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Race Rules

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DEFINITIONS

AGE: The age of a competitor is regarded to be the same during the whole season and is the age the competitor reaches on the 31st December following the end of the racing season. The age of a dog is the age it reaches on the first day of the first race of the entire event.

CHECKPOINT: A clearly defined and marked area adjacent to the trail, where drivers and officials only are admitted.

CONTROL AREA: A specially defined area before the start and after the finish line where only authorized persons are allowed, unless otherwise authorized by the Race Marshal.

DRIVER: A person who drives a dog team entered in the race.

EVENT: A meeting of contestants for the purpose of competing in one event which may involve several classes.

FINISH ZONE: A specified stretch of the trail toward the finish line, minimum 800 meters, where special rules for passing apply (see §18.6 for Ski-Dogs and Canicross).

GUIDELINES: A rule or set of rules which are not mandatory but highly recommended.

HANDLER: A person assisting teams at start, after finish and at other locations authorized by the Race Marshal.

HEAT: A completion of the trail, or a part of the same, after which the ongoing timing is discontinued.

LINE: The line to which the dog(s) is/are attached to pull the vehicle (sled, bike, Scooter, rig) is made of different elements. The various elements together are called the Gangline. The line running between the dogs (if more than one dog) is called the Towline or Central Line. The dog is attached to the towline from the back of its harness by a Tugline or Tail Line and may be attached from the collar to the towline by a Neckline.

OFFICIAL: A person appointed by the organizer or the Rules Enforcing Officers, authorized to perform, within prescribed limits, to act on their behalf.

ORGANIZATION/ORGANIZER: The organization/organizer in charge of running the event: the Race Giving Organization/Organizer (RGO).

PULKA: The pulka or the Ski-Dogs sled (small sled with short runners).

RACE: A competition in a specified class and may be comprised of one or more heats.

RACE AREA: All designated parking areas, spectator areas, team holding areas, start/finish chutes, officiating areas and the trail areas.

RACE JUDGE: Rules Enforcing Officer, has the same authority as the Race Marshal/Chief Judge, except in the question of disqualification. References to the Race Marshal in these Rules shall also apply for the Race Judge(s), when appropriate.

RACE JURY: The Race Jury includes the Race Marshal, the Race Judges and any other official the Race Marshal may wish to include.

RACE MARSHAL (RM): The Chief Judge, i.e. the person who shall have supreme authority at an event. The Race Marshal is the only official who can decide upon a disqualification.

REGISTERED NORDIC BREED (RNB): Dogs of the acknowledged sleddog-breeds (Siberian Husky, Alaskan Malamute, Samoyed, Greenland Dog, Canadian Eskimo Dog, **Yakutian Laika**) that hold a document/pedigree that was issued by one of the following breeding associations: F.C.I. (Fédération

Cynologique Internationale), CKC (Canadian Kennel Club), AKC (American Kennel Club) or KC (British Kennel Club).

SEASON: The racing season, the period within which all competitions shall be commenced and concluded from June 1 until May 31 of the following year. However, organizers and technical organizers shall realize that local conditions (e.g., temperature, humidity etc.) may shorten this period in favour of the wellbeing of the dogs.

SLED: The vehicle driven by the contestant and pulled by his/her dog team during the competition, also includes a pulka, a bike, a scooter, a rig when appropriate.

SLED DOG: A sled dog is a dog, irrespective of the breed or type, capable of being harnessed and of competing in one of the classes listed in the IFSS Regulations without a potential, beforehand, to be calculated risk, of harming the dog's well-being.

STAKE-OUT AREA: A specially defined area where dogs of participating teams shall be kept when not competing.

STARTING CHUTE: A specified stretch of the trail from the starting line, minimum 30 meters long and 4 meters wide, where help is allowed.

TECHNICAL ORGANIZER: A body which, upon an agreement and in close co-operation with the organizer, has assumed responsibility.

VEHICLE HOLDING AREA: A specially defined area where the participants' vehicles shall be parked in case this cannot be combined with the stake out area.

SHALL: Shall be construed as being imperative.

SHOULD: Shall be construed as advisory.

MAY: Shall be construed as being permissive.

In this Rule and other IFSS Regulations, where appropriate, the words "Competitor", "Contestant", "Driver", "Athlete", etc. shall include "the competitor and/or his/her dog(s)"; and the singular shall include the plural.

3 CHAPTER ONE (General Rules)

(Applies to all classes)

Note: In case of discrepancy between general rules and special rules, the special rules shall prevail.

I. ENTRY RULES

1 Eligibility

1.1 Entries

1.1.1 An entry for a race shall be submitted prior to the start of the race, subject to entry deadlines as determined by the organization.

1.1.2 The organization may reject any entry for just cause.

1.1.3 Liability insurance is mandatory for drivers and handlers covering the risks of sled dog racing and all consequences.

1.1.4 An entry for a minor driver (usually below 18 years old) shall be co-signed by parents or guardians. With their signature they declare that they are of the opinion that the minor driver is capable to participate in the total event and to safely cover the trail in the applicable class as established by the organizer. Consequently, their signature is a waiver through which they hold the organizer harmless regarding any claim, liability, any other expenses or accusations relative to the fact that the driver concerned is not an adult.

1.1.5 The Race Marshal may disallow entry of any driver, team or dog for just cause.

1.1.6 Competitors can only enter once in each class presented at an IFSS event.

1.2 Claim

1.2.1 The competitor shall hold the organizer(s), judges, officials, sponsors, co-sponsors and other contributors to the organizer, (as distinguished from the individual competitor's sponsor) harmless from any claim or demand, based on any alleged action or non-action by the competitor, his/her dogs, agents, or others acting on his/her behalf. The competitor shall also release the organizer, judges, officials, competition sponsors, their agents and employees from any claim or demand resulting from injury to the competitor, his/her dogs, or property, including but not limited to lost or dropped dogs and misplaced food and supplies.

1.2.2 Furthermore, the organizer has the unqualified and unrestricted authority with regards to pictures and the gathering of information on the competition and all participants involved, as well as to the use of such pictures and information for advertising, public relations or any other publicity purpose related to the competition.

2 Drivers

2.1 The driver starting a team in the first heat of a race shall drive that team throughout the race.

2.2 A change in driver can only be made once and only as the result of illness or injury to the authorized entrant and must have the approval of the Race Marshal. The substitute driver shall drive the team throughout the race.

2.3 Age of competitors:

2.3.1 In Sled Sprint classes, Ski-Dogs sprint events and Dryland classes the minimum and maximum ages shall be:

2.3.1.1 See the age tab in the Annex F . I.

2.4 Any driver disqualified in any heat of the race is not eligible to compete in the remainder of the race.

2.5 Drivers should attend the mushers meeting held prior to the start of Sprint and Ski-Dogs races. The Race Marshal may waive this rule if a competitor is delayed due to unforeseen

circumstances. However, in this case, the driver is responsible for obtaining a briefing from officials prior to the start of the competition.

- 2.6 Drivers shall attend the mushers meeting held prior to the start of the Distance races as well as any other meeting officially announced in order to qualify to compete in the race. The Race Marshal may waive this rule if a competitor is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. However, in this case, the driver is responsible for obtaining a briefing from officials prior to the start of the competition.
- 2.7 Drivers shall not hinder or endanger the welfare of their dogs, the progress of the event or discredit the sled dog sports. Offenders shall be disqualified.
- 2.8 A competitor shall not run in both junior and elite, or elite and masters classes during the same World or Continental Championship. In the case that there are not enough participants in junior/masters class a competitor can run in the corresponding elite class during the same World and Continental Championship and still be able to run in other junior/masters classes. Age rules must be followed.

3 Dogs

- 3.1 Any team or dog coming to the starting line, which, in the opinion of the Race Marshal, is unfit or incapable of safely completing the trail, shall be disqualified.
- 3.2 Any team or dog not starting the first heat of the race shall not be eligible to compete in the remainder of the race.
- 3.3 Any team or dog disqualified in any heat of the race is in no case eligible to compete in the remainder of the race.
- 3.4 Eligibility of the dogs will be based on the number of teams starting the first heat of racing.
 - 3.4.1 An official race class must have five (5) or more teams starting the first heat of racing.
 - 3.4.2 In order for the class to be broken down, the class has to have a minimum of five (5) Open teams and five (5) RNB teams. Registered Siberian Husky teams (RNB1) can be separated from other RNB teams (RNB2).
 - 3.4.3 Each class of five (5) or more teams starting the first heat will be deemed an official class.
(ie. Sp4 has 9 entries; 5 Open and 4 RNB, the class can not be broken down.)
(ie. Sp4 has 10 entries; 5 Open and 5 RNB, the class will be broken down into Open and RNB.)
- 3.5 Dogs participating in a race must be at least eighteen (18) months old.
- 3.6 Any dog having raced in one class of a race is eligible to race in a second class on the same day (max. two heats per day) if the total lengths do not exceed 12 km (7.5 miles) in Dryland and 20 km (12.5 miles) in On-Snow.
- 3.7 Dogs may be required to undergo a physical examination by a race veterinarian in order to be allowed to start.

4 Disease (see also Annex B . II)

- 4.1 No dog or equipment shall be brought from a kennel where any contagious disease exists.
- 4.2 If the Race Veterinarian diagnoses any dog present in the race area to have a contagious disease, that team shall be disqualified and shall immediately leave the race area.

5 Identification

- 5.1 In a race of more than one heat, each dog shall be marked for identification prior to the start of the first heat of the race. In case of microchip identification, the list of chip numbers shall be provided to the Race Marshal or his/her delegate as instructed by the Race Marshal or the race organizer.

- 5.2 Dogs dropped from teams after the first heat of a race involving more than two (2) heats, shall be marked a second time to indicate their disqualification to run in subsequent heats either via direct dog marking or via a note on the team chip list.
- 5.3 The contestants themselves are responsible for seeing to it that their team dogs are marked as prescribed prior to the start of the race.
- 6 Medications administered to Dogs and Drivers
 - 6.1 Prohibited Drugs and Drug Testing - IFSS Anti-Doping Rules and regulations shall apply. It includes the WADA regulations for athletes and the specific IFSS Regulations for dogs. (See <http://www.sleddogsport.net/>).
 - 6.2 At races, no one is allowed to perform any medical treatment on the dogs without authorization by the official race veterinarian.
- 7 Equipment
 - 7.1 Inspection
 - 7.1.1 Drivers, teams and equipment shall be available for inspection in the stake-out or vehicle holding area at least ten (10) minutes before their scheduled time of departure, unless otherwise announced by the Race Marshal.
 - 7.1.2 In distance races the teams and equipment shall be available for inspection in the stake-out or vehicle holding area or any other place as announced by the Race Marshal at least thirty (30) minutes before their scheduled time of departure.
 - 7.1.3 When the control is completed, no equipment shall be removed from the sled without the Race Marshals permission, and under supervision of the same or of an authorized official.
 - 7.1.4 A team in harness shall not be required to stand for inspection longer than six (6) minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
 - 7.1.5 Inspection shall take place in an area that does not interfere with starting and finishing teams.
 - 7.1.6 A team shall be available for inspection after each heat at the request of the Race Marshal or the designated Race Judge.
 - 7.2 All equipment is subject to the approval of the Race Marshal. However, the competitors themselves are responsible that their equipment meets the requirements as per the rules and regulations.
- 8 Other Equipment
 - 8.1 Use of a collar that can be hooked as a full choke is prohibited during the race or at the race site.
 - 8.2 Muzzles may be used at the race site but are prohibited for use during the race.
 - 8.3 Whips are forbidden.
 - 8.4 A racing number for each driver shall be provided by the Race Giving Organization. The driver shall display this number on his/her person throughout the race, unless otherwise authorized by the RM.
 - 8.5 The competitor will not be wearing shoes that could be dangerous for dogs. Shoes with hardened spikes or studs of 2 mm height maximum are allowed.
 - 8.6 Studded tires are not allowed on any vehicles.
 - 8.7 Use of BGB or similar hooks are strictly prohibited during the race or at the race site.
 - 8.8 In Dryland classes Bikejoring, Scooter and Rig the propulsion shall be by the driver and or dog(s) in harness. No other active or disconnected propulsion/energy input system is allowed. The use of such a system will result in disqualification.

- 8.9 The use of any type of animal stimulation device on the race site of an IFSS event (annunciations, vibration, electronic, ultrasonic) is strictly forbidden.
- 8.10 Veterinarian use for medical purposes on a race site is exempted from Race Rule §8.9

- 9 Finish Time Disqualification
Unless noted differently in the invitation, a 150% time disqualification shall automatically apply on all elite and masters classes on IFSS Championship events.
150% Formula:
$$((1^{\text{st}} \text{ Finish Time} + 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Finish Time} + 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Finish Time})/3) \times 1.5 = \text{Cut-off time}$$

Cut-off time will be finalized based on RR §13.1.

II. **START-FINISH RULES (see also Annex C I)**

- 10 Drawing and Rating
 - 10.1 In races with single or dual starts, the starting positions for the first heat of a race shall be determined by a drawing held prior to the race at a time and place designated by the organizer. Unless specifically defined in the rules and regulations or other applicable documents, the organizer is free to decide in which way the drawing shall be performed and if drivers shall attend or be represented.
 - 10.2 In case the organizer decides that drivers or team leaders shall attend the drawing, the drivers, their team leader or designated proxy of each team, may draw their own starting position. In their absence, the starting position may be drawn by the Race Marshal or his/her representative. If the drivers or the team leaders agree, the drawing could also be performed via an at-random computer method, with, per class, a team leader or a driver pushing the button
 - 10.3 The order of the draw shall not be changed, either by addition or substitution. Late entries shall be added in order of receipt following the last team on the start list of the class.
 - 10.4 The drawing may, at the option of the organizer, be modified by seeding in accordance with a formula established by the organizer, subject to the approval of the IFSS.
 - 10.5 A class is rated separately only if there are at least five (5) teams starting in the first heat of that elite/masters classes, and three (3) teams starting in the junior class.
- 11 Single Start Race
 - 11.1 The first day's starting positions shall be determined by the draw with Number 1 starting first, Number 2 starting second, etc.
 - 11.2 After the first heat, the starting positions shall be determined by the total elapsed time of the previous heat(s), with the fastest team starting first, the second fastest team starting second, etc.
 - 11.2.1 At the option of the organizer and when notified in the invitation or on the entry form, the elapsed time of the previous single heat shall determine the starting positions.
 - 11.2.2 At the option of the organizer, the starting intervals of the last day of a race may be identical to the differences in the total elapsed times of the participants, so that the order in which the participants are crossing the finish line also will reflect their finishing positions (chase- or pursuit start).
 - 11.2.3 At the option of the organizer, the competitors may all start at the same time (mass start). If the race includes seeded competitors they will start in the front line(s), the non-seeded competitors being on line(s) behind the seeded competitors.
 - 11.2.4 At the option of the organizer, the starting position of the second and succeeding heats may be reversed with respect to the result of the previous heat (reverse start).
- 12 Dual Start Race

- 12.1 The first heat's starting positions shall be determined by the draw, with Numbers 1 and 2 starting together first (pair 1), Numbers 3 and 4 starting together second (pair 2), etc.
- 12.2 The second heat's starting positions shall be determined by the first heat's times. At the option of the organizer:
- a) Pair 1 shall consist of the best time and second best time of the previous heat, pair 2 shall consist of the third and the fourth best times of the previous heat, etc. or
 - b) The result list of the first heat will be divided into two groups, the first group consisting of the first half of the result list and the second group of the second half of the result list. Pair 1 shall consist of the first teams of each group, pair 2 shall consist of the second teams of each group, etc.
- 12.3 In races of more than two heats, the elapsed time of the previous single heat will determine the starting positions using the grouping option defined in §12.2 above and decided for the second heat.
- 13 Time keeping and Equal Times
- 13.1 The time keeping shall be measured: with electronic timing, at 1/10 – in-one tenth of a second without any correction. With manual timing, 1/1- in one second.
- 13.2 At relay events not only the total time of the teams shall be recorded, but also the individual time of each participant.
- 13.3 If the elapsed time of two teams is identical, the order of start for those teams shall be the reverse order in which they started in the preceding heat.
- 13.4 Teams with equal times for the entire race shall be awarded the higher finishing position.
- 13.5 The purse and/or award for the tied place and the next lower place(s) shall be combined and divided equally among those teams tied for that place.
- 14 Mass Start and Pursuit Start
- 14.1 At the option of the organizer, mass start or pursuit start may be organized for specific classes and/or specific heats.
- 14.2 Mass start:
- 14.2.1 All participants of the same class start at the same time on the same starting line. If they cannot all stay on one line, the Race Marshal shall set more lines as required. Seeded competitors, if any, shall stay on the first line(s) ahead of the non-seeded competitors.
 - 14.2.2 The starting area shall have one starting track per team. The distance between the starting tracks should be approximately 2 meters (6.6 ft). The length of the starting tracks should be approximately 80 meters (262 ft) and shall end at a marked line.
 - 14.2.3 There shall be at least 10 meters (33 ft) between each starting line, distance to be adapted to the size of the teams.
 - 14.2.4 One assistant/handler is allowed with 1-4 dogs and two with more than 4 dogs. The assistant(s) shall all stand on the left side of the team. At the moment of the start, these assistants shall stand stock still and face the starting teams until all teams have passed unless otherwise announced by the Race Marshal.
 - 14.2.5 If more team assistants than §14.2.4 are needed they shall leave the Starting area by 30 seconds before the start. (same as §83.8.3)
 - 14.2.6 The start signal is given by the starter with one or two flags and a marker showing a big 1(one). The size and the colours of the marker shall be as such, that the figure 1 is clearly visible for all competitors.

- 14.2.7 The starter stands in front of the starting area so that all starting participants are able to see the starter.
- 14.2.8 Starting order is given in the following way:
 - 14.2.8.1 One minute before the start a sign "1" is shown.
 - 14.2.8.2 Thirty (30) seconds before the start, the starter's arm are to be positioned with the flag(s) over the head.
 - 14.2.8.3 Fifteen (15) seconds before the start, the starter's arm are to be positioned with the flag(s) in a horizontal position.
 - 14.2.8.4 The rapid lowering of the starter's arm with the flag(s) is the start signal.
- 14.2.9 If a team starts too early, it shall get a time penalty of 30 seconds.
- 14.2.10 A Race Judge is responsible for checking the violations. There shall be at least two race officials to check the starting line and at least two at the end of the starting chute tracks.
- 14.2.11 Mass start is not allowed in Bikejoring, Scooter and Rig classes because of the potential risks for dogs and drivers caused by the equipment and the moving parts/wheels.
- 14.3 Pursuit start
 - 14.3.1 In the first race of the pursuit competition, the starting procedure is the single start procedure.
 - 14.3.2 In the second heat of the pursuit competition, the winner of the first heat starts first, the second ranked starts next, etc. The starting intervals are the same as the differences between the competitors' times from the first race results.
- 15 Starting Point and Time
 - 15.1 Starting Point
 - 15.1.1 In Sled classes, the brush bow of the sled should determine the starting point of the team.
 - 15.1.2 In Ski-Dogs and Canicross classes, the entire team, with the competitor holding his/her dogs by the collar or the harness, shall stay behind the starting line until the start signal has been given.
 - 15.1.3 In Dryland Scooter, Bikejoring and Rig classes, no part of the scooter/bicycle/rig shall cross the starting line until the start signal has been given.
 - 15.2 Before the start, the starting team should come to a complete stop at the starting point defined in rule §15.1.
 - 15.3 Trail time for all teams shall begin at the scheduled time of departure.
 - 15.4 A team that fails to be in the starting position at its scheduled starting time or within half of the starting interval after the scheduled starting time shall be declared a late starting team, and shall receive a new starting time plus a time penalty of 3 (three) times the starting interval in its class. (Not applicable in Ski-Dogs, see §68)
 - 15.4.1 A late-starting team shall not be allowed to start until after the last team entered in its class has started, and after the prescribed starting interval.
 - 15.4.2 If more than one team is declared late, those teams shall start in the originally scheduled starting order.
 - 15.4.3 If a team is late to the starting line for its second scheduled time of departure for any one heat, that team shall be disqualified.
 - 15.5 When a team starts too early according to its scheduled time of departure, and neither the driver nor any of his/her designated handlers has initiated this, either by intention or negligence, that team's starting time shall be adjusted accordingly.

- 15.6 Except in cases defined in rule §15.5 above, a team starting too early according to its scheduled time of departure shall receive a time penalty of 3 (three) times the starting interval of the class. Its recorded racing time will start at the original scheduled starting time.
- 16 A team not clearing the Starting Chute (minimum distance, 30 meters (98 ft)) prior to the scheduled start of the next team may be penalized.
- 17 Unless otherwise specified by the Race Marshal, assistance in the Starting Chute shall be allowed.
- 18 Finish
- 18.1 A team shall have finished the heat when the first dog on the team crosses the finish line. Other timing methods are allowed, but only if all drivers or team leaders are officially informed on the applicable method before the first start of the race. When electronic timing is in use time will always be taken from the "chip". The Race Marshal decides where to place the chip.
- 18.2 If a loose team crosses the finish line ahead of its driver, that team shall have finished when the driver reaches the finish line.
- 18.3 When a dual starting chute is used as a finishing chute, a team may return on either trail.
- 18.4 The team with the fastest total time of its class shall be declared the winner of that class.
- 18.5 In case of equal timing whatever the positions of the dogs are the two competitors are tied (see §13.4 above).
- 18.6 The finishing zone, where the "no right of way" applies, shall be 800 meters (2625 ft) long (150 m (492 ft) for Ski-Dogs classes and Canicross).

III. TRAIL RULES (see also Annex D and E)

- 19 Following the Trail
- 19.1 A team and driver shall run the full course as established by the Race Giving Organization.
- 19.2 If a team leaves the trail, the driver shall return the team to the point at which they left the trail.
- 20 Driving a Team
- 20.1 Any driver accepting a ride during the race on any vehicle other than his/her own means of transportation, shall be disqualified, unless in case of a loose team or dog.
- 20.2 A driver shall not interfere with a competing team.
- 20.3 Carrying a passenger at any time during the race shall be prohibited unless:
 - 20.3.1 Called for in the conditions of the race.
 - 20.3.2 Giving a ride to a driver in an emergency situation.
- 21 Assistance on the Trail
- 21.1 All teams may receive similar assistance of any type from officials stationed at designated points along the trail as authorized by the Race Marshal. Only in case of a loose team or a team that is in clear and present danger to itself, to other teams or to persons, are officials and spectators allowed to take immediate action to secure the safety of the team. In all other cases, officials shall only act upon request of the driver for assistance, which is limited to controlling the dog(s) or to hold the sled/rig. The driver shall stop the team, clearly indicate which assistance is requested, and behave properly towards the officials.
- 21.2 Drivers running in the same heat may assist each other in any manner authorized by the Race Marshal.
- 21.3 No one shall assist a team by wilfully pacing it.

- 22 Loose Team and Dogs
- 22.1 All drivers must assume that a loose team or dog is an endangered team or dog.
- 22.2 A loose team or dog(s) shall not delay or interfere with another team.
- 22.3 The driver of a loose team shall secure his/her team by the quickest means available to ensure the safety of the loose team.
- 22.3.1 In the event that the driver cannot quickly and safely recover his/her team, the driver must accept assistance, including a ride when available, to recover his/her team. Failure to accept available assistance may result in disqualification of the driver of the loose team. The Race Marshal shall determine if a driver is to be disqualified.
- 22.3.2 Any person(s) is (are) encouraged to stop and hold a loose team.
- 22.3.3 All assistance must be reported to the Race Marshal directly after crossing the finish line. The Race Marshal decides if the team shall be penalized.
- 22.4 A loose team or dog may resume the trail without penalty provided the team/dog has completed the entire trail and the driver has received only authorized outside assistance.
- 23 Right of Way
- 23.1 In a dual start, at the end of the chute, and whenever two trails join together, the team with the lead dog farthest ahead shall have the right of way.
- 23.2 When teams are passing in opposite directions on a single trail:
- 23.2.1 The team travelling downhill shall have the right of way.
- 23.2.2 On level terrain, the Race Marshal shall determine and announce, prior to the start of the race, whether the incoming or outgoing team has the right of way.
- 23.3 In the “no-right-of-way” finishing zone, no team shall have the right of way over a finishing team.
- 23.3.1 During a heat starting with a pursuit start or a mass start, no team shall have the right of way during the entire heat. However, no team shall prevent another team from passing by blocking the trail, or interfering with the dog(s) of a passing team.
- 24 Passing
- 24.1 When one team driver intends to pass another team, the passing team driver must request the right of way when the lead dog(s) come(s) within 15 meters (49 ft) of the sled of the team to be overtaken.
- 24.2 The team driver being overtaken shall make way for the passing team by steering his/her team to one side of the trail, slowing his/her team and, if demanded by the overtaking team driver, stopping and keeping his/her team from moving forward. Stopping is not required in Ski-Dogs classes (see Chapter Three, §74) and in Dryland classes (see Chapter Four, §79.3.5, §80.3.4, §81.3.3, §82.3.3).
- 24.3 If the passing team becomes tangled or bunched up in the course of the pass, to allow time to untangle and tighten lines, that team’s driver may require the overtaken team driver to remain stopped for up to one (1) minute in Unlimited and Limited Classes involving eight (8) or more dogs, one half (0.5) minute in all other classes. This rule does not apply to Dryland and Ski-Dog classes.
- 24.4 Once a team has been passed, that team shall not re-pass, so long as the driver in front is making an effort to keep his/her team moving forward until,
- 24.4.1 In Unlimited or Limited Classes involving eight (8) or more dogs, after less than four (4) minutes or 1600 meters (5250 ft).

- 24.4.2 In Limited Classes involving fewer than eight (8) dogs, after no less than two (2) minutes or 800 meters (2625 ft).
- 24.4.3 At any lesser intervals whenever both drivers are in agreement.
- 24.4.4 Rule §24.4 does not apply to Canicross, Bikejoring, Scooter and Ski-Dog classes.
- 24.5 After a pass has been completed, a team driver that has been passed need not hold his/her team while the other driver:
 - 24.5.1 Repairs gear or
 - 24.5.2 Unhooks and transfers a dog or dogs from one position in a team to another position in the team or
 - 24.5.3 Goes off the race trail before the above mentioned distance or time interval has elapsed. Loading a dog in the sled constitutes changing a dog's position in the team.
 - 24.5.4 For Dryland and Ski-Dog classes, holding is not required unless the passing resulted in animal welfare problems or a crash of the driver.
- 24.6 A driver coming upon two or more teams stopped together may pass all such teams after making sure that the passing does not cause any danger for the overtaken teams. The stopped drivers shall make every effort to clear the trail for the moving team(s).
- 24.7 Teams following each other shall maintain an interval of not less than one team length, except when passing or in the "no-right-of-way" Zone.
- 24.8 When a team is overtaken in the No-right-of-way Zone, that team does not have to stop and yield the trail.
- 25 Temperatures
- 25.1 Organizers and Race Marshals shall, in close cooperation with the race veterinarian, observe the guidelines as per Annex B . III and B . IV.

IV. CONDUCT

- 26 Responsibility and Sportsmanship
- 26.1 All drivers shall be responsible for the conduct of their dogs, their designated handler, and themselves whenever in the race area or on the trail.
- 26.2 Common sense and good sportsmanship shall prevail. If the Race Marshal determines that a driver's, handler's, or dog team's conduct at any time in the race area or on the trail is detrimental to the sport/race, that team shall be disqualified.
- 26.3 In principle loose dogs are not allowed at the race area. However, the Race Marshal has the right to waive this rule if he is convinced that it is in the interests of the teams, and that drivers are in full control of their dogs. The latter meaning, that the loose dogs shall not bother other dogs, the stakeout area, or equipment of participants or others. In case the Race Marshal finds reason to waive the rule, he shall discuss the matter with the organizer and, if agreed upon, inform the drivers at the first mushers meeting, along with other possible supplementary regulations. If a driver or his dog(s) infringes this rule, the driver shall be penalized with, at least, a warning.
- 26.4 A dog behaving aggressively in the competition area or on the trail will result in the review of the aggression by the race marshal.
 - 26.4.1 At the discretion of the Race Marshal, the competitor may continue the race without the aggressively behaving dog, provided that the team still meets the minimum number of dogs required by the rules. The competitor will receive a warning.
 - 26.4.2 If the aggressively behaving dog cannot be identified, or if there are several such dogs in the team, the entire team must be disqualified from the event.

- 27 Abuse of Dogs
- 27.1 Abuse of dogs, with or without an implement, shall be prohibited. If a driver, in the opinion of the Race Marshal, abuses a dog, that driver shall be disqualified.
- v. RULES VIOLATIONS (see also the Annex A)**
- 28 Reports by Race Officials
- 28.1 Race officials shall report rule violations to the Race Marshal verbally, in person, or by means of communication, immediately or directly following the heat in which the violation occurred. All verbal reports shall be followed by a written report, given to the Race Marshal in principle within one (1) hour of the completion of the concerned heats.
- 28.2 The Race Marshal shall act, at his/her discretion, on any overt violations witnessed and reported by race officials. The Race Marshal shall inform the reporting official(s) on his/her decision and possible further action.
- 28.3 When a Rules Enforcing Officer finds that a rules violation has occurred, he/she shall impose a penal reaction and report the incident to the RM who may also request a hearing”.
- 29 Reports by Race Contestants
- 29.1 Drivers wishing to report an alleged violation of the rules by another contestant, shall notify the Race Marshal or the Race Marshal’s representative, immediately following the heat in which the incident occurred. Notification may be verbal.
- 29.2 All verbal reports shall be followed with a written report, (see example of a protest form in appendix), given to the Race Marshal within one (1) hour of the completion of the participant’s heat in which the alleged violation occurred.
- 30 Protests and Hearings
- 30.1 Any driver implicated in a report of an alleged violation of the rules, will be notified of the protest by the Race Marshal and provided access to copies of the written protests, as soon as they become available but in all cases before any hearings are conducted.
- 30.2 Said hearing shall be conducted by the Race Marshal.
- 30.3 Contestants subject to a penal reaction from any Rules Enforcing Officer may appeal, i.e. request a hearing before the Race Jury.
- 31 Disciplinary Action.
- 31.1 For violation of any IFSS Regulation, the Race Marshal shall, either issue a verbal warning, a 15-second penalty for Dryland and Sprint, 5 minutes for Mid-Distance, up to 4 hours for Long-Distance, or disqualify the driver and team from the race.
- 31.2 No other disciplinary action shall be imposed, unless specifically defined in the Race Rules.
- 31.3 Decisions shall be announced as promptly as practical, but no later than four (4) hours prior to the start of any ensuing heat(s).
- 31.4 Any disciplinary action following the final heat of the race shall be acted upon prior to the awards ceremony.
- 31.5 In the case of drug testing, the above time schedule does not apply to allow for laboratory findings and hearings, should the latter become necessary. No disqualification or other action will be taken against any contestant for alleged drug infractions pending the results of said tests.
- 31.6 All penalties shall be recorded in the result list. All disciplinary actions shall be mentioned in the Race Marshal’s report, with reference to the violated provision.

- 32 The decisions of the Race Marshal shall be final unless promptly appealed to the Appeals Jury, if implemented, (see §33 and §34 below) in cases concerning a contestant's further participation in the event.
- 33 Appeals Jury at World and Continental Championships.
- 33.1 Any decision of the Race Marshal affecting a contestant's participation in the event may be appealed to the IFSS Appeals Jury. Such appeal must be made as soon as practical following the official rendering of the decision. The appeal must be in writing in the English language and shall state the alleged infraction, the decision reached, the penalty imposed and what the contestant believes to be incorrect or unfair.
- 33.2 In World and Continental Championship events, the Appeals Jury shall consist of either three or five members depending on the number of IFSS officials assigned to take part (either one or two officials, appointed by the IFSS President) on the jury. The other members of the jury will be national team leaders elected to serve on the jury by the other national team leaders.
- 33.2.1 If two IFSS officials are appointed, then three team leaders will be elected.
- 33.2.2 If only one IFSS official is appointed, then only two national team leaders will be elected.
- 33.2.3 The two national team leaders receiving the next highest amounts of votes cast after those elected, will serve as alternates in case one or more of the team leaders on the jury are required to decline their appointment, due to a potential conflict of interest in any specific appeal.
- 33.2.4 The team leader members shall be elected by a secret vote of all team leaders. All team leaders are in principle eligible and no nominations will be held prior to the voting. All team leaders will receive a ballot with a place for either two or three names to be filled in. Team leaders may vote for themselves but may only cast one vote for any single name. The team leaders with the highest number of votes will fill the positions on the jury followed by the alternate positions.
- 33.2.5 The President shall designate which IFSS official is to serve as the chair of the Appeals Jury.
- 33.3 In principle drivers and/or member organizations may appeal the decision of the Appeal Committee via the IFSS Disciplinary Committee. However during an event the decision of the Appeal Committee will stay.
- 34 Appeals Jury at events other than World and Continental Championships
- 34.1 In events other than the World and Continental Championships, it is left to the choice of the organizer whether or not to implement a similar Appeals Jury. In the last instance, the decision may be appealed via the applicable governing body of the member organization.
- 35 Appeals Jury investigation and decision
- 35.1 The jury shall conduct a new and independent investigation into the allegations.
- 35.2 The jury will render a decision following secret deliberations. They may affirm, overturn or modify the decision of the Race Marshal in any way necessary to achieve a correct and just outcome.
- 35.3 The jury will announce its decision as soon as possible so as not to interfere with the subsequent heats of the affected class.
- VI. ANIMAL WELFARE RULES**
- 36 Supplementary to the various animal welfare measures as per the rules and procedures, the following rules apply:
- 36.1 All drivers shall guarantee and be responsible for the welfare of their dogs.

- 36.2 Rule offences shall be corrected immediately, with the race rule §27.1 being decisive (dog abuse = disqualification). RGOs and RMs shall not hesitate to report serious offenders to a higher level.
- 37 Means of transportation.
- 37.1 All means of transportation for dogs shall guarantee protection against the weather (temperature, wind, rain etc.) as well as against exhaust gasses.
- 37.2 In case of the transport of one or two dogs without a box, the dogs shall never be transported loose and never be fastened via a line to the collar. For the safety of dogs always dog boxes are to be preferred.
- 37.3 A sufficient supply of fresh air and a good air circulation shall be present.
- 38 Dog boxes
- 38.1 In case of more than 2 dogs, the animals shall be transported in boxes. These shall be well and safely constructed, preventing escape and/or injury of the dogs.
- 38.2 Since dogs vary in size, the dimensions of the boxes are not strictly laid down. However for safety reasons boxes shall be neither too small nor too large. The box shall be large enough for the dog(s) to stretch out, stand up, turn around and to curl up.
- 38.3 In case countries do have official, specific regulations for dog boxes, the RGO shall, in case of an international event, publish the eventual deviating regulations in the race invitation.
- 38.4 The boxes shall be clean and dry. Hay or straw shall be fresh and dry. If other material is used it shall be dry and such as it cannot harm the dogs.
- 38.5 Inside the boxes, the dogs shall not be chained.
- 38.6 Dogs in their boxes shall never be unattended for a long period. If the driver/handler for some reason cannot meet this requirement, he/she shall make arrangements with somebody else (and leave a key).
- 39 Stake-outs etc.
- 39.1 Stake out chains/cables, drop chains/cables and other tie on means shall be so constructed that comfort and some freedom of movement is guaranteed. It shall be possible for the individual dog to lie down.
- 39.2 The chain/cable at which the dog is fastened shall never be so long that they could create dangerous situations for the dogs like tangling with another dog or even suffocation.
- 39.3 All material shall be in good condition preventing possible injury. The ends of cable lines shall be wrapped to prevent injury because of unravelling of the ends.
- 39.4 Dogs at stake outs or on drop-out chains shall be attended.
- 39.5 Drivers/handlers shall keep the stake out/parking area clean, leave no food, and dispose of the dog droppings or other waste in containers available for that purpose. If no such containers are foreseen, one should take the garbage for disposal at another suitable place not disturbing other persons.

2 CHAPTER TWO (Special Rules for Sled Sprint and Distance Classes)

I. ENTRY RULES

- 40 Eligibility
At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:
- 40.1 Classes in Sprint races
For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I
- 40.1.1 An **Unlimited Class Team (SpU)** shall consist of not less than seven (7) dogs in the first heat and not less than five (5) dogs in any subsequent heat.
- 40.1.2 A **Limited Ten-Dog Class Team (Sp10)** shall consist of no more than ten (10) dogs, not less than seven (7) dogs in the first heat and not less than five (5) dogs in any subsequent heat.
- 40.1.3 A **Limited Eight-Dog Class Team (Sp8)** shall consist of not more than eight (8) dogs, and not less than five (5) dogs.
- 40.1.4 A **Limited Six-Dog Class Team (Sp6)** shall consist of not more than six (6) dogs, and not less than four (4) dogs.
- 40.1.5 A **Limited Four-Dog Class Team (Sp4)** shall consist of not more than four (4) dogs, and not less than three (3) dogs.
- 40.1.6
- a) A **Limited Four-Dog Junior Class Team (Sp4J)** shall consist of not more than four (4) dogs and not less than three (3) dogs.
- b) A **Limited Four-Dog Youth Class Team (Sp4Y)** shall consist of not more than four (4) dogs and a minimum of 3 dogs. This shall not be a World or Continental championship class.
- 40.1.7 A **Limited Two-Dog Class Team (Sp2)** shall consist of not more than and not less than two (2) dogs.
- 40.1.8 A **Limited Two-Dog Junior Class Team (Sp2J)** shall consist of not more than and not less than two (2) dogs.
- 40.1.9 A **Limited Two-Dog Youth Class Team (Sp2Y)** shall consist of not more than and not less than two (2) dogs. This shall not be a World or Continental championship class.
- 40.1.10 After the first heat, and each ensuing heat, a driver may voluntarily reduce the size of the team, subject to class minimums.
- 40.1.11 The Race Marshal may reduce the size of any team that he/she determines is too large for the designated driver.
- 40.2 Classes in Distance races
For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I
- 40.2.1 A **6-dog Mid-Distance Class Team (MD6)** shall consist of not more than six (6) dogs and not less than four (4) dogs.
- 40.2.2 A **6-dog Mid-Distance Junior Class Team (MD6J)** shall consist of not more than six (6) dogs and not less than four (4) dogs in the first heat and not less than three (3) dogs in any subsequent heat. Distance 20-30 km.
- 40.2.3 A **12-dog Mid-Distance Class Team (MD12)** shall consist of not more than twelve (12) dogs and not less than eight (8) dogs in the first heat and not less than seven (7) dogs in any subsequent heat.

- 40.2.4 A **Limited 6-dog Long Distance Junior Class Team (LD6J)** shall consist of not more than six (6) dogs and not less than five (5) dogs in the first heat and not less than four (4) dogs in any subsequent heat.
- 40.2.5 A **Limited 8-dog Long Distance Class Team (LD8)** shall consist of not more than eight (8) dogs and not less than six (6) dogs in the first heat and not less than five (5) dogs in any subsequent heat.
- 40.2.6 An **Unlimited Long Distance Class Team (LDU)** Team shall consist of not less than eight (8) dogs in the first heat and not less than seven (7) dogs in any subsequent heat.
- 40.2.7 Upon request from the organizer, the IFSS may determine a maximum number of dogs in an Unlimited Class Team. The race invitation shall inform of an eventual limitation.
- 40.3 Additional and optional rules:
- 40.3.1 At the option of the organization, each driver may have a rotation pool of dogs to choose from, before each stage to meet the minimum/maximum requirements set for the class. The organization shall define the maximum number in the pool for each concerned class.
- 40.3.2 Each driver shall declare all the dogs included in his/her rotation pool. A driver may not exchange or add dogs once his/her pool of dogs has been declared and marked.
- 40.3.3 A Race Giving Organization may impose additional rules to meet requirements unique to local conditions in so far as they do not conflict with the IFSS intentions or the Animal Welfare ideas.
- 41 Equipment
- 41.1 Harnesses and Lines
- 41.1.1 All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file.
- 41.1.2 All harnesses shall be well fitting and at least be padded around the neck and chest area.
- 41.1.3 All dogs shall be fastened to the towline/central line, which shall be made of non rigid, flexible or expanded line, with a neckline and a tail line. The dual leaders must be connected together by a neckline, except in long distance who may run without a neckline on dual leaders.
- 41.1.4 A neckline shall be used in two-dog classes.
- 41.1.5 A snub line may be carried on the sled, but it shall not be used in any other manner than to tie down and hold the sled.
- 41.1.6 Chain lines are strictly prohibited. All other lines shall not endanger the dog's welfare, and are subject to the approval of the Race Marshal (see §7.2).
- 41.2 Sleds
- 41.2.1 A sled shall be capable of adequately carrying the driver, and in case of emergency a passenger, and have a basket with a hard bottom, having a minimum surface of 40 cm x 50 cm (16 in x 20 in), capable of safely carrying a dog.
- 41.2.2 A sled shall be equipped with an adequate brake, an adequate rubber braking pad fastened to the sled via a solid tip-up system, a brush bow, one snow hook in Sp2, Sp4 and Sp6 classes, two snow hooks in all other classes, and an adequately ventilated dog bag.
- 41.2.3 The runners of the sled shall not have steel edges.
- 41.2.4 Sleds may be replaced between heats/stages, and at designated checkpoints (Distance races).
- 41.2.5 **Any use of Fluorinated ski waxes on the runners is strictly forbidden.**
- 41.3 Helmets and other safety equipment

- 41.3.1 For Junior class participants, and in Sp4 Mass Start (Sp4MS) and Sp4 in Relay a helmet is mandatory. For all other classes, with the same exception as above, helmets are strongly advised. The helmet should be a model approved by a national test registry.

Helmets may be made mandatory by any Race Giving Organization, if they deem it necessary for safety and/or insurance purposes, via their Race Invitation.

- 41.3.2 The Race Organizer may mandate additional special rules for safety equipment.

41.4 Other equipment

- 41.4.1 At the option of the organizer, additional mandatory equipment may be dictated. The race invitation shall list the equipment.

II. TRAIL RULES (see also Annex D III on checkpoints and rest stops)

42 Driving a Team

- 42.1 A driver may ride the sled, pedal or run as wished.

- 42.2 All dogs starting the heat shall complete the entire course, either hitched in the team or carried on the sled.

- 42.3 A dog becoming unfit after departure shall be carried completely in the dog bag of the sled to the finish, unless specific drop checkpoints have been prepared along the trail and announced.

- 42.3.1 A dropped dog shall be fastened by a chain or cable to hold it in place until it is picked up by an authorized person.

- 42.3.2 Dropped dogs shall be disqualified from competing in the remainder of the race, unless the driver dropped a pool dog or dogs, at his/her discretion, and according to the requirements as per the rules. In this case, the driver, at his/her own discretion, may use dogs dropped by himself/herself again provided the dogs are in good health. However, sick or injured dogs shall be reported to the Race Judge and/or the race veterinarian.

3 CHAPTER THREE (Special rules for Ski-Dogs Pulka and Skijoring Classes)

I. ENTRY RULES

- 43 At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following disciplines:
- 43.1 1-dog and 2-dog Skijoring.
- 43.2 1-dog and 1-4 dog Pulka.
- 43.3 Combined race with skijoring and pulka stages.
- 43.4 Relay with all legs in pulka style, skijoring or mixed.
- 44 The classes (except relay) shall be divided into men and women if there are at least 5 participants in each class. Where there are less than 5 participants per class in the separate classes, men's and women's classes could be combined in one class.
- 45 In a multiple dog class, drivers may reduce their team. If the team is reduced, the driver may not add that dog back in subsequent stages (unless authorized by the Race Marshal or in supplementary regulations.). A participant is allowed to reduce the team only between stages.
- 46 The Race Marshal may reduce the size of any team determined to be too large for the designated driver.

II. SKIJORING

- 47 A Skijoring team consists of a competitor, racing solely on skis and being connected to one or two harnessed dogs via a tugline.
- 48 Classes
- For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I
- At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:
- 48.1 One Dog Class Skijoring Men (SM1).
- 48.2 One Dog Class Skijoring Men Masters (SM1M).
- 48.3 One Dog Class Skijoring Women (SW1).
- 48.4 One Dog Class Skijoring Women Masters (SW1M).
- 48.5 One Dog Class Skijoring Junior Men (SMJ).
- 48.6 One Dog Class Skijoring Junior Women (SWJ).
- 48.7 Two Dog Class Skijoring Men (minimum 1 dog, maximum 2 dogs) (SM2).
- 48.8 Two Dog Class Skijoring Men Masters (minimum 1 dog, maximum 2 dogs) (SM2M).
- 48.9 Two Dog Class Skijoring Women (minimum 1 dog, maximum 2 dogs) (SW2).
- 48.10 Two Dog Class Skijoring Women Masters (minimum 1 dog, maximum 2 dogs) (SW2M).
- 48.11 Mid Distance Two Dog Class Skijoring Men (minimum 1 dog, maximum 2 dogs) (MDSM).
- 48.12 Mid Distance Two Dog Class Skijoring Women (minimum 1 dog, maximum 2 dogs) (MDSW).

- 48.13 Children's classes with competitors being younger than per §2.3.1.1 may also be held with a One-dog team only.
- 49 Equipment
- 49.1 All dogs shall be harnessed in a single file or in pairs, and shall be attached to the driver by a tugline with shock absorber at all times.
- 49.2 The tugline shall be attached to the driver by a hip belt at least 7 cm (2 ³/₄ in) wide over the spine or any other harness type equipment. The belt shall have an open hook in order to make it easy to release the line, or a quick release connection (panic-snap).
- 49.3 The length of the tugline shall not be less than 2 meters (6.6 ft) in length and a maximum of 3 meters (9.8 ft) in length in the expanded condition as measured from the dog's rear to the racers belt buckle. It is prohibited to have any form of metal hook or ring at the driver's end of the line.
- 49.4 A neckline shall be used in two-dog classes.
- 49.5 Only cross-country skis without steel edges or sharp tips, and non-dangerous for the dog(s), may be used.
- 49.6 The equipment shall be available for inspection by the race officials before and after the race.
- 49.7 All entrants shall be responsible for making sure that their equipment meets the requirements of these rules.
- 49.8 Any use of Fluorinated ski waxes on the cross-country skis is strictly forbidden.
- 50 Start, trail and finish rules.
- (See the Common rules for Ski-Dogs races: §VI COMMON START RULES FOR SKI-DOGS RACES; §VII COMMON TRAIL RULES FOR SKI-DOGS RACES; §VIII COMMON FINISH CHUTE FOR SKI-DOGS RACES)

III. PULKA

- 51 A Pulka team consists of a competitor, racing solely on skis and being connected with a pulka, pulled by harnessed dog(s).
- 52 Classes
- For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I
- At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:
- 52.1 One Dog Class Pulka Men (PM1).
- 52.2 One Dog Class Pulka Women (PW1).
- 52.3 One Dog Class Pulka Junior Men (PMJ).
- 52.4 One Dog Class Pulka Junior Women (PWJ).
- 52.5 One-Four Dog Class Pulka Men (PM4).
- 52.6 One-Four Dog Class Pulka (PW4).
- 52.7 Mid Distance One-Four Dog Class Pulka Men (minimum 1 dog, maximum 4 dogs) (MDPM).
- 52.8 Mid Distance One-Four Dog Class Pulka Women (minimum 1 dog, maximum 4 dogs) (MDPW).
- 53 Equipment
- 53.1 All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file.

- 53.2 The pulka shall be:
- 53.2.1 Connected with one or two solid shafts to the dog(s) closest to the pulka or sled (wheel dogs), so that it is not possible for the pulka or sled to overrun a harnessed dog(s).
 - 53.2.2 Constructed so that the runners do not create any risk of harming the dog(s).
 - 53.2.3 Equipped with the possibility of fastening the load securely.
 - 53.2.4 Equipped with a hand brake, if there are more than two dogs in the team.
 - 53.2.5 Equipped with a tugline with shock absorber.
- 53.3 The total load to be carried shall be:
- 53.3.1 For a one (1) dog team the total load to be carried shall be: weight of the dog (adjusted upward to the nearest kilo) x 0.7. The Pulka weight is adjusted upward to the nearest half kilo.
 - 53.3.2 For a two (2) dog team the total load to be carried shall be: the gross weight of the dogs (adjusted upward to the nearest kilo) x 0.7. The Pulka weight is adjusted upward to the nearest half kilo.
 - 53.3.3 For a three (3) dog team the total load to be carried shall be: the gross weight of the dogs (adjusted upward to the nearest kilo) x 0.6. The Pulka weight is adjusted upward to the nearest half kilo.
 - 53.3.4 For a four (4) dog team the total load to be carried shall be: the gross weight of the dogs (adjusted upward to the nearest kilo) x 0.5. The Pulka weight is adjusted upward to the nearest half kilo.
- 53.4 The load consists of: pulka, shafts, harness(es), lines and the additional weight.
- 53.5 The additional weight shall be furnished by the participant him/herself.
- 53.6 The tugline shall be attached to the driver by a hip belt at least 7 cm (2 ^{3/4} in) wide over the spine or any other harness type equipment. The belt shall have an open hook in order to make it easy to release the line or a quick release connection (panic-snap).
- 53.7 The length of the tugline shall not be less than 2 meters (6.6 ft) in length and a maximum of 3 meters (9.8 ft) in length in the expanded conditions as measured from the Pulka's rear to the racers belt buckle. It is prohibited to have any form of metal hook or ring at the driver's end of the line.
- 53.8 Only cross-country skis without steel edges or sharp tips, and non-dangerous for the dog(s) may be used.
- 53.9 Any use of Fluorinated ski waxes on the cross-country skis or pulka skis is strictly forbidden.
- 53.10 The equipment shall be available for inspection by the race officials before the race, and for inspection and pulka weight control after the race.
- 53.11 All entrants shall be responsible for making sure that their equipment meets the requirements of these rules.
- 54 Start, trail and finish rules.
- (See the Common rules for Ski-Dogs races: §VI COMMON START RULES FOR SKI-DOGS RACES; §VII COMMON TRAIL RULES FOR SKI-DOGS RACES; §VIII COMMON FINISH CHUTE FOR SKI-DOGS RACES)

IV. COMBINED RACE

- 55 Combined race is a Ski-Dogs event, consisting of one heat with pulka and one heat with skijoring, run by the same team.

- 56 **Classes**
 For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I
 At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:
- 56.1 One Dog Class Combined Men (CM).
 56.2 One Dog Class Combined Women (CW).
 56.3 One Dog Class Combined Junior Men (CMJ).
 56.4 One Dog Class Combined Junior Women (CWJ).
- 57 **Equipment**
 (See the Equipment Rules for Skijoring §49 and Pulka §53.)
- 58 **Start, Trail and Finish rules**
 At the option of the Organizer the combined race may be held in two different variations:
- 58.1 **Mass start and pit-stop**
 58.1.1 The start of the first heat is regulated by the Mass start Rules as per §69. After the first heat the competitors go directly into a pit-stop at the change over-area (see §59) and change to skijoring.
 58.1.2 The total race time is the time from the start of the mass start until the participants cross the finish line after the second heat.
- 58.2 **Pursuit race**
 58.2.1 After the first heat, the competitors have a rest. The duration of the rest is determined by the Organizer. Pursuit start Rule §14.3.2 defines the start order of the second heat.
 58.2.2 The total race time is the sum of the results of the two heats.
- 58.3 **Trail Rules** (see the Common §VII COMMON TRAIL RULES FOR SKI-DOGS RACES).
 58.4 **Finish Rules** (see the Common §VIII COMMON FINISH CHUTE FOR SKI-DOGS RACES).
- 59 **Combined Change-over Area** (see drawing in the Appendix for example)
- 59.1 The change-over area shall be a marked area, length approximately 20-50 meters (65-164 ft), width approximately 15 meters (49 ft). It begins at the finish line and ends at a marked line across the trail.
 59.2 The dog is to be held by the shaft or harness in the change-over area.
 59.3 The participant shall change equipment from pulka to skijoring (or on the contrary) in his/her designated pit and leave all equipment in that pit.
 59.4 It is not allowed for the participants to receive any assistance in the change-over area.

v. SKI-DOGS RELAY

- 60 A relay race is a one-day competition, which involves relay teams of at least three participants.
- 61 At the option of the Race Giving Organization, the relay will include stages of:
- 61.1 pulka only,
 61.2 skijoring only,
 61.3 mixed skijoring and pulka. In that case the Race Giving Organization will specify in advance which legs of the relay will be run in each discipline.

- 62 Each participant runs the trail once. After the finish line the participant changes over to the next participant in the relay team, who may then start.
- 63 The relay team that reaches the finish line first after all stages is the winner of the relay competition.
- 64 Relay Team
- 64.1 The participants in a relay team shall in principle be representatives of the same organization or country. At the option of the Race Giving Organization, a mixed team of organizations or countries may be allowed full participation, but they shall never be awarded with titles and the corresponding prizes at IFSS World and Continental Championships.
- Note: National organizations are, during their events, at all times free to decide on awarding mixed teams.
- 64.2 Only one-dog teams are allowed in relay races, except when expressly authorized by IFSS.
- 64.3 Each Relay team may consist of men, women and juniors.
- 64.4 Separate relay competitions may be organized for men, women and juniors.
- 65 Relay Entries
- 65.1 The name of the participants in each relay team and the order in which they start, shall be handed over to the race office at least 60 minutes before the start, or otherwise as informed by the Race Marshal.
- 66 Areas for Start, Trail, Change-Over and Finish in Relay Race (see drawing of change-over area in APPENDIX)
- 66.1 Starting, change-over and finish area do not have to be the same location.
- 66.2 The Relay Starting area should meet the requirements for the mass start area (see the Common Mass start Rules for Ski-Dogs §69).
- 66.3 The Trail of the Relay Race should meet the requirements for the common trail rules (see the Common Trail Rules for Ski-Dogs §VII).
- 66.4 Relay Change-Over Area
- 66.4.1 The change-over area shall be a marked area, length approximately 20-50 meters (65-164 ft), width approximately 15 meters (49 ft). It is to be preferred that the change-over area is made at an angle to the incoming trail (see examples attached).
- 66.4.2 The change-over area begins at the finish line and ends at a marked line across the trail.
- 66.5 Change-over procedure
- 66.5.1 A race official shall give a signal (e.g. the speaker announcing the starting number) to every team leader or assistant, when an incoming team is approximately 1 km (0.6 mi) from the change-over area.
- 66.5.2 The signal has to be clear for the team leaders or assistants, who shall be located at a special sector of the change-over area.
- 66.5.3 An incoming participant shall personally release the dog to a team assistant, as soon as the dog has passed the finish line. The dog shall not be let loose at any time. The team assistant should take care of the dog.
- 66.5.4 The participant continues into the change-over area and touches the next participant of his/her team with his/her hand.
- 66.5.5 The change-over shall take place within the change-over area. A race official shall control the change-over.

- 66.5.6 It is not allowed for participants to receive any assistance in the change-over area except as already provided for in §66.5.3 above.
- 66.6 Relay Finish rules meet the requirements for the common Finish rules (see the Common Finish Rules for Ski-Dogs §VIII.).
- 67 Relay Timing
- 67.1 Time is measured from the starting order "Go" until the last participant of the team crosses the finish line.
- 67.2 Time is also measured the moment each individual participant passes the finish line. Therefore, it is advised to equip relay teams with bibs, which mention, besides the team number, also the starting position of each individual team member (e.g. 1¹, 1² etc.).

VI. COMMON START RULES FOR SKI-DOGS RACES

- 68 Individual Start Rules
- 68.1 Individual Start chute is a specified stretch of the trail from the starting line, minimum 30 meters (98 ft) length and 4 meters (13 ft) width.
- 68.2 The competitor and the dog(s) shall wait behind the starting line until the start signal has been given.
- 68.3 The starting interval between the participants shall be 30 seconds or 1 minute.
- 68.4 Unintentional early starts will be treated the same as all other categories. Refer to RR §15.5.
- 68.5 If the team is late to the start, it will be allowed to start whenever it is ready, except for ten seconds before or after another starting team.
- 69 Mass start:
- 69.1 See General rules §14.2 for Mass Start general rules with the following additional rule:
- 69.2 The competitors must lead their dogs by the shackle or harness along the starting track and must keep skis and poles parallel.
- 69.3 If a competitor does not hold his/her dog as instructed in §69.2 he/she shall get a warning. If, in this situation, another competitor had to stop or was delayed, the offender should be penalized with 15 sec. or disqualified.
- 70 Pursuit start
- 70.1 In the first heat of the pursuit competition, the starting procedure is in accordance with race rule §68 above.
- 70.2 The competitor and the dog(s) shall wait behind the starting line until the start signal has been given.
- 70.3 See General rules §14.3 for Pursuit start general rules.

VII. COMMON TRAIL RULES FOR SKI-DOGS RACES

- 71 The driver shall follow his/her dog(s) on skis
- 72 The driver is not allowed to pace the dog(s) by running ahead of the team.
- 73 Pulling the dog or forcing the dog to move forward by any means is strictly forbidden. Assisting the dog(s) by pulling or pushing the pulka or the sled is permitted. Assistance in watering or feeding dogs is permitted during Distance events. The Race Marshal shall designate specific spots on the trail where such help may be given.

- 74 During the overtaking procedure on the command "TRAIL," the overtaken team shall make way for the passing team by moving on behind the dog(s) on the same side of the trail, shall not be skating and shall keep the skis and poles parallel to the trail.
- 75 If a dog becomes unfit or stops advancing for any reason, the competitor is not permitted to finish the heat.
- 76 The trail for individual start should be 4 meters (13 ft) wide and the last 150 m (492 ft) should be 6 meters (20 ft) wide.
- The trail for mass start should be 6 meters (20 ft) wide and the last 150 m (492 ft) should be 8 meters (26.2 ft) wide.

VIII. COMMON FINISH CHUTE FOR SKI-DOGS RACES

- 77 The start of the finishing zone is marked by a sign placed 150 meters (492 ft) before the finish line. In the finishing zone, the competitor and his/her dog must remain on the same side of the track. All teams which are in the finishing zone at the same time have an equal right to overtake the other team. The bypass rule § 74 is no longer valid in the finishing zone.

4 CHAPTER FOUR (Special Rules for Dryland Classes)

I. ENTRY RULES

- 78 Entry Rules
- 78.1 At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following disciplines:
- 78.1.1 Canicross
- 78.1.2 Bikejoring one dog
- 78.1.3 1 and 2-dog Scooter
- 78.1.4 2-, 4-, 6-, 8-dog Rig
- 78.1.5 Relay in Canicross and/or Scooter and/or Bikejoring.
- 78.1.6 Combined in Canicross and One-dog Scooter.
- 78.2 After the first heat and each ensuing heat, a driver may voluntarily reduce the size of the team, subject to class minimums. See also § V. RIG CLASSES.
- 78.3 The Race Marshal may reduce the size of any team determined to be too large for the designated driver.

II. CANICROSS

- 79 Canicross
A Canicross team consists of a competitor, racing solely on foot, and one dog.
- 79.1 Classes
For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I
- At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:
- 79.1.1 Canicross Junior Men (DCMJ) and Canicross Junior Women (DCWJ).
- 79.1.2 Canicross elite Men (DCM) and Canicross elite Women (DCW).

- 79.1.3 Canicross Masters Men (DCMM) and Canicross Masters Women (DCWM).
- 79.1.4 Relay competitions with women and men teams.
- 79.1.5 Children classes with competitors being younger than per §79.1.1 above may also be held but not as Championship classes.
- 79.2 Equipment
 - 79.2.1 The dog shall wear a harness and be attached to the driver by a tugline with shock absorber at all times.
 - 79.2.2 The tugline shall be attached to the driver by a hip belt or any other harness type equipment at least 7 cm (2 ^{3/4} in) wide over the spine. It is prohibited to have any form of metal hook or ring at the driver's end of the line.
 - 79.2.3 The length of the tugline shall not be less than 1.5 meters (4.9 ft) in length and a maximum of 2.5 meters (8.2 ft) in length in the expanded condition, when measured from the rear of the dog to the belt buckle of the runner.
- 79.3 Start, Trail and Finish Rules
 - 79.3.1 The competitor and the dog shall wait behind the starting line until the start signal has been given.
 - 79.3.2 The driver shall not pace the dog by running ahead of the dog, or force the dog to run in any way.
 - 79.3.3 Pulling the dog or forcing the dog to move forward by any means is strictly forbidden.
 - 79.3.4 If a dog becomes unfit or refuses to advance for any reason, the competitor is not permitted to finish the heat.
 - 79.3.5 During the overtaking procedure, the team being overtaken shall make an unimpeded way for the passing team. On the command "TRAIL," the participant and the dog are obliged to hold the same side of the trail and slow down.
 - 79.3.6 If a mass start is organized, all the competitors shall wait together behind the starting line holding their dog by the collar or the harness. If they cannot all stay on one line, they shall set more lines as required. Seeded competitors, if any, shall stay on the first line(s) ahead of the non-seeded competitors.
 - 79.3.7 Finish rules: See Race Rules, Chapter One, §18.

III. BIKEJORING

80 Bikejoring One Dog

80.1 Classes

For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I

At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:

- 80.1.1 Bikejoring Junior Men (DBMJ) and Bikejoring Junior Women (DBWJ).
- 80.1.2 Bikejoring elite Men (DBM) and Bikejoring elite Women (DBW).
- 80.1.3 Bikejoring Masters Men (DBMM) and Bikejoring Masters Women (DBWM).
- 80.1.4 In all competitions, except championships, there should be classes for young children. Recommended from 13 years, for all classes except Canicross, where the age will be recommended from 11 years.
- 80.2 Equipment

- 80.2.1 The dog shall wear a harness and be attached to the bicycle or to the driver, by a tugline with shock absorber at all times.
- 80.2.2 If the tugline is attached to the driver, it shall be by hip belt at least 7 cm (2 ³/₄ in) wide over the spine or any other harness type equipment. It is prohibited to have any form of metal hook or ring at the driver's end of the line.
- 80.2.3 The length of the tugline shall not be less than 2 meters (6.6 ft) in length and a maximum of 3 meters (9.8 ft) in length in the expanded condition, when measured from the rear of the dog to the front axle of the bike.
- 80.2.4 The bicycle shall be equipped with a working brake on each wheel.
- 80.2.5 All drivers must wear a helmet approved by a national test registry.
- 80.2.6 In the Junior classes a back protector approved by a national test registry is strongly advised.
- 80.3 Trail and Finish Rules
- 80.3.1 The driver shall not pace the dog by driving ahead.
- 80.3.2 Pulling the dog or forcing the dog to move forward by any means is strictly forbidden.
- 80.3.3 If a dog becomes unfit or refuses to advance for any reason, the driver is not permitted to finish the heat.
- 80.3.4 During the overtaking procedure, the overtaken team shall make an unimpeded way for the passing team. On the command "TRAIL," the participant and the dog are obliged to hold the same side of the trail and stop pedalling.
- 80.3.5 Finish rules: See Race Rules, Chapter One, II. §18.

IV. SCOOTER

81 Scooter

81.1 Classes

For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I

At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:

- 81.1.1 Scooter one dog Junior (DS1J) and Scooter one dog elite (DS1). A Scooter one dog team consists of a driver riding a two-wheeled Scooter-type vehicle pulled by one dog.
- 81.1.2 Providing that there are enough competitors for both categories, Scooter one dog class may be divided into men (DS1M) and women (DS1W) categories.
- 81.1.3 Scooter 2-dog (DS2).
- 81.1.4 Providing that there are enough competitors for both categories, Scooter two dog classes may be divided into men (DS2M) and women (DS2W) categories.
- 81.1.5 A Scooter 2-dog team consists of a driver riding a two-wheeled Scooter-type vehicle pulled by one or two dogs.
- 81.1.6 Three-wheeled rigs will be allowed in the Scooter 2-dog class.
- 81.1.7 In all competitions, except World and Continental championships, there should be classes for young children. Recommended from 11 years, maximum 1 dog.
- 81.2 Equipment
- 81.2.1 The dog shall wear a harness and be attached to the Scooter by a tugline with shock absorber at all times.

- 81.2.2 The length of the tugline shall not be less than 2 meters (6.6 ft) in length and a maximum of 3 meters (9.8 ft) in length in the expanded condition, when measured from the rear of the dog to the front axle of the Scooter. It is prohibited to have any form of metal hook or ring at the driver's end of the line.
- 81.2.3 A neckline shall be used in two-dog classes.
- 81.2.4 The Scooter shall be equipped with a working brake on each wheel.
- 81.2.5 The minimum wheel diameter shall be 30 cm (12 in).
- 81.2.6 All drivers must wear a helmet approved by a national test registry.
- 81.2.7 In the Junior classes a back protector approved by a national test registry is strongly advised.
- 81.3 Trail and Finish Rules
 - 81.3.1 The driver shall ride the Scooter behind his/her dogs.
 - 81.3.2 If a dog becomes unfit or refuses to advance for any reason, the driver is not permitted to finish the heat.
 - 81.3.3 During the overtaking procedure the overtaken team shall make an unimpeded way for the passing team. On the command "TRAIL," the participant and the dog are obliged to hold the same side of the trail and slow down.
 - 81.3.4 Finish rules: See Race Rules, Chapter One, II. §18.

V. RIG CLASSES

82 Rig Classes

82.1 Classes

For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I

At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:

- 82.1.1 **2-Dog Rig Junior (DR2J):** A Limited Two-Dog Rig Junior team must consist of exactly two (2) dogs. Entry Rules 3.1 will be enforced should the Race Marshal have any safety concerns regarding the team.
- 82.1.2 **4-Dog Rig (DR4):** A Limited Four-Dog rig shall consist of not more than four (4) dogs and not less than three (3) dogs.
- 82.1.3 **4-Dog Rig Junior (DR4J):** A Limited Four-Dog rig shall consist of not more than four (4) dogs and not less than three (3) dogs.
- 82.1.4 **6-Dog Rig (DR6):** A Limited Six-Dog rig shall consist of not more than six (6) dogs and not less than four (4) dogs.
- 82.1.5 **8-Dog Rig (DR8):** A Limited Eight-Dog rig shall consist of not more than eight (8) dogs and not less than five (5) dogs.
- 82.2 Equipment
 - 82.2.1 All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file.
 - 82.2.2 All dogs shall be fastened to the towline/central line, which shall be made of non rigid, flexible or expanded line, with a neckline and a tail line. The dual leaders must be connected together by a neckline.
 - 82.2.3 The rig in DR2J and DR4 shall have minimum three (3) wheels. The rig in DR6 and DR8 shall have minimum four (4) wheels. The minimum diameter on all wheels shall be 30 cm (12 in). The minimum wheel base (the distance between front and rear axle) shall be 110 cm (43 in)

and the minimum track (the distance between the wheels on the same axle) shall be 70 cm (27 in).

82.2.3.1 All rigs shall be equipped with a working brake on each wheel.

82.2.3.2 A snub line about 3 meter (10 ft) shall be carried on the rig to be used to tie down and hold the rig.

82.2.3.3 All drivers must wear a helmet approved by a national test registry.

82.2.3.4 In the Junior classes a back protector approved by a national test registry is strongly advised.

82.3 Trail and Finish Rules

82.3.1 The driver shall not pace the dogs by running ahead or force any dog to run in any way.

82.3.2 Dog drop checkpoints may be provided at a half way point and may be combined with normal checkpoints. They shall be equipped with a stake-out, Drop-chain or Cable and water. Dogs dropped at checkpoints shall not be allowed to start in succeeding heats. If no possibilities are provided to drop dogs and a dog becomes unfit or refuses to advance for any reason, the driver is not permitted to finish the heat. For safety reasons, the transport of a dog on the rig is strictly forbidden in all classes.

82.3.3 During the overtaking procedure the overtaken team shall make an unimpeded way for the passing team. On the command "TRAIL," the overtaken team is obliged to hold the same side of the trail and slow down.

82.3.4 Finish rules: See Race Rules, Chapter One, II. §18.

VI. RELAY

83 Relay

83.1 The Dryland Relay is a one-day competition and consists of a minimum of 2 legs.

83.2 The Relay may be:

83.2.1 Canicross Relay: Each Relay team may consist of men and women, seniors and juniors.

83.2.2 Mixed Relay: The Relay legs are Canicross, Bikejoring and/or Scooter. The Bikejoring must be the last leg, or if no Bikejoring, then Scooter must be the last leg. Each Relay team may consist of men and women, seniors and juniors. Separate relay competitions may be organized for men, women and juniors.

83.3 Each participant and each dog shall run the trail only once. After the finish line, the participant changes over to the next participant in the relay team, who may then start.

83.4 The relay team that reaches the finish line first after all legs is the winner of the relay competition.

83.5 Relay Team

83.5.1 The participants in a relay team shall be representatives of the same organization or country. At the option of the Race Giving Organization, a mixed team of organizations or countries may be allowed, but these teams are not part of the official result list.

83.5.2 Only one-dog teams are allowed in relay races.

83.6 Relay Entries

83.6.1 The name of the participants in each relay team and the order in which they start shall be handed over to the race office at least 60 minutes before the start or any other time schedule defined by the organization.

83.7 Areas for Start, Change-Over and Finish in Relay Race

83.7.1 Starting, change-over and finish area do not have to be the same location.

83.7.2 Starting area:

83.7.2.1 The starting area will be the same as for a Canicross mass start.

83.7.2.2 The length of the starting tracks should be at least 50 meters (164 ft) and shall end at a marked line.

83.7.3 Relay Change-Over Area

83.7.3.1 The change-over area should be a marked area, length approximately 10-30 meters (33-98 ft), width approximately 10 meters (33 ft). It is an advantage that the change-over area is made at an angle to the incoming trail, to avoid the incoming trail's being in the same direction as the outgoing trail.

83.7.3.2 The change-over area begins at the finish line and ends at a marked line across the trail.

83.8 Relay Starting Procedure

83.8.1 All participants of the first leg start at the same time.

83.8.2 The participant and the dog stay behind the starting line.

83.8.3 The team assistants shall leave the Starting area by 30 seconds before the start

83.8.4 The participant has to hold the dog by the harness until the start signal.

83.8.5 The start signal is given by the starter with one flag.

83.8.6 The starter stands in front of the starting area so that all starting participants are able to see the starter.

83.8.7 The starting order is given as §14.2.8, §14.2.9 and §14.2.10.

83.9 Relay Change-Over Procedure

83.9.1 A race official shall give a signal (e.g. the speaker announcing the starting number) to every team leader when an incoming team is not less than 500 meters (1640 ft) from the change-over area.

83.9.2 The signal has to be clear for the team leaders, who shall be located along the change-over area.

83.9.3 An incoming participant shall release the dog personally to a team assistant as soon as the dog has passed the finish. The dog shall not be let loose at any time. The team assistant should take care of the dog.

83.9.4 The change-over cannot take place until the dog of the incoming team member is held by the assistant.

83.9.5 The participant continues into the change-over area and touches the next participant of his/her team with his/her hand.

83.9.6 The change-over shall take place within the change-over area. A race official shall control the change-over.

83.9.7 An assistant in the change-over area for outgoing participants is allowed only for the Bikejoring and/or Scooter leg. Assistants shall not hamper other outgoing participants.

83.10 The Trail of the Relay Race

83.10.1 The entire trail should be, and the last 150 meters (492 ft) shall be, sufficiently wide for two Bikejoring participants (minimum 6 meters (20 ft)).

83.11 Relay Timing

83.11.1 Time is measured from the starting order "Go" until the last participant of the team reaches the finish line.

83.11.2 Time is also measured the moment each individual participant passes the finish line.

VII. COMBINED RACE

84 Combined race is a Dryland event, consisting of one heat with Canicross and one heat with Scooter one-dog, run by the same team.

85 Classes

For the age of the athletes see Annex F . I

At the option of the Race Giving Organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:

85.1 Combined Men (DCbM).

85.2 Combined Women (DCbW).

85.3 Combined Junior Men (DCbMJ).

85.4 Combined Junior Women (DCbWJ).

86 Equipment

(See the Equipment Rules for Canicross and Scooter, §79.2 and §81.2)

87 Start, Trail and Finish rules

At the option of the Organizer the combined race may be held in two different variations:

87.1 Mass start and pit-stop

87.1.1 The start of the first heat is regulated by the Mass start Rules as per §69. After the first heat the competitors go directly into a pit-stop at the change-over area (see §59) and change to a one-dog Scooter.

87.1.2 The total race time is the time from the start of the mass start until the participants cross the finish line after the second heat.

87.2 Pursuit race

87.2.1 After the first heat, the competitors have a rest. The duration of the rest is determined by the Organizer. Pursuit start Rule §14.3.2 defines the start order of the second heat.

87.2.2 The total race time is the sum of the results of the two heats.

87.3 Common rules for Canicross (see §79)

87.4 Common rules for Scooter one-dog (see §81)

88 Combined Change-over Area (see drawing in the Appendix for example)

88.1 The change-over area shall be a marked area, length approximately 20-50 meters (65-164 ft), width approximately 15 meters (49 ft). It begins at the finish line and ends at a marked line across the trail.

88.2 The dog is to be held by the harness in the change-over area.

88.3 The participant shall change equipment from Canicross to Scooter in his/her designated pit and leave all equipment in that pit.

88.4 It is not allowed for the participants to receive any assistance in the change-over area.

VIII. DISTANCES

89 The distances: See Annex D.II

IX. TEMPERATURES

90 Temperatures: See Annex B.III

5 ANNEX

A. RULES ENFORCEMENT

A . I Rules Enforcing Officers

1. Race Judges are the Rules Enforcing Officers at an event. Rules Enforcing Officers shall be appointed and exercise their assignments according to the IFSS Officials Regulations.
2. A Race Judge should have an IFSS Race Judge License but shall have at least a Race Judge License from an IFSS recognized body.
3. Two of the Race Judges shall be appointed Race Marshal and Chief Judge, respectively. The Race Marshal shall have the ultimate authority, and the ultimate responsibility, at the event. The Race Marshal is the only official who can decide upon a disqualification.
4. All Race Judges shall have the full authority to enforce all Race Regulations, within the prescribed limits.
5. References to the Race Marshal in IFSS Regulations also apply for Race Judges, when appropriate.
6. A Race Judge may delegate parts of his/her authority to designated officials, except the authority to impose penal measures.
7. At World Championships and Continental Championships no Rules Enforcing Officer may be a participant of the event. During other events the Race Marshal is not allowed to participate but the other judges may. If so, they shall not judge in the class they entered and also take no part in the deliberations of said class.
8. Details on the appointment and the obligations of IFSS judges are available on the IFSS Race Judge Regulations and Licensing Procedures which are also interesting and binding for organizers and member organizations.

A . II Race Jury and Appeals Jury (see also Race Rules §28 through §35)

9. The Race Judges shall constitute the Race Jury of the event. The Race Marshal shall be the Race Jury's chairperson.
10. The Race Jury shall be summoned by its chairperson
- 10.1. When requested by one of its members,
- 10.2. For a hearing,
- 10.3. For reviewing a rules violation which might lead to a disqualification.
11. The Race Jury decides whether its deliberations shall be held in a closed session or not.
12. The Race Jury shall decide on the eventual choice of penal measures in all cases laid before it. The Race Jury's chairperson shall have a casting vote in case of a tie. In the question of a disqualification, the chairperson may vote differently with his/her casting vote.
- 12.1. In World and Continental Championships, the Appeals Jury may be appealed to by a team leader when a decision of the Race Marshal is affecting the participation of a contestant in the event.

- 12.2. The Appeals Jury shall consist of three or five members depending on the number of officials assigned to take part (either one or two appointed by the IFSS President) on the Appeals Jury. The other members of the Appeals Jury will be national team leaders elected to serve on the Appeals Jury by the other team leaders.

A . III Penal Measures

13. If the violated race regulation does not mandate any unconditional reaction, the choice of penal measures shall be made according to the following:
- 13.1. Warning: for a minor or negligent infraction of the race regulations, which does not give the contestant any significant advantage and entails no significant disadvantage to his/her fellow contestants, and is not deemed detrimental to the sport.
- 13.2. 15 second penalty for Dryland and Sprint, 5 minutes for Mid-Distance, up to 4 hours for Long-Distance: for negligent infraction of race regulations but not as serious as it gives rise to a disqualification.
- 13.3. Disqualification:
- 13.3.1. When the contestant intentionally, or by gross negligence, violates the race regulations, and this has given him/her an advantage, or any of his/her fellow contestants a disadvantage,
- 13.3.2. In case of a recurrence, when the contestant has already been given a warning or **time** penalty for the same or similar offence,
- 13.3.3. In case of repeated offenses, showing that the contestant is not capable of, or willing, to pay heed to the race regulations.
- 13.3.4. In case of dog abuse, with or without implement.
- 13.3.5. Time disqualification: An eventual time disqualification shall be noted on the entry form, or in the invitation, indicating the factor and for which classes it shall apply. If a time disqualification rule applies and the prescribed limit is exceeded, that team shall not be allowed to compete in subsequent heats.
14. Other Penal Procedures
- 14.1. The violator shall be given a short written notice if requested. A Warning shall be verbal.
- 14.2. Contestants subject to a penal reaction from any Rules Enforcing Officer may appeal, i.e. request a hearing before the Race Jury.

B. ELIGIBILITY

B . I Entries

15. The race shall be open to entries from members of all IFSS recognized member federations, except those refused by the organizer for just cause. Organizers are entitled to open their races to drivers from non-IFSS member organizations if they feel it to be benefiting the sports and/or IFSS. Participants to the IFSS World Championships shall be nominated by their respective national IFSS member federations.
16. An entry for a race shall be submitted prior to the start of the race, subject to entry deadlines as determined by the organizer. See also Race Rule §1.1.4.
17. Handicapped drivers shall be encouraged to participate. However their participation shall not hinder or endanger other competitors or dogs, including the dog(s) of the handicapped competitor. The RM shall decide on possible participation of the handicapped driver and, if required, a helper, and always inspect the equipment. The overall safety for the handicapped driver and his/her dog(s) shall prevail. If the RM feels that it would benefit the handicapped driver and the total race to start the handicapped team as last in the class, he/she has the

right to do so in all heats of the race, taking into account that the team shall be ranked according to its total results.

Note: It is also possible to start the handicapped team a certain time before the first team, but then, there is always the risk of hindering overtaking teams in case of problems, and the handicapped driver may feel he/she is more or less racing outside the field. If starting last, he/she has always the chance to overtake one or more teams.

B . II Disease

18. Race veterinarians are present throughout the race to monitor the health and welfare of all dogs, advise drivers in caring for their dogs' medical needs, and provide veterinary treatment for dropped dogs, if necessary.
19. The race veterinarian, in conjunction with the Race Marshal or Race Judge, may rule any dog is unfit to start or continue in the race, and remove the dog(s) from the race for medical or other reasons. If the Race Veterinarian diagnoses any dog present in the race area to have a contagious disease, that dog shall be disqualified and the competitor shall immediately leave the race site with all his/her dogs.
20. All dogs participating in a race shall be vaccinated according to the IFSS Animal Welfare Committee's recommendations. The IFSS Animal Health and Welfare Committee has suggested that the mandatory vaccinations shall be: Rabies Virus, Canine Parvovirus, Distemper and Canine Kennel Cough Complex (bordetella parainfluenza virus, canine adenovirus 2). All dogs should be vaccinated within 12 months in all cases and more than 21 days before the race in the case of prime vaccination. Revaccinations need to be done in accordance with regulations of the host country in which the race is taking place.

B . III Temperatures at Dryland races – Guidelines

21. At dryland races there shall be a thermometer and a hygrometer in the starting area. They shall be readily visible, placed in the shade, at 50 centimeters (20 in) above ground level.
22. The minimum and maximum temperatures and humidity shall be noted during the entire race.
23. Given the minimum and maximum, trail conditions and local circumstances (e.g. humidity), the following guidelines are available for decisions to be taken by the Race Jury together with the Race Giving Organization for the well-being of the dogs:
 - 23.1. Temperatures below 18°C (64°F) for Canicross and 16°C (61°F) for all other classes and with a humidity below 85 %: normal competition

Temperatures above 16°C (61°F), but below 18°C (64°F): the distances shall not exceed the minimums given in D.II §49. This maximum temperature is set at 25°C (77°F) for Canicross classes.

Temperatures above 18°C (64°F), but below 22°C (72°F): the distance shall not exceed 1.5 kilometers (0.9 mi) for demonstration purposes only except for Canicross (see DII §49).

Temperatures above 22°C (72°F): no team shall be harnessed except for Canicross (see DII §49).
 - 23.2. If the temperature reaches 18°C (64°F), the Race Marshal shall call a meeting with the race veterinarian(s) in order to decide upon whether the race shall be delayed or cancelled. The veterinarian's opinion shall be preponderant in case of different opinions. Animal welfare shall always be the major deciding factor.
 - 23.3. Depending on the race trail (i.e. large section under the sun) or other facts, the Race Marshal may impose shorter distances or other measures if this is favouring the sport, even if the maximum temperatures above are not reached.

B . IV Extreme low Temperatures at snow races Guidelines

- 24. For races, in the event of extreme low temperatures, the Race Jury together with the Race Giving Organization shall decide if the race should be cancelled, have a delay on the starting time, or reduce the race distance. Any National Federation standards must be considered in making the final decision. (exception 24.1)
- 24.1. Ski-Dog races shorter than 30 km have a temperature limit of -18°C. If the temperature is colder than -18°C, the race shall be cancelled or postponed until the temperature rises. The Race Jury together with the Race Giving Organization shall make the decision how to go forward.
- 24.2. The temperature shall be measured at the starting line 50 centimetres (20 in) above the snow surface and at one additional point throughout the race trail.

C. START AND FINISH

C . I Starting Intervals

- 25. The starting intervals should be
 - 25.1. one half (0.5) or one (1) minute in one dog classes.
 - 25.2. one (1) or two (2) minutes in classes with 2-8 dogs.
 - 25.3. two (2) or three (3) minutes in classes involving ten dogs or more.
- 26. Interval Options
 - 26.1. The organizer may decide to use the longer starting interval in the first heat, and the shorter interval in the ensuing heat(s).
 - 26.2. At the option of the Race Giving Organization, the drivers may all start at the same time (mass start).
 - 26.3. At the option of the organizer, the drivers may start the last heat of a race with an interval time corresponding with the actual time difference, rounded upwards to whole seconds between his and the predecessor's team (Chase/pursuit starts).

C . II Relays

- 27. A relay is a competition between relay teams composed of at least three dog teams running the same trail in sequence. No driver or dog shall complete more than one heat.
- 28. The relay start shall be a mass start. The first heat drivers of the relay teams shall start side-by-side on the starting line.
- 29. In relay events, Number 1 shall start in the center position of the Starting Line, Number 2 shall have the position to the right of Number 1, Number 3 shall have the position to the left of Number 1, etc.
- 30. The Starting Chute should preferably be so wide as to allow for all first heat drivers to start side by side. If this is not possible, subsequent starting teams shall start on a secondary Starting Line about 5 meters (16 ft) behind the starting line according to the same system. If seeding is performed, no seeded group shall be larger than the maximum number of teams there is room for side by side.
- 31. The Relay Starting Chute should be as wide as the starting area for a distance of minimum 100 meters (328 ft), (for Canicross relay 30 m (98 ft)), and narrowing to the normal lane width over a distance of a minimum additional 100 (328 ft) meters, (for Canicross relay (30 m (98 ft))).
- 32. The Exchange Chute shall cover a distance from the Finish Line on the outgoing trail of minimum 30 meters (98 ft), and shall, as a minimum, be 10 meters (33 ft) wide. In Pulka Style events, the Exchange Chute should have an angle of 45 to 90 degrees on the Finish Line.

D. THE TRAIL

D . I Trail requirements

33. The trail shall be safe for dogs and drivers. When laying out the trail, special attention shall be shown on turns and downhill stretches. The entire trail shall be constructed with consideration to the fastest and biggest teams expected to participate.
34. The trail should not cross itself. Teams may follow the same trail a second time. In that case, the route shall not go through the start or finish area on the repeat traverse. If it is unavoidable that the teams must follow the same trail more than twice, the organizer is responsible to announce this prior to the race in the race invitation. The deviation from this rule is allowable only due to unpredictable circumstances.
35. Trails shall, to the optimal extent possible, be broadly constructed to facilitate passing.
36. There should be sufficient space between the lanes so that teams are unable to distract each other.
37. Trails should be shielded from parking lots and parked cars.
38. Trails should not cross a traffic laden road on the same level. However, if this cannot be avoided, there shall be a prior permission to block off the road during the competition. Dependable control shall be on hand and the trail should cross the road in a 90 degree angle.
39. In Sled Sprint Races, the trail shall be designed so that speed is prioritized and should be wide enough to enable one team to overtake another team.
40. The Starting Chute shall be at least 30 meters (98 ft) long and be so organized that a team can be entirely removed from the trail.
41. The Finishing Zone shall be at least 800 meters (2625 ft) long (150 m (492 ft) for Ski-Dogs classes and Canicross), wide enough for passing and with no sharp turns.
42. The starting and finish lines shall be clearly defined.
43. Trails for Ski-Dogs shall, whenever possible, be different from that of Sled.
44. Ski-Dogs trails should be laid out in hilly terrain with special attention so that the trail also shall be a test of the contestant's skiing skills. It should be wide enough for two skiers to skate side by side in the Finishing Zone and for a skating skier to overtake a competitor on parallel skis on the rest of the trail.
45. In Dryland races, watering points shall be provided at least every 3 km (1.9 mi) along the trails, so that the dogs may be watered and cooled.
- 46. Distance races**
 - 46.1. If weather conditions, in the opinion of the RM or the organizer, dictate that the race cannot be run according to the basic criteria for the sport, the race may be postponed. If conditions as mentioned occur after the start, the race may be temporarily "frozen". This shall be done at a check-point or ahead of the location of the first driver. All drivers shall be held back for an identical period of time.
 - 46.2. The organizer and the RM shall, without unnecessary delay, inform all drivers of decisions, and reason for the same, made according to §46.1.
 - 46.3. **Mandatory stops**
 - 46.3.1. Races with a total distance of 300 to 600 km (186-373 mi) shall at least have a total of 8 hrs mandatory rests, to be distributed at the local organizer's discretion.
 - 46.3.2. Races with a total distance of more than 600 km (373 mi) shall at least have a total of 12 hrs mandatory rests, to be distributed at the local organizer's discretion.

D . II Trail distances

47. On-Snow Sprint and Ski-Dogs Races

47.1. Heat distances need not be identical each day of an event. Subsequent days' heat distances shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150)% of the first day's trail length. The shortest and longest possible distances for each heat will be indicated on the invitation.

47.2. Minimum/Maximum Trail Distances:

47.2.1. Sled Dogs:

Unlimited Class: 20 – 30 km (12.5 – 18.6 miles)

Eight/Ten-Dog Class: 14 – 18 km (9 – 11.2 miles)

Six-Dog Class: 10 – 14 km (6.2 – 8.7 miles)

Four-Dog Class: 6 – 10 km (4 – 6.23 miles)

Two-dog Class: 4 – 6 km (2.5 – 3.7 miles).

47.2.2. Ski-Dogs:

One Dog classes

Juniors 5 – 10 km (3.1 – 6.2 miles)

Elite and Masters 5 – 20 km (3.1 – 12.5 miles)

Two to four Dog classes

Elite and Masters 10 – 30 km (6.2 – 18.6 miles)

Relay 5 – 10 km (3.1 – 6.2 miles)

47.2.3. Special circumstances:

If special circumstances dictate that the length of the trail be decreased or increased, the decrease or increase shall never be more than 25% in any class of the announced trail length.

48. Distance Races

For all classes:

Mid-Distance: Between 80 and 250 km (50 and 156 miles) with, in principle, an average of at least 40 km (25 miles)/stage for multi-stage races. Juniors 20-30 km (12.5 – 18.6 miles)/stage.

Long-Distance: More than 250 km (156 miles) with, in principle, an average of at least 80 km (50 miles)/stage for multi-stage races. Juniors less than 200 km (125 miles).

49. Dryland races: Distances (per heat or stage)

49.1.	Canicross elite and masters:	minimum of 2 km,	maximum of 8 km	(1.2 to 5 miles)
49.2.	Canicross juniors:	minimum of 1 km,	maximum of 5 km	(0.6 to 3.1 miles)
49.3.	Relay (each leg):	minimum of 0.5 km,	maximum of 6 km	(0.3 to 3.7 miles)
49.4.	Combined elite:	minimum of 5 km,	maximum of 8 km	(3.1 to 5 miles)
49.5.	Combined juniors:	minimum of 2.5 km,	maximum of 5 km	(1.6 to 3.1 miles)
49.6.	1-dog Bikejoring class:	minimum of 2 km,	maximum of 8 km	(1.2 to 5 miles)
49.7.	1-dog Scooter class:	minimum of 2 km,	maximum of 8 km	(1.2 to 5 miles)
49.8.	2-dog Scooter class:	minimum of 2 km,	maximum of 8 km	(1.2 to 5 miles)
49.9.	2-dog Rig Junior:	minimum of 2 km,	maximum of 8 km	(1.2 to 5 miles)
49.10.	4-dog Rig class:	minimum of 4 km,	maximum of 8 km	(2.5 to 5 miles)
49.11.	6-dog Rig class:	minimum of 4 km,	maximum of 10 km	(2.5 to 6.2 miles)
49.12.	8-dog Rig class:	minimum of 5 km,	maximum of 12 km	(3.1 to 7.5 miles)

D . III Checkpoints and rest stops

50. Camps and rest stops

- 50.1. Litter shall not be left on or along the trail, but be carried to the finish, checkpoint or a deposit along the trail as determined by the organizer.
- 50.2. Camps and rest stops shall be established well off the trail. Dogs and equipment shall not be left on the trail and the driver shall not stay on the trail more than necessary.
- 50.3. Checkpoints, camps and rest stops shall be cleared and tidied up before departure.

51. Checkpoints

- 51.1. Drivers shall report at checkpoints before proceeding.
- 51.2. In the event of an unmanned checkpoint, and if the organizer has given no advise as to such an event, the driver, if possible, shall see to it that it may later be established that he/she has been at the checkpoint and advise officials at the next manned checkpoint of his/her action.
- 51.3. Dropped dogs
 - 51.3.1. Dogs taken out of a team shall only be dropped at designated checkpoints.
 - 51.3.2. Dropped dogs shall be tagged with:
 - The driver's name and bib number
 - The reason for dropping the dog
 - 51.3.3. Dropped dogs shall be leashed with a chain or similar until they are picked up.
- 51.4. Detaining or removal of the dog team by race officials.
 - 51.4.1. The Race Marshal, an authorized official or the race veterinarian, may detain a team in order to repair or replace equipment deemed unsafe for the driver and/or the dogs.
 - 51.4.2. The Race Marshal, an authorized official or the race veterinarian, may detain a team deemed temporarily unfit to proceed.
 - 51.4.3. The Race Marshal, an authorized official or the race veterinarian, may remove a team or dogs deemed unfit to complete the competition.
- 51.5. When a driver arrives at a checkpoint with less than the required number of dogs in the team, that team shall be disqualified. The Race Marshal, an authorized official or race veterinarian, shall determine if, and to what extent the team may proceed to a location where the team will be picked up.
- 51.6. Offers for accommodation, etcetera, for dogs and drivers at checkpoints shall be identical for all participants.
- 51.7. Supplies and equipment
 - 51.7.1. At the option of the organizer, participants may, before the race, leave supplies and equipment at checkpoints.
 - 51.7.2. The organizer determines at which checkpoints supplies may be deposited and the routine for the same.
 - 51.7.3. The above provisions do not have any effects on the requirements for mandatory equipment to be carried on the sled.
 - 51.7.4. A race may require different mandatory equipment. This shall be listed in special rules for the race.

E. TRAIL MARKING

E . I General

- 52. The trail shall be marked with a sufficient number of clearly visible markers, so placed that there will be no doubt for the driver where to go.
- 53. All Trail Markers shall be at least 25 cm (10 in) in diameter or length per side.
- 54. Only one side of the sign shall be colored to indicate the proper direction of travel.
- 55. Trail markers shall be placed about one (1) meter (3.3 ft) beyond the edge of the trail, and from 60 to 120 cm (2-4 ft) above the surface of the trail.
- 56. All markers shall be visible as far ahead as possible and at least 50 m (164 ft).
- 57. Markers applicable for a certain class, or certain classes, only, should be marked with the class(es)' identification or with the trail distance of the concerned class(es) by white letters in the centre of the marker. The class identifications shall be easily seen and read by the sportsmen/women. The identification shall be explained at the musher meeting prior to the race.
- 58. Markers shall not be so placed, or made of such a material, that they might constitute a danger for dogs or drivers.

E . II Red Markers (Turn markers, of round shape)

- 59. Red Markers shall be used at all intersections and crossings involving turns. The markers shall be placed about 20 meters (65 ft) ahead of the point in question at the same side of the trail as to which the teams shall turn.
- 60. The same procedure shall also be applied for all blind turns on the trail.

E . III Blue Markers (Straight ahead or Confirmation markers of square shape)

- 61. Blue markers may be placed on either side of the trail.
- 62. Blue markers used to indicate the correct trail after a crossing or turn shall be placed about 20 meters (65 ft) beyond, and should be visible when approaching the point in question.
- 63. Blue markers shall be used:
 - 63.1. At intersections or crossings when the trail is going straight through. The sign shall be placed about 20 meters (65 ft) ahead of the intersection.
 - 63.2. Beyond turns, which apply only to a certain class, or certain classes. Such blue markers shall have the same class identification as the red turn marker.
- 64. Blue markers should be used:
 - 64.1. Beyond all intersections, turns or blind corners, which are marked with a red marker.

E . IV Yellow Markers (Caution markers of triangle shape)

- 65. Yellow markers may be placed on either side of the trail. Yellow markers indicate portions of the trail, where slow, cautious passage is recommended, e.g. steep downhill, really sharp turns, icy spots. Yellow markers shall be placed about 20 meters (65 ft) ahead of the caution area.

66. If the caution area covers a length of the trail, two yellow markers shall be placed on the same stake at the beginning of the caution area. The end of the caution area shall be indicated with one yellow marker with a diagonal red or black cross.
67. All yellow markers shall be presented and explained at the Team Leaders and/or mushers meeting and they shall be indicated on the trail map.

E . V Checkpoint Markers

68. Checkpoints shall be indicated with rectangular white signs with black letters.

E . VI Other Markers

69. The end of the Starting Chute shall be indicated by blue markers on both sides of the trail.
70. A white marker shall be placed at the start of the Finishing Chute with the distance remaining (usually 150 m (492 ft) for Ski-Dogs classes and Canicross and 800 m (2625 ft) for all other classes before the finish line) to indicate the beginning of the “No-right-of-way” zone.
71. Portions of the trail, where the correct trail is not clearly visible, may be marked with additional markings. Such additional marking shall never be considered a replacement for ordinary marking according to this Rule.
72. Marking for night heats. In addition to the trail marking described above, each marker should be equipped with light-reflecting material (minimum 25 cm² (4 in²)).
73. Other markers as prescribed in §60 up to and including §71 above are only allowed if all drivers have been informed before the first start. At IFSS events the technical organizer shall obtain IFSS permission to use different markers.

E . VII Trail Blocking

74. At trail crossings considered so difficult that even good teams may have problems, blockings shall be used in addition to marking.
75. A blocking shall appear as a physical hindrance for the dogs but shall not constitute any danger for dogs, drivers or equipment.
76. At trail crossings where different classes shall follow different trails, there shall be a Trail Steward, performing the necessary changes of the blockings after each class and, as necessary, directing/assisting teams to the correct trail.
77. The presence of a blocking or a Trail Steward does not allow for ordinary marking to be omitted.

F. AGE OF ATHLETES

F. I Age of the athletes for each class

Classes and age in On-Snow competition for season 2026 – 2027								
Class	age		year of birth		Class	age		year of birth
	min	max				min	max	
Sp2Y	11	13	2016/2014		SM1J	17	20	20010/2007
Sp2J	14	16	2013/2011		SW1J	17	20	2010/2007
Sp2	16	99	2011		SM1	19	99	2008
Sp4Y	11	13	2016/2014		SW1	19	99	2008
Sp4J	14	16	2013/2011		SM2	19	99	2008
Sp4	16	99	2011		SW2	19	99	2008
Sp4 MS	16	99	2011		SM1M	40	99	1987
Sp6	16	99	2011		SW1M	40	99	1987
Sp8	16	99	2011		SM2M	40	99	1987
SpU	18	99	2009		SW2M	40	99	1987
MD6J	15	18	2012/2009		CMJ	17	20	2010/2007
MD6	18	99	2009		CWJ	17	20	2010/2007
MD12	18	99	2009		CM	19	99	2008
MDSM	18	99	2009		CW	19	99	2008
MDSW	18	99	2009		PM1J	17	20	2010/2007
MDPM	18	99	2009		PW1J	17	20	2010/2007
MDPW	18	99	2009		PM1	19	99	2008
LD6J	15	18	2012/2009		PW1	19	99	2008
LD8	18	99	2009		PM4	19	99	2008
LDU	18	99	2009		PW4	19	99	2008
					RELAY	see §79, §80 and §81 below		

Classes and age in Dryland competition for season 2026– 2027								
Class	age		year of birth		Class	age		year of birth
	min	max				min	max	
DR2J	14	18	2013/2009		DBM	19	99	2008
DR4J	14	18	2013/2009		DBW	19	99	2008
DR4	19	99	2008		DBMM	40	99	1987
DR6	19	99	2008		DBWM	40	99	1987
DR8	19	99	2008		DBMJ	16	18	2011/2009
DS2	19	99	2008		DBWJ	16	18	2011/2009
DS1	19	99	2006		DCMM	40	99	1987
DS1J	14	18	2013/2009		DCWM	40	99	1987
DS1Y	11	13	2016/2014		DCM	19	99	2008
DCbM	19	99	2008		DCW	19	99	2008
DCbW	19	99	2008		DCMJ	14	18	2013/2009
DCbMJ	14	18	2013/2009		DCWJ	14	18	2013/2009
DCbWJ	14	18	2013/2009	DCMY	11	13	2016/2014	
RELAY	see §79, §80 and §81 below			DCWY	11	13	2016/2014	

78. The age of a competitor is considered the same during a racing season. It is the age the competitor reaches on the 31st of December following the end of the racing season.
79. The age of a dog is the age it reaches on the first race of the entire event.
80. In all relay competitions, the minimum age of athletes and dogs stated in each individual category will apply for each leg of the relay.

G. TESTING METHOD FOR SKIS AND RUNNERS

81 Testing method

- 81.1 Fourier Transform InfraRed (FTIR) Spectroscopy.
- 81.2 Equipment Fluro Controllers (testing personnel) are responsible to use the most up to date standards and testing methods as published by the International Ski Federation.

82 Equipment Controller

- 82.1 Arrangements for an Equipment Fluro Controller will be the responsibility for the RGO for Fluro testing at the event.
- 82.2 The Equipment Fluro Controller will only communicate with a Race Official

83 Data storage

- 83.1 All testing data will be collected and stored in an IFSS database.
- 83.2 Data will not be shared with 3rd persons. Testing results will be stored for a maximum of ten (10) years. Testing results from the event will accompany the Race Marshal's Report to IFSS.

84 Testing Location

- 84.1 Close to the start/finish area.
- 84.2 Detailed location and set up will be coordinated with the Race Giving Organizer (RGO).

85 Testing scope

- 85.1 The primary goal is to test as many skis/pulka/sleds as possible at as many IFSS World Championships/Continental Championships/Masters Championships events. All other events shall determine the appropriate number of tests pre-race and inform the Equipment Controller.
- 85.2 The number of skis/pulkas/sleds to be tested, will be determined by the IFSS prior to any World Championships/Master Championships/Continental Championships. This number will be communicated to the Equipment Fluro Controller and Race Marshal of the event only. RGO's will be given an approximate number of tests to be performed for financial purposes only.

86 Equipment Testing Area

- 86.1 The area must have:
 - restricted secure access
 - an enclosed (four walls and a roof) structure
 - rubber floor or any other stable, hard and not slippery floor
 - one table 2,5 x 0,75 m per test instrument
 - electric heating (not a blower)
 - reliable electric power source.

87 Ski storage

- 87.1 One (1) ski rack able to hold at least 20 pairs of skis and labelled "Submissions". This rack is to be provided by the RGO. This ski rack will be positioned in a secure controlled area.
- 87.2 One (1) ski rack able to hold 20 pairs of skis and labelled "Tested". This rack is to be provided by the RGO. This ski rack will be positioned outside the testing structure still within the secure control area.
- 87.3 Ski storage should be protected against sun, wind, rain and snow.

88 Testing Selection

- 88.1 Testing of skis/pulka/sleds will be determined by IFSS. Selections should be contained within separate envelopes and sent to the Race Marshal for distribution to the appropriate Judge/volunteer at the beginning of each day of competition. The Equipment Fluro Controllers will be notified as to how many types of equipment (skis/pulkas/sleds) to expect for testing.
- 88.2 The Wax Testing Judge/volunteer will await the competitors at the finish area. Once the selected competitor crosses the finish line the Judge/volunteer will notify the competitor that they have been selected for wax testing.
- 88.3 Skis: The competitor will remove their skis and hand them to a representative of their national organization. That person along with the Judge/volunteer will accompany the representative with the skis to the "Submissions" area. The skis will be marked with a sticker/tag with the following information: Competitors Bib Number and Race Category. A sign-in form will jointly be completed by the National Representative and the Judge/volunteer with both parties signing the form acknowledging the placement of the equipment within the "Submissions" Area.
- 88.4 Pulka: The competitor will remove the dog/s from the pulka. The competitor will turn over the pulka to a representative from their national organization. The representative and the Judge/volunteer will take the pulka to the "Submissions" area. The pulka will be marked with a sticker/tag with the following information: Competitors Bib Number and Race Category. Note: If the same pulka is selected for weighting after the competition also. The weighting of the pulka will be performed first, then the wax testing.
- 88.5 Sleds: The competitor will be notified at the finish area. The Judge/volunteer will accompany the sled team back to the competitor's vehicle. The dogs will be removed and a National Representative along with the Judge/volunteer will transport the sled to the submissions area. Once at the submissions area, the sled will be marked with a sticker/tag with the following information: Competitors Bib Number and Race Category.
- 88.6 A sign-in form will jointly be completed by the National Representative and the Race Judge/volunteer with both parties signing the form acknowledging the placement of the equipment within the "Submissions" area.

89 Pre-Race Testing

- 89.1 RGO will provide ski testing one day prior to the competition.
- 89.2 Post Testing Marking
- 89.2.1 Once skis/pulka/sled has been tested and they receive a "Green" designation. The skis/pulka/sled will be placed in the "Tested" area. The person retrieving the equipment will sign a form stating the equipment has been retrieved and removed from the tested area. Once the retrieval form is signed, the equipment may be removed.
- 89.2.2 Skis/pulka/sleds that are tested and marked "Red". Will be kept in the control area within the testing structure.
- 89.2.3 "Red"
- 89.2.3.1 When a ski/pulka/sled is marked "Red" the test staff will directly inform the Race Marshal/Race Judge. A race official or designate will then contact the Team Leader and notify them that tested equipment has been designated "Red".
- 89.2.3.2 Ski/pulka/sleds will be considered "Red" when the 3 measured points of measurement show the presence of fluorocarbons/PFOA product on the ski's surface area.

90 Measuring procedure

- 90.1 National Representatives will not enter the testing area during the first testing of the equipment.
- 90.2 When the testing is completed and the equipment is marked "Green" it will be placed in the "Tested" area for pick-up.
- 90.3 If the equipment is marked "Red". The competitor's Team Leader will be notified. Once the Team Leader has been contacted arrangements will be made for the Team Leader and up to two (2) other national members to attend the second round of testing. The second round of testing will be coordinated between a Race Official, Team Leader and the Equipment Controller.

91 Testing personnel from RGO

- 91.1 1 testing operator per testing instrument – provided by RGO.
- 91.2 3 persons – provided by RGO to help with organizing the check in of the ski/pulka/sleds in the "Submissions" area and to organize the retrieval of equipment in the "Tested" area.
- 91.3 1-2 persons – approved by the RM, to assist the RGO with the transport of skis from the finish line to the test area/location.

92 Number of testing instruments

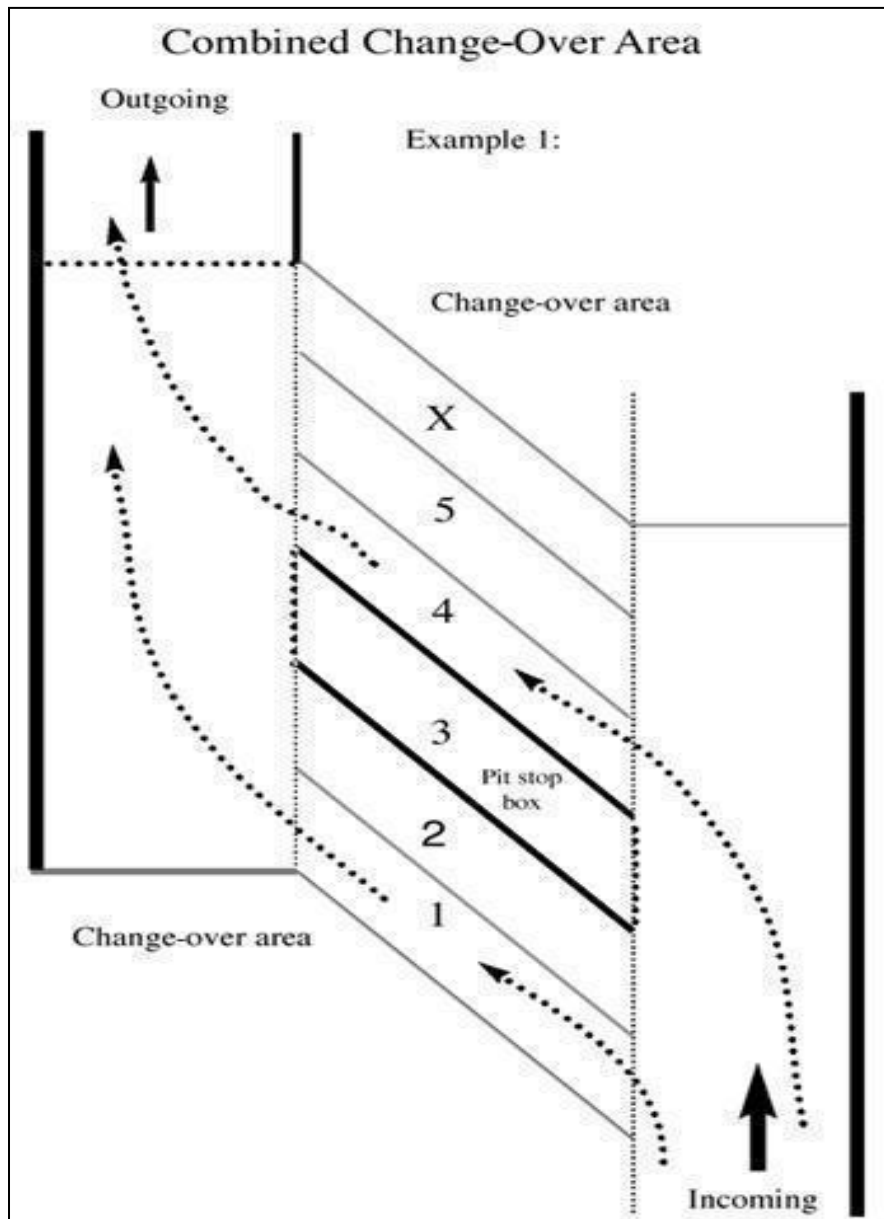
- 92.1 Minimum 2 testing instruments – one for the initial testing of the skis/pulka/sled.
- 92.2 A second testing instrument for the confirmation test in case of positive "Red" result.

93 Penalty

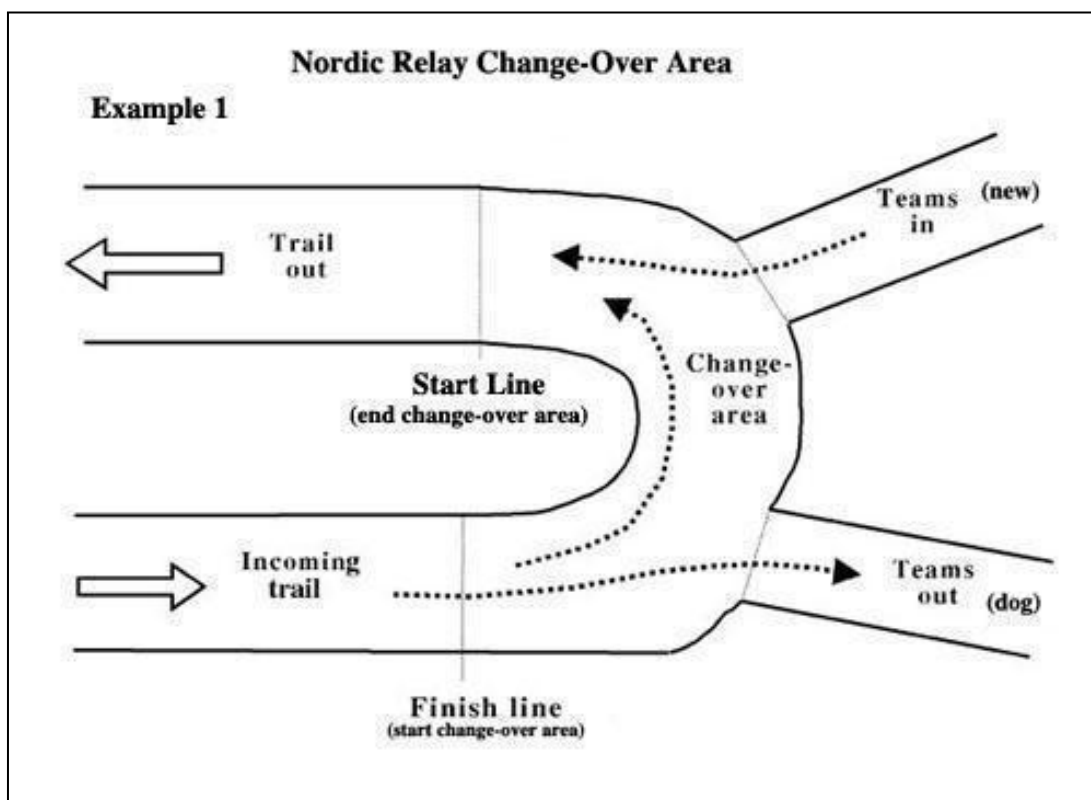
- 93.1 If Fluro Wax test results are "Red" a second time, the Race Marshal will render a decision of disqualification (DSQ) of that competitor in that category.

6 APPENDIX

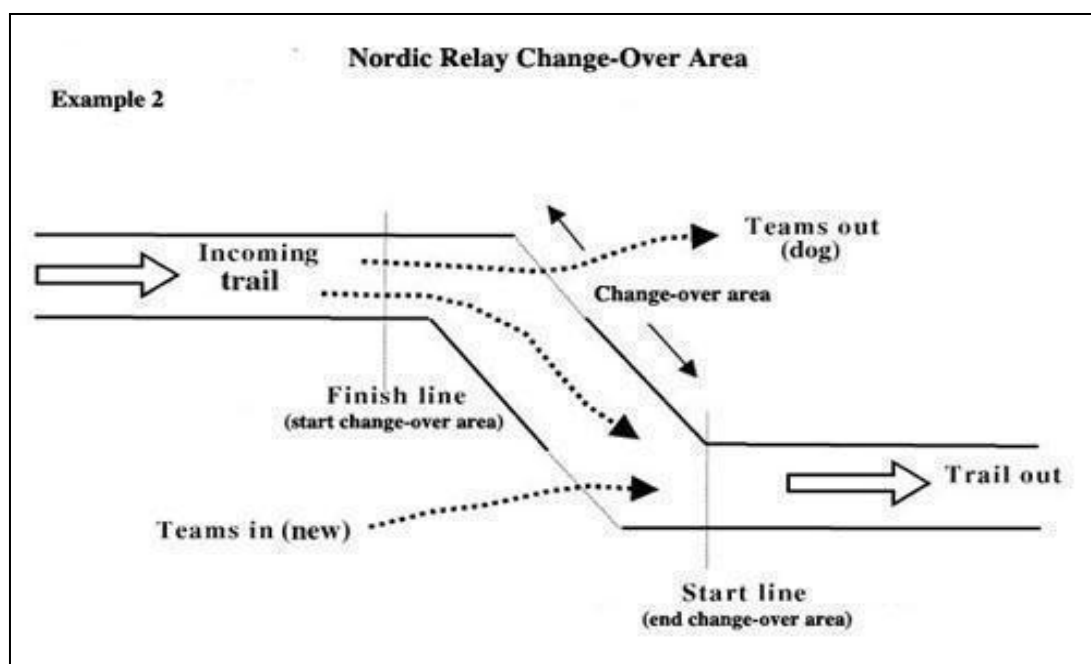
I. Ski-Dogs Combined Change-Over Area



II. Ski-Dogs Relay Change-Over Area, Example 1



III. Ski-Dogs Relay Change-Over Area, Example 2



IV. Ski-Dogs Pulka Weight Charts

WEIGHT = Pulka + load + shafts + harness(es) + lines

Weight of dog(s) rounded upward to a full kilo

Pulka weight adjusted upward to the nearest half kilo

1 + 2 dog team							
dog(s)	pulka	dog(s)	pulka	dog(s)	pulka	dog(s)	Pulka
14	10,0	31	22,0	48	34,0	65	45,5
15	10,5	32	22,5	49	34,5	66	46,5
16	11,5	33	23,5	50	35,0	67	47,0
17	12,0	34	24,0	51	36,0	68	48,0
18	13,0	35	24,5	52	36,5	69	48,5
19	13,5	36	25,0	53	37,5	70	49,0
20	14,0	37	26,0	54	38,0	71	50,0
21	15,0	38	27,0	55	38,5	72	50,5
22	15,5	39	27,5	56	39,5	73	51,5
23	16,5	40	28,0	57	40,0	74	52,0
24	17,0	41	29,0	58	41,0	75	52,5
25	17,5	42	29,5	59	41,5	76	53,5
26	18,5	43	30,5	60	42,0	77	54,0
27	19,0	44	31,0	61	43,0	78	55,0
28	20,0	45	31,5	62	43,5	79	55,5
29	20,5	46	32,5	63	44,5	80	56,0
30	21,0	47	33,0	64	45,0	81	57,0

3 dog team							
dogs	pulka	dogs	pulka	dogs	pulka	dogs	Pulka
45	27,0	65	39,0	85	51,0	105	63,0
46	28,0	66	40,0	86	52,0	106	64,0
47	28,5	67	40,5	87	52,5	107	64,5
48	29,0	68	41,0	88	53,0	108	65,0
49	29,5	69	41,5	89	53,5	109	65,5
50	30,0	70	42,0	90	54,0	110	66,0
51	31,0	71	43,0	91	55,0	111	67,0
52	31,5	72	43,5	92	55,5	112	67,5
53	32,0	73	44,0	93	56,0	113	68,0
54	32,5	74	44,5	94	56,5	114	68,5
55	33,0	75	45,0	95	57,0	115	69,0
56	34,0	76	46,0	96	58,0	116	70,0
57	34,5	77	46,5	97	58,5	117	70,5
58	35,0	78	47,0	98	59,0	118	71,0
59	35,5	79	47,5	99	59,5	119	71,5
60	36,0	80	48,0	100	60,0	120	72,0
61	37,0	81	49,0	101	61,0	121	73,0
62	37,5	82	49,5	102	61,5	122	73,5
63	38,0	83	50,0	103	62,0	123	74,0
64	38,5	84	50,5	104	62,5	124	74,5

4 dog team											
dog s	pulk a	dog s	pulk a	dog s	pulk a	dog s	pulk a	dog s	pulk a	dog s	Pulk a
61	30,5	81	40,5	101	50,5	121	60,5	141	70,5	161	80,5
62	31,0	82	41,0	102	51,0	122	61,0	142	71,0	162	81,0
63	31,5	83	41,5	103	51,5	123	61,5	143	71,5	163	81,5
64	32,0	84	42,0	104	52,0	124	62,0	144	72,0	164	82,0
65	32,5	85	42,5	105	52,5	125	62,5	145	72,5	165	82,5
66	33,0	86	43,0	106	53,0	126	63,0	146	73,0	166	83,0
67	33,5	87	43,5	107	53,5	127	63,5	147	73,5	167	83,5
68	34,0	88	44,0	108	54,0	128	64,0	148	74,0	168	84,0
69	34,5	89	44,5	109	54,5	129	64,5	149	74,5	169	84,5
70	35,0	90	45,0	110	55,0	130	65,0	150	75,0	170	85,0
71	35,5	91	45,5	111	55,5	131	65,5	151	75,5	171	85,5
72	36,0	92	46,0	112	56,0	132	66,0	152	76,0	172	86,0
73	36,5	93	46,5	113	56,5	133	66,5	153	76,5	173	86,5
74	37,0	94	47,0	114	57,0	134	67,0	154	77,0	174	87,0
75	37,5	95	47,5	115	57,5	135	67,5	155	77,5	175	87,5
76	38,0	96	48,0	116	58,0	136	68,0	156	78,0	176	88,0
77	38,5	97	48,5	117	58,5	137	68,5	157	78,5	177	88,5
78	39,0	98	49,0	118	59,0	138	69,0	158	79,0	178	89,0
79	39,5	99	49,5	119	59,5	139	69,5	159	79,5	179	89,5
80	40,0	100	50,0	120	60,0	140	70,0	160	80,0	180	90,0

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Name of Competition						Date of Competition					
Place of Competition (City, Province, Country)											
Name								Bib Number			
Postal Address											
City, Province							Country				
Phone Number (mobile)							Email Address				
Class							Indicate (check):				
							Dryland	Sled	Sprint	Ski-Dogs	Distance
							☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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This form must be handed to the Race Marshall within one hour after the protester has finished.

Date	Time
Team Leader's Name	Country
Leader's Mobile Phone Number	

Signature of Protester
Signature of Team Leader

Date	Time
Signature of Race Marshall	