

# INVITATION TO



## IFSS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS and EUROPEAN MASTERS 2026

### Dryland

Gävle, Sweden

October 14-18, 2026

#### GENERAL:

1. Use of private motor vehicles on the trails is not allowed.
2. Competitors may inspect the trail only on foot, bicycle or scooter, with up to two (2) dogs. Possible changes will be announced later.
3. Entries for IFSS members are accepted via the IFSS Voting National Member and the Provisional Member federations only, using the official entry form.
4. Microchip identification for the dogs is mandatory. All dogs must be listed on the chipping form (one form per competitor and per class). Only IFSS chipping forms are accepted.
5. Dogs must be 18 months of age on 14th of October 2026 (Date of birth 14th of April 2025 or earlier).
6. Required vaccinations for all dogs on the race site, including dogs not racing: ***Rabies, Distemper, Adenovirus-2 (Hepatitis and tracheo-bronchitis), Parvovirus and "Kennel cough" (Parainfluenza and Bordetella bronchiseptica).***

All vaccines must have been administered more than 21 days before the official day of the opening of the stake-out (NOT the day when the dog starts to race!) Validity of vaccinations as stated in the dog's passport. To evaluate the validity of vaccinations ONLY the "dog passport" or the "dog vaccination booklet" will be taken in consideration. These documents must show for each vaccination the date of injection with the stamp and the signature of the veterinarian who did it.

*Note 1) Kennel cough vaccinations have to protect against BOTH Parainfluenza AND Bordetella bronchiseptica (as with INTRANASAL or INJECTABLE vaccines). Only if the dog is protected with an injectable vaccine against Parainfluenza given not longer than 1 year before (as in DHPPi vaccine), then the ORAL vaccine for Bordetella bronchiseptica is accepted.*

*Note 2) In addition to previous vaccinations Leptospirosis vaccination is not mandatory, but STRONGLY recommended. Both L2 and L4 will be accepted vaccinations for Leptospirosis.*

7. According to Swedish legislation, a dog with a docked tail or cropped ears may not participate in official or unofficial dog shows, trials, competitions or tests in Sweden. If the dog's tail has been amputated for animal welfare reasons (e.g. injury to the dog), the veterinary certification must be shown.
8. It is **strictly forbidden** to use drones during the event and at the event area. Violations of this order will result in immediate disqualification from the event and removal from the event area immediately.
9. It is **strictly forbidden** during this event to allow dogs to run loose at the event site, stake-out area and event parking lots. Loose dogs are only permitted within personal containment areas (fenced areas around competitor's vehicle) in the designated stake-out area. Refusal to respect this requirement may lead to disqualification from the event.
10. Each competitor and national team are responsible for the action of his/her handlers.
11. All participating nations shall appoint one Team leader. The Team leaders shall be noted on the entry forms. Team leaders shall be present at the Team leader meetings. In view of their liaison task between the race organizer and their team members, they shall speak English.

**LOCATION:** Skidstavallen, Gävle, Sweden

Map link: [Map](#)

GPS coordinates: **60°42'33.6"N 17°11'04.4"E**

**TECHNICAL ORGANIZER:** Swedish Sleddog Sport Federation (SDSF)

Web site: [www.draghundsport.se](http://www.draghundsport.se)

**LOCAL ORGANIZER:** Gävle Skidkamrater

Web site: <https://skidkamraterna.se/>

**EVENT PAGE:** <https://ifssevents.net>

### **CATEGORIES AND DISTANCES PER HEAT (distances may be adjusted):**

**Trail info:** The trails are clear, wide and safe. The surface of the trails is grass, gravel and bark, fast and good for the paws.

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| • Canicross Women (DCW)           | ca 4,2 km |
| • Canicross Men (DCM)             | ca 4,2 km |
| • Canicross Junior Women (DCWJ)   | ca 3,5 km |
| • Canicross Junior Men (DCMJ)     | ca 3,5 km |
| • Canicross Masters Women (DCWM)  | ca 4,2 km |
| • Canicross Masters Men (DCMM)    | ca 4,2 km |
| • Bikejoring Women (DBW)          | ca 6 km   |
| • Bikejoring Men (DBM)            | ca 6 km   |
| • Bikejoring Junior Women (DBWJ)  | ca 4,5 km |
| • Bikejoring Junior Men (DBMJ)    | ca 4,5 km |
| • Bikejoring Masters Women (DBWM) | ca 6 km   |

- Bikejoring Masters Men (DBMM) ca 6 km
- Scooter one dog Women (DSW1) ca 5,5 km
- Scooter one dog Men (DSM1) ca 5,5 km
- Scooter one dog Junior (DS1J) ca 4,5 km
- Scooter one dog Masters Women (DS1WM) ca 5,5 km
- Scooter one dog Masters Men (DS1MM) ca 5,5 km
- Scooter 2-dog (DS2) ca 5,5 km
- 4-dog Rig (DR4) ca 4,5 km
- 4-dog Rig Junior (DR4J) ca 4,5 km
- 6-dog Rig (DR6) ca 6 to 6.5 km
- 8-dog Rig (DR8) ca 7 to 7.5 km
- RELAY (DR): Canicross, DS1, DB ca 2,5 + 4,5 + 4,5 km

Master classes will be held, if enough entries are received, in:

Masters 40 (year of birth 1987 or before), Masters 50 (year of birth 1977 or before) and Masters 60 (year of birth 1967 or before).

Every class will have two heats (except Relay) with intervals start, one (1) minute starting intervals for all classes, except two (2) minutes for 8-dog Rig. Shorter starting intervals may be used in Canicross (30 seconds).

As stated in the IFSS Race Rules the one hundred fifty percent (150 %) time disqualification shall automatically apply for each class of the European Championships and European Masters. This does not apply to Junior classes.

As stated in the IFSS Championships Regulations:

- European Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the European Championships provided that at least seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes, except in Junior classes where at least three (3) competitors from two (2) countries are represented.
- If there are fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries after the late entry deadline (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for Junior classes), the class shall not be run.
- If there are seven (7) or more competitors from three (3) countries after the late entry deadline, but there are effectively fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries the first day of the competition (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for Junior classes), the class will be run and the Champion title will be awarded.
- Champion title shall not be awarded if more than one (1) heat is cancelled in that class.
- RNB-teams will be awarded European Champion titles in all the classes (not Relay) if minimum seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes except in Junior classes where at least three (3) competitors from two (2) countries are represented.

As stated in the IFSS Masters Regulations:

- European Master titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the European Masters providing at least seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes.
- If there are fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries after the late entry deadline, the class shall not be run.
- If there are seven (7) or more competitors from three (3) countries after the late entry deadline but there are effectively fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries the first day of the competition, the Master titles will be awarded in that class.
- RNB-teams will be awarded European Master titles in all the classes if minimum seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

The IFSS invites gold medal winners from the 2024 IFSS European Championships Dryland, the top three medalists of the European 2025/2026 World Cup to participate in the 2026 IFSS European Championships and European Masters Dryland as pre-selected competitors in their respective classes. The pre-selected competitors can participate without paying an entry fee.

Each Voting National Member in good standing with IFSS (all dues paid) may enter three (3) competitors in each class and one (1) Relay team in addition to its pre-selected competitors. The same quota applies for RNB classes and non RNB (Open) classes.

Each Provisional Member in good standing in IFSS (all dues paid) may enter one (1) competitor in each class and one (1) Relay team in addition to its pre-selected competitors. The same quota applies for RNB classes and non RNB (Open) classes.

There is no quota for Masters classes.

All selected competitors must hold a valid DID number.

### **REGISTRATION:**

All Registrations and payments (including Relay teams) shall be done according to this schedule.

- All registrations shall be sent to the IFSS Continental Director Europe ([europa@sleddogsport.net](mailto:europa@sleddogsport.net)) and IFSS Event Coordinator ([coordinator@sleddogsport.net](mailto:coordinator@sleddogsport.net)) with a copy to IFSS VP Economic Affairs ([economy@sleddogsport.net](mailto:economy@sleddogsport.net)).
- The IFSS Entry form must be used (download from IFSS Website).
- Competitors to be seeded, pre-selected competitors and Registered Nordic Breed competitors shall be marked on the entry form accordingly.
- Entry fees are not refundable, except in the cases mentioned in the IFSS Championships and Masters Regulations.
- Fees for registration and for the DID number CANNOT be combined. Each fee must be paid separately. Please specify the payment in the bank transfer.

### **24<sup>th</sup> of August - Ordinary registration**

- Registration of number of qualified competitors, including those who were pre selected by IFSS (If possible, register with names and DID-no.)
- Ordinary entry fees paid for the total number of entries.
- Deadline for additional entry requests. Payment (200% of the regular entry fee) will be made after confirmation of the request has been given.

### **7<sup>th</sup> of September - Registration of additional entries**

*(subject to the approval of the IFSS)*

- Latest date to register the number of additional entries.

**NOTE! After this date no changes of class or more entries will be accepted.**

### **14<sup>th</sup> of September - Last day to pay for DID-numbers**

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### **21<sup>st</sup> of September - Names and DID-numbers**

- Last day to register names and DID-numbers.
- Names and DID-numbers received after September 21, will not be accepted as entries.
- Individual names of the Relay team members shall be provided to the Race Marshal at the Team Leader meeting latest on Friday afternoon.

Immediately after September 7, the IFSS will notify the concerned federations if a class is cancelled due to lack of enough competitors for the European Champion or European Master title (criteria mentioned above).

All competitors must submit an IFSS Competitor Consent Form. For competitors younger than 18 years old on the first day of competition an IFSS Guardian Form also must be submitted.

### **PARTICIPATION FEES:**

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|--------------------------|-------|
| • Canicross              | 110 € |
| • Canicross Junior       | 50 €  |
| • Bikejoring             | 110 € |
| • Bikejoring Junior      | 50 €  |
| • Scooter one dog        | 110 € |
| • Scooter one dog Junior | 50 €  |
| • Scooter 2-dog          | 130 € |
| • 4-dog Rig              | 130 € |
| • 4-dog Rig Junior       | 50 €  |
| • 6-dog Rig              | 130 € |
| • 8-dog Rig              | 130 € |
| • RELAY                  | 150 € |

Entry fee payment must be made by the IFSS Voting National Member and the Provisional Member federations of the competitors, via bank transfer to the IFSS account without charges to the IFSS. See instructions on "Entry Form" Excel file and below. If you have any questions, please contact IFSS VP Economic Affairs ([economy@sleddogsport.net](mailto:economy@sleddogsport.net)).

**Bank details:**

KBC Bank Bruxelles Louise, AVENUE LOUISE 306, 1050 BRUXELLES, BELGIUM  
Acc.Nr.: BE89 7350 3332 9285  
IBAN: BE89 7350 3332 9285  
BIC: KREDBEBB

**RACE OFFICIALS:**

Race Marshal:	<i>Eeva Äijälä, Finland</i>
Chief Judge:	<i>Ninni Hjortvall, Sweden</i>
Animal Welfare Judge:	<i>Rüdiger Bartel, Germany</i>
Race Judges:	<i>To be announced</i>
Chief veterinarian:	<i>To be announced</i>
Local coordinator:	<i>Petter Hillborg, Sweden</i>
Trail Boss:	<i>Staffan Hemström, Sweden</i>

**RACE REGULATIONS:**

IFSS Race Rules (<http://www.sleddogsport.net/library>)

Doping tests for competitors and dogs may be performed.

The following list of forbidden substances for athletes will apply:

- <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/prohibited-list>

WADA list of forbidden substances for humans, the IFSS list of forbidden substances for dogs and the IFSS Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations

- <http://www.sleddogsport.net/library>

**ANIMAL WELFARE:**

Competitors shall meet the applicable requirements as per the IFSS RR Part VI.

**INFORMATION AND ROOM RESERVATIONS, MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS:**

The list of various alternatives will be available through the dedicated website.

## **EVENT PROGRAM (*Provisional*)**

**Exact timing may be adjusted according to the organizer's operational needs. The starting order for all classes will be announced shortly.**

### **Monday October 12<sup>th</sup>**

12:00 Stake out opens  
13:00-18:00 Race office open  
14:00-18:00 Vet checks start

### **Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>**

09:00-12:00 Race office open  
09:00-12:00 Vet checks  
15:00-18:00 Race office open  
13:00-18:00 Vet checks

### **Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>**

09:00-11:00 Race office open  
09:00-12:00 Vet checks  
10:00 Trail viewing for Team Leaders  
13:00-16:30 Vet checks  
15:00-16:30 Race office open  
15:00 First mandatory Team Leader meeting;  
Bibs and starting lists handed out  
19:00 Opening ceremony

### **Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup>**

08:00 Possible Team Leader meeting  
09:00-11:00 Race office open, Vet checks by appointment  
09:00 DS2, DBM, DBW, DBMM, DBWM, DBMJ, DBWJ, DR8 and DR6, heat 1  
16:30 Mandatory Team Leader meeting (Meeting time can be changed)

### **Friday October 16<sup>th</sup>**

08:00 Possible Team Leader meeting  
09:00-11:00 Race office open, Vet checks by appointment  
09:00 DS2, DBM, DBW, DBMM, DBWM, DBMJ, DBWJ, DR8 and DR6, heat 2  
16:30 Mandatory Team Leader meeting (Meeting time can be changed)  
18:00 Medal ceremony  
19:00 Musher dinner

**Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>**

- 08:00 Possible Team Leader meeting
- 09:00-11:00 Race office open, Vet check by appointment
- 09:00 DSM1, DSW1, DSWM1, DSMM1, DS1J, DCM, DCW, DCMM, DCWM, DCMJ, DCWJ, DR4, DR4J, heat 1
- 16:30 Mandatory Team Leader meeting (Meeting time can be changed)
- 18:00 Medal ceremony

**Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

- 08:00 Possible Team Leader meeting
- 09:00-11:00 Race office open, Vet check by appointment
- 09:00 DSM1, DSW1, DSWM1, DSMM1, DS1J, DCM, DCW, DCMM, DCWM, DCMJ, DCWJ, DR4, DR4J + Relay, heat 2
- RELAY after the other classes have finished. The time of the Team Leader meeting for Relay will be communicated directly to the Team Leaders later.
- Afternoon Medal ceremonies  
Closing ceremony
- 22:00 Stake out will be closed