

INVITATION TO



IFSS LONG DISTANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027 FINNMARKSLØPET



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Alta, Norway
March 05 -13, 2027

We warmly welcome you to participate in the IFSS Long Distance World Championships 2027 - Finnmarksløpet.

This is an Invitation with basic information for the IFSS Long Distance World Championships 2027 - Finnmarksløpet. Visit <https://www.finnmarkslopet.no/home/> for complete and up-to-date information about the event.

Facts about Finnmarksløpet:

"Finnmarksløpet – the longest dog-sled race in Europe challenges mushers to explore the limits of their capabilities and perform. The dogs and mushers must be top-trained, but also the dogs need trust and dedication to the mushers to perform. This is achieved through taking good care of the dogs, and giving them plenty of attention, food and rest. The musher must not only work while racing, but when the checkpoint is reached he or she must prioritize the dogs before resting. A good support team and training is important to success. To win Finnmarksløpet you need to sacrifice everything, that's why we love mushing!"

LOCATION: Alta, Norway

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Alta,+Norja/@69.9614013,23.2765794,13z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x45cf1470ea806115:0xb7031db51607bfb3!8m2!3d69.9687376!4d23.2715496>

TECHNICAL ORGANIZER: Finnmarksløpet AS

Web site: <https://www.finnmarkslopet.no/home/>

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES:

- Finnmarksløpet junior (FL-JUNIOR)
- Finnmarksløpet 600 (FL-600)
- Finnmarksløpet 1200 (FL-1200)

As stated in the IFSS Championships Regulations (approved by the IFSS Member Federations at the GA 2026):

- World Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the World Championships provided that at least seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes; except in junior class where at least three (3) competitors from two (2) countries are represented.
- 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 class), the class will be run and the Champion title will be awarded.
- If the points mentioned above are met for RNB teams, they will be awarded in their own class.

NOMINATIONS:

The IFSS invites gold medal winners from the IFSS Long Distance World Championships 2025 (Femundløpet 2025, F650, F450, FJ) to participate in the IFSS Long Distance World Championship 2027 - Finnmarksløpet as preselected competitor in class FL-1200, FL- 600 and FL-J. The preselected competitors can participate without paying an entry fee.

Competitors from each Voting National Member and Provisional Member in good standing with the IFSS (all dues paid) may register to the event. There is no quota.

All competitors must hold a valid DID number (Driver Identification Number) for the registration. A DID number must be requested by a Voting National Member or Provisional Member of IFSS. Individuals cannot apply for a DID number directly from IFSS. More information concerning DID number can be found from IFSS website <https://sleddogsport.net/eng/65>. NOTE! A valid DID number is a signal to IFSS and RGO that the DID holder is entitled to represent his/her Member Federation in the event.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES:

All registrations and payments shall be done according to the instructions given by the Race Organizer (<https://www.finnmarksløpet.no/home/>).

RACE RULES:

Finnmarksløpet Rules (<https://www.finnmarksløpet.no/home-rules/>) and IFSS Race Rules (<http://www.sleddogsport.net/library>) will apply.

ANTI-DOPING:

Doping tests for drivers and dogs may be performed.

The following list of forbidden substances for athletes will apply:

- <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/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>

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES Finnmarksløpet:

All registrations and payments shall be done according to the instructions given by the Race Organizer (<https://finnmarksløpet.no/for-contestants/registration/>).

RACE OFFICIALS:

Race Marshal:	Steinar Johansen, Norway
Chief Judge:	To be announced
Animal Welfare Judge:	To be announced
Chief veterinarian:	To be announced
Local coordinator:	To be announced
Trail Boss:	To be announced

RACE REGULATIONS:

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

Finnmarksløpet Rules (<https://finnmarksløpet.no/for-contestants/contestant-info/rules/>)

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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: CHECK WITH ORGANIZATION.

EVENT PROGRAM: (PROVISIONAL)

The page is being updated, please note that changes may occur.
Tickets for the banquets are sold digitally.

Thursday 4 March

Northern Lights Cathedral, Alta city centre

19:00 – 21:00 Opening concert – Finnmarksløpet “The Most Beautiful Fairytale of Winter” with Alta Motett Choir.

20:00 – 23:00 SpareBank1 Nord-Norge’s official starting banquet. At Scandic in Alta City Centre.

Friday, March 5th

START FINNMARKSLØPET 2027

Markedsgata, Alta city center

11:30 – 11:45 While we wait – entertainment.

11:45 – 11:55 Official opening of Finnmarksløpet 2027.

12:00 – 13:15 **START FL-1200** Participants start with two-minute intervals.

Saturday 6 March

START FL-junior/600

Markedsgata, Alta city centre

12:00 – 12:40 Theatre at the stand of Sparebank 1 Nord-Norge.

12:30 – 13:00 While we wait – entertainment.

13:00 – 14:30 **START FL-junior and FL-600** Participants start at one minute intervals.

15:00 – Concert in the city centre directed by Scene Nord.

12:00 – 16:00 Market with exciting stalls, including from our partners.

Sunday March 7th

12:00 – 20:00 Expected finish line for **FL junior** Markedsgata, Alta city center.

Monday 8 March

11:00 – 11:30 Victory ceremony for **FL-junior** Markedsgata, Alta city centre.

12:00 – 18:30 Checkpoint tour in Kirkenes with theatre from Sparebank 1 Nord-Norge approx. at 17:45, market with stalls from, among others, Laks er Viktig for Finnmark and Motorsentergruppen.

16:30-18.00 Finnmarksløpets Afterwork – Sjekkpunkt Kirkenes, organised by Kirkenes Næringsforening.

18:30 – 19:00 Concert in Kirkenes organised by Scene Nord.

Tuesday, March 9

05:00 – 12:00 Expected finish for winner of **FL-600** – 8-team Markedsgata, Alta city center. More finishes are expected throughout the day.

Wednesday 10 March

All day. Finishing points FL-600.

18:00 – 19:00 Victory ceremony for **FL-600** – 8-team Markedsgata, Alta city centre.

20:00 – 23:00 Scandic Hotel Alta's closing banquet for **FL-600** Scandic Hotel Alta.

Tickets are only sold digitally.

Thursday 11 March

12:00 – 18:00 Checkpoint tour in Karasjok with stalls from, among others, Sparebank 1 Nord-Norge and Laks er Viktig for Finnmark. There will also be theatre at Sparebank 1 Nord-Norge's stand at approx. 17:00.

18:00 – Concert in Karasjok under the direction of Scene Nord.

Approx. 20:00 – 11:00 Expected finish winner **START FL-1200** . Markedsgata, Alta city center.

Friday 12th March

Approx. 00:01 – end of day. Finishes **FL-1200** . Markedsgata, Alta city centre.

Saturday 13 March

All day. Finishes FL-1200

12:00 – 13:00 Victory ceremony for **START FL-1200** Markedsgata, Alta city centre.

This may be postponed if the weather causes late finishes.

20:00 – 03:00 Closing banquet with subsequent disco for all participants in Finnmarksløpet 2027, Scandic hotel Alta. Participants, traders, volunteers, partners, press, guests, the public and others.

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