



SDAS RACE RULES

AS AGREED AGM MARCH 2016

*The Sled Dog Association of Scotland will run all events under the current IFSS Race Rules & Procedures. Note: the following Race Rule local amendments, as detailed below, will apply to all SDAS events unless otherwise specified on the race invitation. Changes to the local amendments agreed at the AGM, are written in **RED Bold***

- 1) For events where there is no nominated 'Race Judge' - the role will be undertaken by the race organiser with jurisdiction under the guidance of at least two committee members
- 2) It is each individual driver's responsibility to ensure by whatever means necessary that the designated course is safe and suitable for their team, bearing in mind its size and speed and their own level of skill and experience and the prevailing weather conditions at the time.
- 3) The course will be available for inspection by all mushers prior to the event at the race organizers discretion. No competing dogs will be allowed on the marked course (in whole or part) except during the mushers designated heat.
- 4) Drivers of a team must be fully paid up members of SDAS at the time of the event, except in the case of the National Championships, IFSS qualifying races and such like, whereby an additional fee will be charged to non-members.
- 5) Any team or dog disqualified or not starting any heat of the race **may** compete in the remainder of the race (at the race organisers / committee discretion) but will not be eligible for an overall result.
- 6) No dog, equipment or clothing shall be bought to an event from a kennel where any contagious disease exists or has existed within the previous three weeks. Any breach of this rule will result in disqualification and immediate removal from the event site.
- 7) Any team, dog or driver coming to the event and being, in the opinion of the event organizer or current SDAS committee member/s, unfit or incapable of completing the course in a safe and satisfactory manner, will be -
 - a, Asked to reduce their team size.
 - b, Remove dog in question from team.
 - c, Given the opportunity to enter a different smaller class size.The race organizer or committee member/s must have a valid reason for asking for this which is backed up by another current committee member/s.
- 8) All drivers must be 16 years of age, or over, on the first day of the event - except for Junior Classes. Drivers 16 years old and over will be required to be full members of SDAS before competing in events other than junior classes.



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- 9) No Dogs less than twelve months old on the first day of the event will be accepted for entry other than the recreational class.
- 10) Kennel club registered names and number or *Microchip number for Open Sled Dogs* and Date of Birth of dogs must be given on the Dog ID List. It is acceptable to provide a full kennel list without being class specific.
- 11) *Dogs which are not KC Registered Sled dog breeds (as Defined in item 3 of the clubs Objectives within the Constitution and Code of Ethics), wishing to compete at SDAS events, should be micro-chipped as means of identification. SDAS may use a micro-chip scanner to confirm dog identity at events.*
- 12) The responsibility for the condition, safety and suitability of all dogs and equipment rests solely with the Driver and /or Owner.
- 13) All rig / sled teams must have a snub line attached to the gangline between the rear of the team and the point where it is attached to the rig/sled. This snub line must be of a length that is long enough to enable release from a static object (e.g. gate post or tree) by the driver whilst on, and in control of the rig/sled.
- 14) All lines must be free of frays and excess wear.
- 15) Shock absorbers, when utilized, must have a safety line.
- 16) ***For DR8 class, rigs must have all wheels braking.***
- 17) No wet acid batteries must be carried.
- 18) Back up lights must be carried during night races.
- 19) Bib Numbers will be provided by the club for each competitor. Bib Number request can be made to the committee for a donation. Competitors can provide their own Bibs so long as number is clearly visible to finish timer.
- 20) Competitors should not wear shoes that could be dangerous for dogs.
- 21) Starting position and time for each team shall be determined by drawing, seeding, or any other method as determined by the individual race organizer.
- 22) The format of the starting times for the second heat (where applicable) will be determined by the finishing times from the first heat with the fastest out first and so on.



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23) When the Temperature rises above 10 degrees at any time during the course of the event (when taken in the shade at or near the start line) the event shall be reviewed by the race organiser and may be stopped, or trails shortened where practicable. The race organiser may, however, if he or she feels that the temperature/humidity combination is too high, review the event before this level is reached. Temperatures will be monitored during the course of the race.

24) The following classes and junior age categories may be offered at all SDAS events:

DR8 / DR8NB - No more than 8 dogs, no less than 5 (3 or 4 wheeled rigs, must have all wheels braking) **only open to competitors approved by committee majority**

DR6; DR6NB; - No more than 6 dogs, no less than 4

DR4; DR4NB; - No more than 4 dogs, no less than 3

DBM /DBW; DBMNB / DBWNB; - 1 dog Bikejor combined Men / Women

DBJ - 1 dog Bikejor combined open, nordic & gender juniors 10 - 15yrs (accompanied, for safety, by an adult on a bike behind the junior team).

DR3; DR3NB; - No more than 3 dogs, no less than 2

DR2; DR2NB; - 2 dog rig

DS2; DS2NB; - 2 dog Scooter

DS1; DS1NB; - 1 dog Scooter

DCM; DCW - 1 dog Canicross Men / Women

DCMJ; DCWJ - 1 dog Canicross 7 - 15 years Boys / Girls (7 year olds must be accompanied by an adult who is also attached to the dog) .

DR1J; DR1JNB;- 1 dog rig, 8 - 11 years only

DR2J; DR2JNB;- 2 dog rig, 12 - 15 years only

Recreational, non-timed: canicross; scooter; bikejor; rig: max 8 dogs

- **Open & Registered dog teams will be run separately for the first heat. Subsequent heats will be based on time only for each class, with no separation in the running order for Open and RNB teams.**
- **Freight teams to run in with the RNB (Pure breed) classes.**
- **Class running order will be based on team size and / or speed, but may be subject to some variation to facilitate the smooth running of the event.**



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25) Mating of bitches is forbidden at race sites.

26) Puppies will not be allowed at events unless they are fully inoculated. Persons bringing puppies to an event site without correct papers will be asked to leave.

27) Puppies will not be offered for sale at an event site.

28) SDAS CSJ CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES will award points in each class as follows:

Position	Number of points	Position	Number of points
1st	66	11th	14
2nd	57	12th	12
3rd	49	13th	10
4th	42	14th	8
5th	36	15th	6
6th	31	16th	5
7th	27	17th	4
8th	23	18th	3
9th	20	19th	2
10th	17	20th and thereafter	1

- a) All points for a class Championship must have been attained in that class only. (***note: Championship points will not be awarded at all National Championship, World Cup and IFSS Qualifying events***)
- b) In scheduled multi-day events, only the final placing will count for points. Where only one heat of a scheduled two day event has been possible then that heat shall stand for the results to be calculated for that event and championship points awarded accordingly.
- c) In the event of a tied points championship total then the tied position will be shared i.e. Tied Championship 1st position - the winners will share the trophy for the year.
- d) Discard System - depending on the number of Championship events held, only your top results will be recorded i.e. if 8 events are held then only 6 sets of results will be counted.
 - i) Run up to 5 championship events and 1 event can be discarded
 - ii) Run 6 or more championship events and 2 events can be discarded
 - iii) To qualify for a final championship placing you must complete a minimum number of events equal to the total number of events minus the allowable number of discards as described in points d(i) and d(ii). Competitors failing to complete the minimum number of events will still be able to accrue points but will not qualify for a final championship placing.