

INVITATION TO



IFSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & WORLD MASTERS 2027

On-Snow, Ski Dog Classes

Kontiolahti, Finland

February 23 to February 28, 2027

We warmly welcome you to compete in the IFSS World Championships 2027
Ski Dog Classes

GENERAL:

1. Use of private motor vehicles on the trails is not allowed.
2. Competitors may inspect the trail only on skis and without a dog.
3. Entries for IFSS members are 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 driver and per class). Only IFSS chipping forms are accepted.
5. 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 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 must 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.

6. 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 competitors' vehicles) in the designated stake-out area. Refusal to respect this requirement may lead to disqualification from the event.
7. Each competitor and national team are responsible for the action of his/her handlers.
8. All competing nations shall appoint one Team Leader. The Team Leaders name, phone number and email address 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.
9. **Drone flying is strictly prohibited** anywhere within the event site, trails, and stake-out areas, unless the Drone pilot is in possession of the necessary authorizations. All remote pilots must comply with European and national regulations. Operators must register and obtain any necessary open category or geographical zone authorizations via the Official Finnish Traficom Drone Portal.
<https://traficom.fi/en/unmanned-aviation/operations-open-category>
10. Information about import regulations

It is the responsibility of every participant to ensure that they follow the Finnish rules regarding import of dogs to Finland. Depending on where you are travelling from, the rules and requirements vary.

You will find all the information you need on the Finnish customs website:

<https://tulli.fi/en/restrictions/pets/travelling>

Please be aware that any team who does not comply with the Finnish import rules will not be permitted to start the race.

LOCATION: Kontiolahti, Finland

Map link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/CtPdKi59w82xeRo17>

EVENT PAGE: <http://www.ifssevents.net/>

TECHNICAL ORGANIZER: Suomen Valjakkourheilijoiden Liitto ry / Finnish Sleddog Sport Federation (VUL)

Website: <https://www.vul.fi/>

LOCAL ORGANIZER:

Website:

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS and WORLD MASTERS CLASSES AND DISTANCES PER HEAT (distances may be adjusted):

Ski-Dogs Sprint (WCh)

- 1-dog Skijoring Women (SW1) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 1-dog Skijoring Men (SM1) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 1-dog Skijoring Junior Women (SWJ) – 1 heat ca. 6 km

- 1-dog Skijoring Junior Men (SMJ) – 1 heat ca. 6 km
- 2-dog Skijoring Women (SW2) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 2-dog Skijoring Men (SM2) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 1-dog Pulka Women (PW1) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 1-dog Pulka Men (PM1) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 1-dog Pulka Junior Women (PWJ) – 1 heat ca. 6 km
- 1-dog Pulka Junior Men (PMJ) – 1 heat ca. 6 km
- 1-dog Combined Women (CW) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 1-dog Combined Men (CM) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 1-dog Combined Junior Women (CWJ) – 1 heat ca. 3 + 3 km
- 1-dog Combined Junior Men (CMJ) – 1 heat ca. 3 + 3 km

Masters

- 1-dog Skijoring Women 40 / 50 / 60 (SW1M 40 / 50 / 60) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 km
- 1-dog Skijoring Men 40 / 50 / 60 (SM1M 40 / 50 / 60) – 2 heat ca. 2 x 6 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).

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

As stated in the IFSS Race Rules the option of the organizer, the starting position of the second and succeeding heats may be reversed with respect to the result of the previous heat (reverse start).

As stated in the IFSS Championships Regulations:

- 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 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 World Champion titles in all the classes (except Sp4MS and 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:

- World Masters titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the World 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.

NOMINATIONS:

The IFSS invites gold medal winners from the 2025 IFSS On-Snow World Championships and World Masters, the top three medallists of the Global 2025/2026 World Cup and the winners of the Continental 2025/2026 World Cup to compete in the 2027 IFSS On-Snow World Championships and World Masters as pre-selected competitors in their respective classes. The preselected competitors can compete without paying an entry fee.

Each National Voting Member in good standing in IFSS (all dues paid) may enter five (5) competitors in each class and two (2) relay teams in addition to its pre-selected competitors. The same quota applies for RNB classes and non RNB (Open) classes except for Sp4MS and Relay classes where there are no specific RNB classes. There is no quota for Master classes.

Each Provisional Member in good standing in IFSS (all dues paid) may enter two (2) 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 except for Sp4MS and Relay classes where there are no specific RNB classes. There is no quota for Master classes.

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 (including Relay teams) shall be done according to this schedule:

- All registrations shall be sent to the IFSS VP Sport (sport@sleddogsport.net) and a copy to (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 message.

Dec 02: Ordinary registration

- Registration of the number of qualified drivers, including those who were preselected 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.

Dec 09: Last day to pay for DID-numbers

- Latest day to pay for the DID-numbers.

Jan 25: Names and DID-numbers

- Latest day to register names and DID-numbers.
- Names and DID-numbers received after January 25, will not be accepted.
- Individual names of the relay team members shall be provided to the Race Marshal at the Team Leader meeting on Friday afternoon.

Immediately after November 02, the IFSS will notify the concerned Federations if a class is cancelled due to lack of enough competitors for World Champion or World 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 the competition an IFSS Guardian Form must also be submitted.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES:

COMPETITION FEES:

- Ski-Dogs, 1-dog classes (WCh & Masters) 130 €
- Ski-Dogs, 1-dog Junior classes 50 €
- Ski-Dogs, 2-dog classes 130 €

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).

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:	Ninni Hjortvall, Sweden
Chief Judge:	To be announced
Animal Welfare Judge:	To be announced
Chief veterinarian:	To be announced
Local coordinator:	Markku Kanko, Finland
Trail Boss:	To be announced

RACE REGULATIONS:

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

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>

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:
To be announced

EVENT PROGRAM FOR ALL CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES (*PROVISIONAL*)

Note! Below mentioned class order is not the starting order of the classes.

Monday 22 February 2027

Vet Checks and Registration

Tuesday 23 February 2027

Vet Checks and Registration
Event Opening ceremony
Training Day

Wednesday 24 February 2027

Vet Checks and Registration
Race Day 1 (PW1, PM1, PWJ, PMJ)

Thursday 25 February 2027

Vet Checks and Registration

Race day 2 (CW, CM, CWJ, CMJ)

Friday 26 February 2027

Vet Checks and Registration

Training Day

Saturday 27 February 2027

Vet Checks and Registration

Race day 3 (SW1, SM1, SWJ, SMJ, SW1M, SM1M)

Sunday 28 February 2027

Vet Checks and Registration

Race day 4 (SW2, SM2)