



## IFSS WORLD CUP

### GENERAL CONDITIONS, REQUIREMENTS AND DEFINITIONS (2025-2026)

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#### A. GENERAL

##### 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.

## B. APPLICATIONS

1. In principle, IFSS accredits only World Cup Race Classes individually in Events of international importance. Race organizers may apply for accreditation of individual races of their events.
2. The application shall be submitted by the national member federation or, if submitted by a race organizer, shall include the approval of the national member federation.
3. Applications for each Class and Race will be presented to the Accreditation Committee **at least 30 days before the start** of events using the World Cup Application form available on the IFSS website. The established accreditation fee shall be submitted simultaneously (see Chapter J below). Late applications will be accepted at the Accreditation Committee's discretion. IFSS reserves the right to reject applications which, in the opinion of the IFSS, do not benefit the IFSS or the sport.
4. Each country within a continent is limited to 5 Dryland, 4 Sled Sprint, 4 Ski-Dogs and 4 Distance Events per season, with the exception of Canada and USA where they are limited to 10 Dryland, 10 Sled Sprint, 10 Ski-Dogs and 10 Distance Events per season.
5. The Accreditation Committee shall be informed of any change in date and/or location of an accredited World Cup event. The Accreditation Committee reserves the right to cancel the accreditation provided to the initial application. No accreditation will be granted retroactively.
6. World Cup race rules.
  - 6.1 Races must use IFSS race rules.
  - 6.2 The Accreditation Committee may authorize deviation from the IFSS rules providing the same deviations are used on the same continent.
  - 6.3 Members in a region may propose a new race rule(s) to the IFSS Accreditation Committee for approval, to apply to the current season, if all the members in the region are in support of the proposed rule. This rule deviation will be valid for the current racing season only and cannot be renewed.
  - 6.4 IFSS reserves the right to perform Doping Controls by certified personnel on any competitors (with or without DID) and/or dogs entering an accredited race.
7. Accreditation Fees for World Cup Races shall be established by the Council.
8. If the IFSS finds that the event may not be accredited, the IFSS will return the accreditation fee. If the event, or part of it, has to be cancelled, the accreditation fee will be refundable. If the organizer implements changes with the effect that the accreditation shall be withdrawn, no part of the accreditation fee will be refundable.
9. If the event is cancelled or rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances (weather conditions, trail deterioration, etc.) the organizer shall notify the Accreditation Committee (see B.5 above) and, if feasible, all entrants as soon as the decision is final.
10. Due to special circumstances, the IFSS Accreditation Committee may, at its discretion:
  - 10.1 implement amendments to the above provisions,
  - 10.2 request an IFSS observer be present during the event at the expense of the organizer,
11. In the case of Applications that do not fall clearly in established classifications or other situations not clearly covered by the rules, the Accreditation Committee will present its recommendations to the

Vice President for Sport and to the Council for a variance, clarification or amendment to these regulations and procedures. The Accreditation Committee may at its discretion refuse or accept applications considering the conditions and procedures listed, and based on the interests of compatibility, accessibility, and consistency of the program subject to review by the Council.

12. Special events.

12.1. Events other than races defined in the IFSS Race Rules (e.g. speed record, etc.) may be accredited as Special Events.

12.2. 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.

12.3. The Accreditation Committee may decide additional conditions for accrediting Special Events.

13. The World Cup season is from June 1 to May 31.

## C. CONTINENTS

See definitions in By Laws D.1.5.

## D. DEFINITIONS

### CLASSES

The following classes can be accredited:

#### On-Snow

- Sprint 2 Dog
- Sprint 4 Dog
- Sprint 6 Dog
- Sprint 8/10 Dog
- Sprint Unlimited
- Sprint Junior 2 Dog
- Sprint Junior 4 Dog
- Mid Distance 6 Dog
- Mid Distance 8/12 Dog
- Mid Distance Junior 6 Dog
- Long Distance 8 Dog
- Long Distance Unlimited
- Long Distance Junior 6 Dog
- Ski-Dog Women Pulka 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Women Pulka 1-4 Dog
- Ski-Dog Men Pulka 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Men Pulka 1-4 Dog
- Ski-Dog Junior Women Pulka 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Junior Men Pulka 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Men Skijoring 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Men Skijoring 1-2 Dog
- Ski-Dog Women Skijoring 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Women Skijoring 1-2 Dog
- Ski-Dog Masters Men Skijoring 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Masters Men Skijoring 1-2 Dog
- Ski-Dog Masters Women Skijoring 1 Dog

- Ski-Dog Masters Women Skijoring 1-2 Dog
- Ski-Dog Junior Women Skijoring 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Junior Men Skijoring 1 Dog
- Ski-Dog Women Combined
- Ski-Dog Men Combined
- Ski-Dog Junior Women Combined
- Ski-Dog Junior Men Combined
- Ski-Dog Women Mid Distance Pulka
- Ski-Dog Women Mid Distance Skijoring
- Ski-Dog Men Mid Distance Pulka
- Ski-Dog Men Mid Distance Skijoring

#### Dryland

- Dryland Women Canicross
- Dryland Men Canicross
- Dryland Masters Women Canicross
- Dryland Masters Men Canicross
- Dryland Junior Women Canicross
- Dryland Junior Men Canicross
- Dryland Women Bikejoring
- Dryland Men, Bikejoring
- Dryland Masters Women Bikejoring
- Dryland Masters Men Bikejoring
- Dryland Junior Women Bikejoring
- Dryland Junior Men Bikejoring
- Dryland 1 Dog Scooter
- Dryland 2 Dog Scooter
- Dryland Junior 1 Dog Scooter
- Dryland 4 Dog Rig
- Dryland 6 Dog Rig
- Dryland 8 Dog Rig
- Dryland Junior 4 Dog Rig
- Dryland Combined Men
- Dryland Combined Women
- Dryland Combined Junior Men
- Dryland Combined Junior Women

EVENTS: All Races held in the same vicinity or location and time managed by the same organization.

RACES: Individual Classes at an Event.

STAGE RACE: A race of more than three heats/stages.

HEATS, STAGES: Discrete competitions within a Race and contributing to the cumulative time, they may be daily heats or stages, or multiple heats or stages on the same day.

## **E. NATIONALITY**

1. Continental Awards will be based on the competitor's sports nationality defined by the country code of his DID, even if a competitor races outside his/her continent. A competitor residing for more than 24 months in a different country from his/her nationality may choose to be considered as a national of his/her country of residence providing he/she is registered (DID) in his/her country of residence.

## F. POINTS SYSTEM FORMULA

1. The Race Points Score (RPS) credited to each individual competitor in each race is based on the overall/final results of the race as per the grid below:

HEATS	1 heat		2 or 3 heats		> 3 heats or long distance races	
Position	At least 5 competitors	3-4 competitors **	At least 5 competitors	3-4 competitors **	At least 5 competitors	3-4 competitors **
1st	25	12	50	25	75	35
2nd	20	10	40	20	60	30
3rd	17	7	35	15	50	25
4th	15	5	30	10	45	20
5th	12		25		35	
6th	10		20		30	
7th	7		15		25	
8th	5		10		20	
9th	2		5		15	
10th+ *	1		2		5	

\* 10<sup>th</sup> competitor and following ones will receive the same number of points.

\*\* See regulation F.8 below.

2. If men and women are mixed in a class where they are normally ranked separately, the gender of each competitor shall be specified in the result list. If the competitors of one gender are less than **five**, their points will be calculated as competitors of one single men and women class. If the competitors of one gender are at least **five**, their points will be calculated as competitors of the class of its own, respectively men or women.

3. If there are classes with less than **five (5)** competitors, they may be joined with similar classes, if run on the same trail together with no break between the classes. Their points will be calculated as competitors of one single class for the class(es) with less than **five (5)** competitors and as competitors of their own class for the class(es) with at least **five (5)** competitors.

4. If there are at least **five (5)** RNB teams in a class the World Cup points of these RNB team competitors will be allocated as if they were a separate class.

5. If there are less than **five (5)** RNB team competitors in a class they will be integrated into the corresponding Open team results and the World Cup points will be allocated as one single class.

6. In any World Cup event, competitors are not allowed to run more than one team in a given class.

7. The World Championships/World Masters and Continental Championships/Continental Masters are not included in the World Cup.

8. The minimum number of competitors required to obtain World Cup points in a class is reduced from 5 to 3 for the following classes: all junior classes, Dryland Rig classes (DR4, DR6, DR8) and Dryland Scooter 2-dog classes (DS2). See World Cup point grid in F.1 above.

9. The points for each class are calculated based on the number of starters (competitors starting at least the first heat/stage).

## G. REPORTING RESULTS

In order for the results to be included in the World Cup point calculation data base, the Event Liaison Officer shall send the events results by email in the specified Excel format (format to be included with approval letter sent by IFSS), **within SEVEN days** of the conclusion of the event, to the IFSS Accreditation Committee ([accreditation@sleddogsport.net](mailto:accreditation@sleddogsport.net)) who will be responsible for calculating and publishing results on the Internet.

**Results not received in time will lead to the reject of the World Cup application the following year.**

## H. RANKING AND FINAL STANDINGS

1. Final standings and current rankings are based on the Individual Scores of all competitors in all Races during the same season in the same class or group of classes (see chapter I below). The Individual Score is the sum of each competitor's RPS (Race Point Scores) for the season.

2. In any class there must be accredited races with at least one validated DID holder on two continents for global titles and awards to be presented in that class. Otherwise only World Cup Continental titles and awards will be presented.

3. In order to be awarded Global or Continental World Cup winner titles, the competitors will need to complete at least two (2) races in the same class or group of classes as listed in Chapter I below.

4. If two or more competitors have the same total number of points at the end of the season, their ranking will be based on the average number of points received on the World Cup races they ran in the class during the season. The competitors with the highest averages shall be ranked before the competitors with lower averages.

5. Pre-selection.

5.1 The top three (3) overall World Cup ranked competitors and the number one (1) Continental World Cup competitors in each class will be preselected in their class by IFSS for the World Championship in the immediately following racing season if there are World Championships that year.

5.2 The top three (3) Continental World Cup competitors in each class will be preselected in their class by IFSS for the Continental Championship in the immediately following racing season if there are Continental Championships that year.

5.3 In order to be preselected based on the World Cup results the competitors shall have completed at least two (2) World Cup races in their class.

5.4 These selections will not be considered part of (not deducted from) their National Member's allocations (national contingent).

## I. WORLD CUP GROUPS OF CLASSES AND DISTANCES

Some classes are grouped together to allow competitors running in similar classes to cumulate points from the classes of the same group. Nordic Breeds classes are grouped similarly.

### GROUP OF CLASSES

#### DRYLAND

- Canicross Women (DCW and DCWM)
- Canicross Men (DCM and DCMM)

- Bikejoring Women (DBW and DBWM)
- Bikejoring Men (DBM and DBMM)
- Combined Women and Men (DCbM, DCbW)
- 1-dog Scooter (DS1, DS1M, DS1W)
- 2-dog Scooter (DS2)
- 4-dog Rig (DR4)
- 6-dog Rig (DR6)
- 8-dog Rig (DR8)
- Junior classes (DR4J, DCMJ, DCWJ, DBMJ, DBWJ, DS1J, DCbMJ, DCbWJ)

#### SKI-DOGS

- Ski-dogs Men (SM1, SM1M, SM2, SM2M, PM1, PM4, CM)
- Ski-dogs Women (SW1, SW1M, SW2, SW2M, PW1, PW4, CW)
- Ski-Dogs Distance (MDSM, MDSW, MDPM, MDPW)

#### SLED

- 2-dog (Sp2)
- 4-dog Sprint (Sp4)
- 6-dog Sprint (Sp6)
- 8-dog and Unlimited Sprint (Sp8 and SpU)
- Mid-Distance (MD6 and MD12)
- Long-Distance (LD8 and LDU)

#### ON-SNOW JUNIOR CLASSES

- On-Snow Junior (SWJ, SMJ, PWJ, PMJ, CWJ, CMJ, Sp2J, Sp4J, MD6J, LD6J)

#### CLASS NAMES, CODES AND DISTANCES

Class Name	Class Code or Abbreviation	Minimum Distance Per Heat
Sprint 2-Dog / Junior	Sp2 / Sp2J	See Race Rules Annex D.II.47
Sprint 4-Dog / Junior	Sp4 / Sp4J	
Sprint 6-Dog	Sp6	
Sprint 8-Dog	Sp8	
Sprint Unlimited	SpU	
Mid Distance 6-Dog / Junior	MD6 / MD6J	See Race Rules Annex D.II.48
Mid Distance 8-12 Dog	MD12	
Long Distance 6-Dog Junior	LD6J	
Long Distance 8-Dog	LD8	
Long Distance Unlimited	LDU	
Pulka Men 1-Dog / Junior	PM1 / PMJ	See Race Rules Annex D.II.47
Pulka Men 1-4 Dog	PM1-4	
Skijoring Men 1-Dog / Junior / Masters	SM1 / SMJ / SM1M	
Skijoring Men 1-2 Dog / Masters	SM2 / SM2M	
Combined Men / Junior	CM / CMJ	
Pulka Women 1-Dog / Junior	PW1 / PWJ	
Pulka Women 1-4 Dog	PW1-4	
Combined Women / Junior	CW / CWJ	
Skijoring Women 1 Dog / Junior / Masters	SW1 / SWJ / SW1M	
Skijoring Women 1-2 Dog / Masters	SW2 / SW2M	
Mid Distance Skijoring Women 2- Dog	MDSW	

Mid Distance Skijoring Men 2-Dog	MDSM	See Race Rules Annex D.II.49
Dryland Bikejoring 1-Dog Women / Junior / Masters	DBW / DBWJ / DBWM	
Dryland 1-Dog Men Bikejoring / Junior / Masters	DBM / DBMJ / DBMM	
Dryland Scooter 1-Dog / Junior	DS1 / DSJ	
Dryland Scooter 2-Dog	DS2	
Dryland Rig 4-Dog / Junior	DR4 / DR4J	
Dryland Rig 6-Dog	DR6	
Dryland Rig 8-Dog	DR8	
Dryland Canicross Men / Junior / Masters	DCM / DCMJ / DCMM	
Dryland Canicross Women / Junior / Masters	DCW / DCWJ / DCWM	
Dryland Combined Men / Junior	DCbM / DCbMJ	
Dryland Combined Women / Junior	DCbW / DCbWJ	

## STAGE RACES

A stage race will be considered a sprint stage race or a distance stage race depending on the average length of its stages (total length of the race divided by the number of stages). The Accreditation Committee may choose to classify a race considering first the type of competitors involved rather than the length of the stages.

Minor variation in distances may be accepted by the IFSS Accreditation Committee, upon request with information for the reason supplied.

## J. ACCREDITATION FEES

No accreditation fee will be imposed if the application is sent at the latest two months before the event. If the application for accreditation is sent between one and two months, an accreditation fee of 50 € shall be paid by the Race Giving Organization at the same time the application is sent to the Accreditation Committee.

## K. DISTRIBUTION OF FEES AND SPONSORSHIP

The distribution of the accreditation fee shall be decided by the Council and communicated to the member federation during the first three months of the racing season.  
The accreditation fee will be used to cover the cost of the World Cup.