



IFSS ACCREDITATION AND WORLD/CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. ACCREDITATION.

A.I. Accreditation Administration.

1. Accreditation shall be administered by an Accreditation Committee appointed by the IFSS Council. Its decisions shall be subject to final approval by the IFSS Executives.
2. Classes, as well as a whole event, may be subject to accreditation. An event may only be accredited when all classes are eligible for accreditation. Eligible classes are those mentioned in the IFSS Race Rules.
3. More than one class on the same continent on the same date may be accredited.
4. Accreditation of World Cup races is mandatory and accreditation may also be granted for special events (see A.VIII below).
5. Accreditation shall be granted, provided the requirements of these rules are complied with. The IFSS may, for just cause, refuse accreditation when the event entails elements or activities deemed detrimental to the sport or to IFSS or not in accordance with IFSS Regulations and principles.

A.II. Eligibility

6. All IFSS members having competitors with interest in the World Cup (i.e. with DID) may apply for IFSS Accreditation of their major races or events.
7. The IFSS may also, at its discretion, grant accreditation to other applicants.

A.III. Accreditation Fee.

8. The accreditation fee shall be as established by the IFSS Executives.
9. If the IFSS finds that the event may not be accredited, the IFSS will return the accreditation fee.
10. If the event, or part of it, has to be cancelled, the accreditation fee will be refundable. If the organizer implements changes mandating that accreditation is withdrawn, no part of the accreditation fee will be refundable.

A.IV. Accreditation Application.

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 - 11.1 Application for accreditation of World Cup races shall be submitted to the Accreditation Committee using the World Cup Application form available on the IFSS website. The established accreditation fee shall be submitted simultaneously.
 - 11.2 Application for accreditation of World Championship Events shall be submitted to the Vice President of Sport.
 - 11.3 Application for accreditation of Continental Championship Events shall be submitted to the concerned Continental Director.
12. The application shall inform of:
 - 12.1 Name of organizer with contact address.
 - 12.2 Site and date(s) of event.

- 12.3 Classes or special events for which accreditation is applied.
- 12.4 Trail distances and number of heats.
- 12.5 Unless present IFSS Rules shall apply, a copy of the rules applying for the event.
- 13. At least 30 days prior to the first day of the event, the applicant shall provide:
 - 13.1 A list of Race Officials, as minimum Race Marshal/Chief Judge, Chief Timer, Trail Boss and Race Veterinarian.
 - 13.2 Name, address, telephone and email of a liaison officer as a direct contact between the organizer and the Accreditation Committee.
- 14. No IFSS related advertising shall be made until accreditation approval has been confirmed.
- 15. IFSS may furnish the organizer with Driver Report forms, results format and Officials Report Form.

A.V. Post-Race Requirements

- 16. Not later than seven (7) days after the event the Accreditation Committee shall be provided with:
 - 16.1 Race Marshal/Chief Judge's report including statements on any penal measures imposed.
 - 16.2 Chief Timer's report, including race results and times.
 - 16.3 Any changes in officials from those noted on the original application.
 - 16.4 Drivers Report Forms filled by competitors.
 - 16.5 A Chief Veterinarian's report, listing any fatalities or major injuries.
- Should these reports not be provided in time, the Accreditation Committee has the right to withdraw the accreditation.

A.VI. Organizer's duty in case of cancellation, rescheduling.

- 17. If the event is cancelled, rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances (weather conditions, trail deterioration, etc.) the organizer shall notify the Accreditation Committee and, if feasible, all entrants as soon as the decision is final.

A.VII. Special Circumstances

- 18. Due to special circumstances, the IFSS Accreditation Committee may, at its discretion:
 - 18.1 implement amendments to the above provisions,
 - 18.2 request an IFSS Supervisor be present during the event at the expense of the organizer,
 - 18.3 defer from deadlines as listed under Section 13 above.

A.VIII. Special Events

- 19. Events other than races defined in the IFSS Race Rules (e.g. speed record, etc.) may be accredited as Special Events.
- 20. Accreditation of a Special Event may only be granted if the event is held in accordance with the IFSS principles for the performance of the sport and the event is deemed to contribute to the interest of the sport and the IFSS.
- 21. The Accreditation Committee may decide additional conditions for accrediting Special Events.

B. WORLD AND CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

B.I. General

22. The World Championships (WCh's) are sled dog competitions by which IFSS, as recognized member of SportAccord, grants the title "World Champion" to the winners of each of the World Championship classes as defined in this rule.

30. The Continental Championships (EC's, NACH's, etc.) are sled dog competitions by which IFSS, as recognized member of SportAccord, grants the title "European/North American/etc. Champion" to the winners of each of the Continental Championship classes as defined in this rule.

31. Only events organized according to this rule shall be recognized by IFSS and its Members as World or Continental Championships.

32. The WCh events should be held in every odd-numbered year.

33. The Continental Championships should be held in every even-numbered year in the concerned continents.

B.II. Application

32 Any national Member Federation having competitors with interest in the World/Continental Championships (i.e. with DID) may submit an application to host a WCh or a Continental Championships. The proposed race site shall have been accredited as World Cup event in the previous year(s). Said member shall thereby bind itself to make available to IFSS a race suitable for the purpose (see also Chapters B.III and B.V).

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33.1 The application for WCh shall be submitted to the Council minimum two (2) years before the event.

33.2 The application for Continental Championships shall be submitted to the concerned Continental Director minimum two (2) years before the event.

34. IFSS is the organizer of the WCh's and Continental Championships and shall make an agreement with the hosting Member about the implementation of the event.

B.III. Administration and Rule Enforcement

35. The Chief Rule Enforcing Officers, i.e. the Race Marshal, one or two Race Judges, Animal Welfare Judge and the Chief Veterinarian shall be appointed by the IFSS.

36. Other Race Judges (e.g. start judge, finish judge, trail judge, etc. as required), Chief Timer, Race Site Crew Foreman and Chief of Secretariat shall be appointed by the hosting Member but are subject to the approval of IFSS.

37. Other Officers (e.g. Equipment Controllers, Dog Identification Controllers, Trail Stewards, etc. as required) shall be appointed by the hosting Member but are subject to the approval of the Race Marshal. They will report to judges designated by the Race Marshal.

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

39. The Trail Crew shall be appointed by the hosting Member but is subject to the approval of the Trail Boss.

40. The Time Keeping Crew shall be appointed by the hosting Member but is subject to the approval of the Chief Timer.

41. The Sled Holders, Communication Controller, Announcer, Radio Operators, Traffic Controller, Traffic Crew shall be appointed by the hosting Member but are subject to the approval of the Race Site Crew Foreman.

42. The Secretary Crew shall be appointed by the hosting Member but is subject to the approval of the Chief of Secretariat.

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

B.IV. The IFSS shall:

44. Send out invitations and entry forms to all national Member Federations and publish them on the IFSS website.
45. Publish the time schedule of the event in cooperation with the hosting federation.
46. Summon a team leaders meeting prior to the race in order to distribute essential information pertaining to the event and to supervise the drawing of the bib numbers.
47. Supervise, assist and support the hosting Member in its preparations for and implementation of the event.
48. Provide trophies of honor, at least gold, silver and bronze medals for the three first finishers in each class.

B.V. The Hosting Member shall:

49. Appoint an Organizing Committee including a person who will be the main contact person between the Organizing Committee and IFSS.
50. Obtain the necessary permissions from the police and other authorities.
51. Take out insurance for those responsible for the event.
52. Obtain on-site accommodation for the required number of officials.
53. Be responsible for the promotion of the event.
54. Arrange the winner ceremony with the assistance of IFSS.
55. Procure participation certificate.
56. See to it that the following technical requirements are met:
 - 56.1. Area: Enough space for the agreed number of contestants.
 - 56.2. Trail: In accordance with the IFSS Race Rules.
 - 56.3. Loudspeakers: Covering the complete race site. Especially aimed at Vehicle Holding Area (Drivers parking/stakeout), Starting Area. Microphones for at least Announcer and Starter (the latter preferably with his own system).
 - 56.4. Radio/Other means of communication: As required for the following Officials: Race Marshal, Race Judges, Chief Veterinarian, trail Checkers, trail Boss.

B.VI. The participating National Members shall:

57. Nominate participants worthy of representing their countries.
58. See to it that their participants are made familiar with the regulations pertaining to the event.
59. Appoint a Team Leader (see Chapter B.X.)

B.VII. Finances

60. The hosting Federation shall be responsible for the whole finance of the WCh, including the expenses for the IFSS appointed Rule Enforcing Officers (Food and lodging on site for four to six persons during the period as agreed upon whereas their travel costs will be reimburse by IFSS).

B.VIII. Entry fees

61. The entry fees as established by the IFSS Council, accrue to the IFSS unless provided for differently in the agreement between the IFSS and the organizer.
62. The entry fees shall be paid by the National Members, according to the time limits as established by the IFSS Council. The entry fees are in principle not refundable. It shall be partially or totally reimbursed in case of cancellation of the event for reasons of force majeure.
63. National Members not complying with the established time limit for payment shall pay a two hundred (200) % entry fee.

64. All dues concerning the participation of a national team shall be settled before the members of said team are eligible for participation.

B.IX. Participation Rules

65. The maximum number of teams in the Sleddog Sprint, Skidog Sprint and Dryland WCh's shall be mutually decided by the Council and the Hosting Federation, but shall under no circumstances be less than one hundred and fifty (150).

66. The National Members shall nominate teams from its country for participation in the WChs according to the following provisions:

66.1 Each National Voting Member may enter three participants in each class at Sleddog Sprint, Skidog Sprint and Dryland WCh's. This quota is doubled for the hosting country. There is no quota for Distance WCh.

66.2 Each Provisional Member may enter one participant in each class at Sleddog Sprint, Skidog Sprint and Dryland WCh's. There is no quota for Distance WCh.

66.3 National and Provisional Members may be granted additional entries, based on the performance of said member's contestants the last two WChs, according to a formula established by the Council.

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

66.5 Without affecting the number of entries mentioned above, the top three Global World Cup ranked competitors and the number one Continental World Cup in each class will be preselected in their class for the following World and/or Continental Championships.

66.6 The number of entries from one country in one class shall in principle not exceed 25% of the total number of teams designated for that class, to the detriment of any other participating country.

67. The entry of individual teams shall take place only through the National Members.

67.1 To be eligible to participate for a nation, the participant shall either be a citizen of said nation or have been a resident of same for at least 24 months.

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

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

67.4 The Council may grant permission for entry to presumably qualified drivers representing countries not affiliated to the IFSS. The provisions under Chapter B.VIII of this Rule shall apply accordingly.

B.X. Team Regulations

68. In international Championship events, each participant shall enter the race as a member of a national team. A Team Leader appointed by the national federation shall be in charge of the national team.

69. The Team Leader shall act as a liaison between the race organizer and the national team members.

70. A Team Leader shall, immediately upon arrival at the race site, report to the organizer and inform of his presence, where he is accommodated during the race and how he can be contacted.

71. Any communications from the race organizer to any participant shall be construed as being received by the addressee when given to the Team Leader.

B.XI. Championship Classes

World Championship races may be organized in the following classes:

72. Sleddog Sprint:

- 72.1 Unlimited Class Elite
- 72.2 8-dog Class Elite
- 72.3 6-dog Class Elite
- 72.3 4-dog Class Elite
- 72.4 4-dog Junior Class

73. Ski-Dogs Sprint:

- 73.1 One Dog Class Elite Men Pulka
- 73.2 One Dog Class Elite Men Skijoring
- 73.3 One Dog Class Elite Women Pulka
- 73.4 One Dog Class Elite Women Skijoring
- 73.5 1-4 Dog Class Elite Men Pulka
- 73.6 1-2 Dog Class Elite Men Skijoring
- 73.7 1-4 Dog Class Elite Women Pulka
- 73.8 1-2 Dog Class Elite Women Skijoring
- 73.9 Combined Pulka/Skijoring Elite Men
- 73.10 Combined Pulka/Skijoring Elite Women
- 73.11 One Dog Class Junior Men Pulka
- 73.12 One Dog Class Junior Men Skijoring
- 73.13 One Dog Class Junior Women Pulka
- 73.14 One Dog Class Junior Women Skijoring
- 73.15 One Dog Class Veteran Men Skijoring
- 73.16 1-2 Dog Class Veteran Men Skijoring
- 73.17 One Dog Class Veteran Women Skijoring
- 73.18 1-2 Dog Class Veteran Women Skijoring
- 73.19 Relay

74. Mid-Distance Classes:

- 74.1 Unlimited Class. At the option of IFSS this class may be limited to 12 dogs.
- 74.2 Limited Class (6-dog)
- 74.3 1-2 dog Elite Men Skijoring
- 74.4 1-2 dog Elite Women Skijoring

75. Dryland Classes:

- 75.1 Canicross Junior Men (DCMJ) and Women (DCWJ)
- 75.2 Canicross Elite Men (DCM) and Women (DCW)
- 75.3 Canicross Veteran Men (DCMV) and Women (DCWV)
- 75.4 Bikejoring Junior Men (DCMJ) and Women (DCWJ)
- 75.5 Bikejoring Elite Men (DBM) and Women (DBW)
- 75.6 Bikejoring Veteran Men (DBMV) and Women (DBWV)
- 75.7 Scooter one dog Junior (DS1J)
- 75.7 Scooter one dog (DS1)
- 75.8 Scooter 2-dog (DS2)
- 75.9 4-dog Junior Team (DR4J)
- 75.10 4-dog Elite Team (DR4)
- 75.11 6-dog Elite Team (DR6)
- 75.12 8-dog Elite Team (DR8)
- 75.13 Dryland Relay

B.XII. Champion titles

75. World Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the World Championships providing at least five competitors from three countries are represented in Elite and Veteran classes and at least three competitors from two countries represented for Junior classes.

76. Continental Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the Continental Championships providing at least five competitors from three countries in Europe and two in all other Continental Championships, are represented in the class for Elite and Veteran classes and at least three competitors from two countries represented for Junior classes.

B.XIII. Race Program for World Championships

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

78. World Championships Sprint and Mid-Distance shall be three day events.

79. World Championships Ski-Dogs races shall be one day events.

80. World Championships Dryland shall be:

80.1 A one day event for the relay races.

80.2 A two day event for all other classes.