Cup races in their class.

41.7 The preselected competitors are part of their respective national teams and their selection shall be confirmed by their National Federation.

41.8 The preselected competitors can participate without paying an entry fee.

41.9 The number of individual entries from one country in one class shall, in principle, not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of teams designated for that class.

42. The entry of individual teams and relay teams shall take place only through the Voting National and Provisional Members.

42.1 To be eligible to participate for a nation, the participant shall either be a citizen of said nation or have been a resident of same for at least twenty-four (24) months.

42.2 No participant shall be eligible to participate for more than one nation during the same racing season.

42.3 To be eligible to participate for a nation, the participant shall hold a valid DID (Driver Identification) number.

42.4 The Vice President of Sport may grant permission for entry in the World Championships to presumably qualified drivers representing countries not affiliated to the IFSS. The provisions under Chapter H of this Rule shall apply accordingly. These competitors are not entitled to be awarded Champion titles.

42.5 The Vice President of Sport may select for the World Championships presumably qualified drivers from countries whose national teams have been suspended. The provisions under Chapter H of this Rule shall apply accordingly. These competitors are entitled to be awarded Champion titles.

42.6 The concerned Continental Director may grant permission for entry in the Continental Championships to presumably qualified drivers from member countries of another continent. The provisions under Chapter H of this Rule shall apply accordingly. These competitors are not entitled to be awarded Champion titles.

42.7 The concerned Continental Director may select for the Continental Championships presumably qualified drivers from countries of the continent whose national teams have been suspended. The provisions under Chapter H of this Rule shall apply accordingly. These competitors are entitled to be awarded Champion titles.

## **J. TEAM REGULATIONS**

43. In World and Continental Championship events, each participant, except the competitors selected as per § 42.5 and 42.7 above, shall enter the races as a member of a national team. A Team Leader appointed by the National Federation shall oversee the national team. IFSS shall appoint a team leader among the selected competitors selected as per § 42.5 and 42.7 above.

44. The Team Leader shall act as a liaison between the Technical Organizer and the national team members. He/she shall speak English or be assisted by an interpreter designated by his/her National Federation.

45. A Team Leader shall, immediately upon arrival at the race site, report to the Technical Organizer and inform of his/her presence, where he/she is accommodated during the event and how he/she can be contacted (e.g., mobile phone number).

45.1 If at any time the Designated Team Leader is replaced by another person that person's contact information must be provided to the Race Marshal immediately.

46. Any communication from the Technical Organizer to the Team Leader is considered as being communicated to all the members of the team.

## **K. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES**

World and Continental Championship races may be organized in the following classes:

47. Sleddog Sprint:

- 47.1 Unlimited Class (SpU)
- 47.2 8-dog Class (Sp8)
- 47.3 6-dog Class (Sp6)
- 47.4 4-dog Class (Sp4)
- 47.5 4-dog Junior Class (Sp4J)
- 47.6 4-dog Mass Start (Sp4MS)
- 47.7 2-dog Class (Sp2)
- 47.8 2-dog Junior Class (Sp2J)

48. Ski-Dogs Sprint:

- 48.1 One Dog Class Pulka Men (PM1) and Women (PW1)
- 48.2 One Dog Class Skijoring Men (SM1) and Women (SW1)
- 48.3 Two Dog Class Skijoring Men (SM2) and Women (SW2)
- 48.4 One Dog Class Combined Men (CM) and Women (CW)
- 48.5 One Dog Class Pulka Junior Men (PMJ) and Women (PWJ)
- 48.6 One Dog Class Skijoring Junior Men (SMJ) and Women (SWJ)
- 48.7 One Dog Class Combined Junior Men (CMJ) and Women (CWJ)

49. Distance:

- 49.1 12-dog Mid-Distance Class (MD12)
- 49.2 6-dog Mid-Distance Class (MD6)
- 49.3 6-dog Mid-Distance Junior Class (MD6J)
- 49.4 Two Dog Class Skijoring Men (MDSM) and Women (MDSW)
- 49.5 Limited 6-dog Long-Distance Junior Class (LD6J)

- 49.6 Limited 8-dog Long-Distance Class (LD8)
- 49.7 Unlimited Long-Distance Class (LDU)
- 49.8 If pools of dogs are authorized (Race Rules 40.3.1 and 40.3.2), it shall be indicated on the race invitation.

50. Dryland:

- 50.1 Canicross Junior Men (DCMJ) and Women (DCWJ)
- 50.2 Canicross Men (DCM) and Women (DCW)
- 50.3 Bikejoring Junior Men (DBMJ) and Women (DBWJ)
- 50.4 Bikejoring Men (DBM) and Women (DBW)
- 50.5 Scooter one dog Junior (DS1J)
- 50.6 Scooter one dog Men (DS1M) and Women (DS1W)
- 50.7 Scooter 2-dog (DS2)
- 50.8 4-dog Rig Junior (DR4J)
- 50.9 4-dog Rig (DR4)
- 50.10 6-dog Rig (DR6)
- 50.11 8-dog Rig (DR8)

51. Relay:

- 51.1 On-Snow relay
- 51.2 Dryland relay

## L. CHAMPION TITLES

52. World Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the World Championships provided that at least seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes, except in junior classes where at least three (3) competitors from two (2) countries are represented. If there are fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries after the late entry deadline (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for junior classes), the class shall not be run. If there are seven (7) or more competitors from three (3) countries after the late entry deadline, but there are effectively fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries the first day of the competition (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for junior classes), the class will be run and the Champion title will be awarded.

53. Continental Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the Continental Championships provided that at least seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries in Europe and two (2) in all other Continental Championships, are represented in these classes except in junior classes where at least three (3) competitors from two (2) countries are represented. If there are fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries in Europe and two (2) in all other Continental Championships after the late entry deadline (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for junior classes), the class shall not be run. If there are seven (7) or more competitors from three (3) countries in Europe and two (2) in all other Continental Championships after the late entry deadline, but there are effectively fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries in Europe and two (2) in all other Continental Championships the first day of the competition, (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for junior classes), the class will be run and the Champion title will be awarded.

54. Champion title shall not be awarded if more than one (1) heat is cancelled in that class.

## **M. FINISH TIME DISQUALIFICATION**

55. Unless noted differently on the invitation, a one hundred fifty percent (150%) time disqualification shall automatically apply for each class (except juniors) of the Championships.

## **N. RACES PROGRAM FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

56. It is recommended that Sprint, Ski-Dogs, Junior Sprint, Junior Ski-Dog and Mid-Distance Championships be organized jointly but they may be organized separately if dictated by specific conditions.

57. World Championship Sprint and Mid-Distance shall be three-day events, except 4-dog sprint, which may be a two-day race and 4-dog Mass Start, which shall be a one-day race.

58. World Championship Ski-Dogs races shall be one-day events.

59. World Championship Dryland shall be:

59.1 A one-day event for the relay races,

59.2 A two-day event for all other classes.

## **O. RACES PROGRAM FOR CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

60. It is recommended that the race program for Continental Championships follow the recommendations made for World Championships.

## **P. CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MASTERS ELIGIBILITY**

61. A competitor is not eligible to race in a Championships class if he/she has taken part in the same discipline in a Masters during the same racing season (On-Snow/Dryland respectively).

62. A competitor is not eligible to race in a Masters class if he/she has taken part in the same discipline in a Championships during the same racing season (On-Snow/Dryland respectively).

63. The different disciplines where § 61 and § 62 apply are: Skijoring one dog, Canicross, Bikejoring and Scooter one dog.