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Sanctioning Rules for European Championships and Europa Cup

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This document is basically a transformed ESDRA Part IV regulation which was decided by the ESDRA members and meant to establish the extra rules needed to regulate the European Championships and the Europa Cup. These regulations of EC and Europa Cup should be decided by the IFSS European Member Federations to preserve the Championships and Cup for Europe based on the common IFSS Race Rules. Some adjustment has been made to adapt to the IFSS Race Rules.

The original ESDRA Part IV is still available at www.ESDRA.ne



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1 THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

1.1 GENERAL

- 1.1.1 The European Championships (EC's) are sled dog competitions, by which the members grant the title "European Champion" to the winners of each of the championship classes, as defined by this rules.
- 1.1.2 Only events organized according to these provisions are recognized by IFSS Europe and its members as European Championships.
- 1.1.3 The EC events shall be held on a bi-annual basis, in the even Years (from 2008)
- 1.1.4 The title of IFSS European Champion shall not be awarded in a given class if more than one (1) heat is cancelled for that class. The sanctioning status of that class will not be withdrawn, if the race fulfils the criteria as per the IFSS regulations. Sanctioning points shall be multiplied by a factor 0.8.

1.2 APPLICATION

- 1.2.1 Each member may apply to host an EC. Said member shall thereby bind itself to make available to IFSS Europe a race suitable for the purpose.
- 1.2.2 The application shall be submitted to the IFSS Continental Director Europe two (2) years before the prepared race. The IFSS Continental Director Europe shall together with the Sports Committee Europe examine the proposal and inform the IFSS Council, whether the arrangement corresponds with the demands of the IFSS EC-rules.
- 1.2.3 IFSS Europe is the organizer of the EC's, and shall make a written agreement with the hosting member about the implementation of the event.

1.3 ADMINISTRATION AND RULES ENFORCEMENT

- 1.3.1 The following rules enforcing officers shall be appointed by the IFSS Europe: race marshal and chief judge. The IFSS Europe Continental Director shall, in principle, not be race officials.
- 1.3.2 The IFSS Europe official representative shall be at the EC's location from at least four days before the race, to supervise the hosting federation's preparations according to rules below and to decide, in principle on Saturday the week before by 18.00 hrs, in dialogue with the technical organizer, on the confirmation, the relocation or the cancellation of the race.
- 1.3.3 The following officers shall be appointed by the hosting member, subject to the approval of the IFSS Europe: Judges, Animal Veterinarians, First Aid Personal, Trail boss, Race site crew foreman, Chief timer, Chief of secretariat.
- 1.3.4 The following officers/stewards shall be appointed by the hosting member, subject to the approval of the race marshal: Dog marking personal, Trail stewards, Award ceremony boss.
- 1.3.5 The following officers/stewards shall be appointed by the hosting member, subject to the approval of the chief veterinarian: race veterinarians, veterinarian's assistants.
- 1.3.6 None of the officers mentioned above may be participant in the EC's.



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1.4 THE DUTIES OF IFSS EUROPE

- 1.4.1 Make up and publish the Invitation and the Entry form.
- 1.4.2 Make up and publish the time-schedule together with the hosting federation.
- 1.4.3 Summon a team leader meeting in order to distribute essential information pertaining to the event, draw starting positions for the first day and distribute the bibs.
- 1.4.4 Participate in the award ceremony.
- 1.4.5 Supervise the hosting federation's preparations for and implementation of the event; support the same in every way as regards the sport and the organization.

1.5 THE DUTIES OF THE HOSTING MEMBER

- 1.5.1 Obtain the necessary permissions from the police and other authorities.
- 1.5.2 Take out insurance for those responsible for the arrangement. As protection towards officials for any possible liability claims, The Organizer guarantees liability protection insurance for the complete Championships (Organisation-Insurance).
- 1.5.3 Arrange for a meeting room for the Team-leader meeting.
- 1.5.4 Help for the contestants and officials to find lodging at the race locality.
- 1.5.5 Responsible for Public Relation (webpage, posters, press) and publications of a race program.
- 1.5.6 Technical requirements:
 - 1.5.6.1 Area: Enough space for at least 200 teams, i.e. approximately 900 canines.
 - 1.5.6.2 Trail: In accordance with this rule.
 - 1.5.6.3 Loudspeakers: Covering the complete race site.

1.6 THE DUTIES OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONAL MEMBERS

- 1.6.1 Nominate participants worthy of representing their country. Those participants shall have a valid IFSS Driver Identification Number (DID).
- 1.6.2 Responsible for that their participants are made familiar with the rules and regulations pertaining to the event.
- 1.6.3 Appoint a team leader who can speak English.

1.7 FINANCES

- 1.7.1 The hosting federation shall be responsible for the whole finance of the EC's including the expenses for the rules enforcing officers appointed by IFSS Europe.

1.8 ENTRY FEES

- 1.8.1 The entry fees accrue to IFSS. But the Continental Director Europe together with the IFSS Treasurer may, after careful investigation, decide to use the amount partially or totally to support the execution of the ECs. If so, the agreement shall be mentioned in the ECs contract and shall have a clause of restitution in case of withdrawal, being in default, non-taking place, share in possible net profits, etc.
- 1.8.2 The entry fees shall be paid by the national members, according to the time limit as established by the Invitation.



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- 1.8.3 The entry fee for each entered competitor shall be paid to the IFSS treasurer by the national member concerned. The entry fees are not returnable. Exception: in case of complete cancellation of the European Championship event, the IFSS Europe shall decide upon partial refunding of the entry fees.
- 1.8.4 National members not complying with the established time limit for payment shall pay double participation fees.
- 1.8.5 For additional entries an additional fifty (50) % of the entry fee shall be added.
- 1.8.6 All dues concerning the participation of a national team shall be settled before the members of said team are eligible for participation.
- 1.8.7 The entry fee will be fixed each year by the IFSS Continental director.

1.9 PARTICIPATION RULES

- 1.9.1 Each national member shall nominate teams from its country for participation in the EC's. The quota of teams is decided as follows:
 - 1.9.1.1 The medal winners of each class from the previous year are entitled to participate in the same class.
 - 1.9.1.2 Each country has the right to send two (2) participants in every class.
 - 1.9.1.3 In addition, every country is entitled to send as many teams as finished within a certain position of the Europa Cup of the previous year, that position determined by the capabilities of the European Championship site.
 - 1.9.1.4 If there is more than one organization within a country, entitled to send participants to the EC's the distribution of said country's entries among the organizations in question shall be determined by the results from the previous year.
- 1.9.2 Each national member can indicate on its participants entry form the competitors (max 2 entries/class) to be seeded (first and second). In Ski-dogs classes there will be no seeding, except for Combined Class.
- 1.9.3 The entry of individual teams can take place only through the national members. Further particulars on that subject shall be printed on the entry form or invitation.
 - 1.9.3.1 Only members of the IFSS Europe national members have the right to participate in the EC's. In accordance with the IFSS By-laws and this regulation for Europe, the Continental Director may, under certain circumstances, grant permission for entry to a qualified driver who is not a member of one of the IFSS Europe national members. Non-European drivers should be entitled to prize money, however not the title.
 - 1.9.3.2 A sporting qualification is required in order to enter the EC's. The national members alone have the authority to determine the qualification standards and the selection criteria.
 - 1.9.3.3 To be eligible to participate for a nation, the participant shall either be a citizen of said nation or have been a resident of same for at least the last 24 months.
 - 1.9.3.4 No participant shall be eligible to participate for more than one nation during one racing season.



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- 1.9.4 If a National member that do not fully use their allocation of teams, the vacant participant places shall be at the disposal of IFSS Europe. Vacant participant places shall be at disposal in such time that other national members can nominate substitute teams (see also § 1.8.6).
- 1.9.5 In case of an insufficient number of entries in a given class, the Continental Director or the Continental Sports Committee shall immediately inform the federations concerned. In junior classes the entries may, at the option of the federation(s), either be withdrawn and entry fees reimbursed or replaced with senior participants at no extra costs.
- 1.9.6 A competitor shall not run in both veteran and elite classes or in Elite and junior classes at the same EC.
- 1.9.7 In junior classes the minimum number of participants is three from two different countries.

1.10 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES ON-SNOW

1.10.1 The EC on-snow is held in the race classes as follows:

Nr	Class name	Abbr	Km	Day
1	Mid distance 12 dog	MD12	Min 40	1+2+3
2	Mid distance 6 dog	MD6	Min 40	1+2+3
3	Mid distance mix men and women skijoring	MDS	Min 40	1+2+3
4	Sled dog sprint openclass	SpU	24	1+2+3
5	Sled-dog sprint 8 dog	Sp8	16	1+2+3
6	Sled-dog sprint 6 dog	Sp6	12	1+2+3
7	Sled-dog sprint 4 dog	Sp4	8	1+2
8	Sled-dog sprint 4 dog Mass start	Sp4SS	2X4	3
9	Sled-dog sprint 4 dog junior	Sp4J	8	1+2+3
10	Ski Dog pulka one dog men elite	PM1	12-18	1
11	Ski Dog pulka one dog women elite	PW1	10-12	1
12	Ski Dog pulka one dog men junior	PM1J	8-10	1
13	Ski Dog pulka one dog women junior	PW1J	8-10	1
14	Ski Dog skijoring one dog men elite	SM1	15-20	2
15	Ski Dog skijoring one dog women elite	SW1	12-16	2
16	Ski Dog skijoring one dog men junior	SM1J	8-10	2
17	Ski Dog skijoring one dog women junior	SW1J	8-10	2
18	Combined men elite	CM	2X 7-10	3
19	Combined women elite	CW	2X 5-7	3
20	Combined men junior	CMJ	2X 5	3
21	Combined women junior	CWJ	2X 5	3
22	Ski dog relay mix men, women and junior	R	3X 5-8	4



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1.11 SPECIAL EC ON-SNOW REGULATIONS

- 1.11.1 The individual competitions shall be a one-day event in Ski-Dogs and Sp4SS.
- 1.11.2 In Relay; Mixed Pulka/Skijoring teams with juniors and elite, men and women. Two laps (one and two) with Skijoring and the third lap with Pulka. One dog teams only.
- 1.11.3 If a four days EC-event is possible to organize the Skidogs Pulka Classes will apply.

1.12 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES DRYLAND

- 1.12.1 The EC on-snow are held in all the race classes as follows:

Nr	Class name	Abbr	Km
1	Cani-cross Women elite	DCW	4,5
2	Cani-cross Men elite	DCM	4,5
3	Cani-cross Women junior	DCWJ	3
4	Cani-cross Men junior	DCMJ	3
5	Cani-cross Women veteran	DCWV	4,5
6	Cani-cross Men veteran	DCMV	4,5
7	One-Dog Bike Women elite	DBW	6,5
8	One-Dog Bike Men elite	DBM	6,5
9	One-Dog Bike Women junior	DBWJ	4,5
10	One-Dog Bike Men junior	DBMJ	4,5
11	One-Dog Bike Women veteran	DBWV	6,5
12	One-Dog Bike Men veteran	DBMV	6,5
13	One-Dog Scooter junior	DS1J	3
14	One-Dog Scooter elite	DS1	4,5
15	Four-Dog team elite	DR4	4,5
16	Four-Dog team junior	DR4J	4,5
17	Eight-Dog team	DR8	6,5
18	Relay Mixed Cani-cross, Scooter 1, Bike	DR	3+4,5+4,5

1.13 SPECIAL EC DRYLAND REGULATIONS

- 1.13.1 The Dryland EC shall be a two-day event except for the Relay Class which is a one-day event.

1.14 SPECIAL EC REGULATIONS FOR BOTH ON-SNOW AND DRYLAND

- 1.14.1 In order to obtain the required trail length, parts of the trail may be run twice in the same heat.
- 1.14.2 In relay competitions only one (1) national team per country shall be awarded championship medals. The medals shall be awarded to that team from a given



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country, finishing in the highest finishing position (of that country's participating teams). The next finishing team(s) from other countries shall be awarded medals according to the thus vacant medal positions.

1.15 AWARDING OF TEAMS OF REG NORDIC DOG BREEDS AT EC'S

- 1.15.1 The question of sports and the question of breeds are different, and a sled dog racing association should, in principle, only be dealing with the sport.
- 1.15.2 The awarding of teams of registered Nordic breeds should therefore, in principle, be carried out by parties concerned of these breeds at the EC award ceremony.
- 1.15.3 However, the classes for registered Nordic breeds have their unquestionable tradition in Central Europe and in the IFSS Europe.
- 1.15.4 Therefore, until the parties concerned take proper actions of awarding said teams in the EC's, the IFSS Europe should be carrying such awarding on behalf of them, and also inviting such teams especially to the EC's. However these awards shall only be presented to teams with a total time which is within 150% of the time of the overall winner of the class.
- 1.15.5 In the future, the IFSS Europe should also give parties concerned the opportunity of inviting said classes to the European Championship events.



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2 THE EUROPA CUP

2.1 GENERAL

- 2.1.1 IFSS World Cup sanctioned races shall be the basis for calculation of the annual Europa Cup award. Sanctioned races shall not interfere with each other.
- 2.1.2 Only contestants who entered with a valid IFSS DID shall be awarded points according to their finishing time compared to the finishing time of the winner of the same class, i.e. winner's time divided by the contestant's time multiplied by one hundred (100).
- 2.1.3 IFSS shall publish and distribute to all members a listing of all drivers' point standings and reports of the winners.

2.2 EUROPA CUP ON-SNOW SLED SPRINT

- 2.2.1 The contestant with the highest number of points in a class shall be the European Cup winner of that class. Prizes shall also be awarded to those finishing in second and third position. There shall be no transfer of points between classes.

2.3 EUROPA CUP ON-SNOW SKI-DOGS

- 2.3.1 Skijoring, Pulka and Combined will have the following groups of classes:
 - 2.3.1.1 Elite Men (MP1, MP4, MS1, MS2, MC, MPMD and MSMD)
 - 2.3.1.2 Elite Women (WP1, WP4, WS1, WS2, WC, WPMD and WSMD)
 - 2.3.1.3 Junior Men and Women (MPJ, MSJ, MCJ, WPJ, WSJ, WCJ)
- 2.3.2 Final standings and current rankings are based on the individual scores of all the competitors in all the Ski-dogs during the same season. The contestant with the highest number of points shall be the European Cup winner of that group of classes. Prizes shall also be awarded to those finishing in second and third position. There shall be no transfer of points between groups of classes.

2.4 EUROPA CUP DRYLAND

- 2.4.1 The following groups of classes:
 - 2.4.1.1 Elite Rig and Scooter classes (DR8, DR6, DR4, DS1, DS2)
 - 2.4.1.2 Elite Men Canicross and Bike (DCM, DBM)
 - 2.4.1.3 Elite Women Canicross and Bike (DCW, DBW)
 - 2.4.1.4 Junior Men/Women classes (DR4J, DS1J, DCMJ, DCWJ, DBMJ, DBWJ)
- 2.4.2 Final standings and current rankings are based on the individual scores of all the competitors during the same season. The contestant with the highest number of points shall be the European Cup winner of that group of classes. Prizes shall also be awarded to those finishing in second and third position. There shall be no transfer of points between groups of classes.
