**SDAS RACE RULES**

The Sled Dog Association of Scotland will run all events under the current IFSS Race Rules & Procedures. Any IFSS race rule change brought into force by the IFSS following our AGM will be reviewed by the SDAS committee and the change proposed to be accepted or otherwise at the following AGM, unless the committee unanimously agrees that its immediate implementation is in the best interests of our members and the sport.

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.

All new deviations from the published IFSS rules will be highlighted to members by being published in these SDAS local rules & typed in Green Bold.

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

1. A Safety Briefing will be held on the Saturday morning of each race weekend. The time of which will be published on Social Media alongside the timed starting list prior to event. Attendance to this is compulsory for all Competitors and/or anyone completing the race trail incl recce.
2. A Parent/Guardian/Form signer of any child(ren) entered into any Junior Categories: J1/J2/JCW7-12/JCW12-15/DRJ4/DBJ(10-15), must be in attendance for them at the Safety Briefing.
3. Any Competitor not in attendance to the Safety Briefing will not be permitted to race at that event.
4. The course will be available for inspection by all Competitors prior to the event at the race organisers discretion. No dogs will be allowed on the marked course (in whole or part) except during the Competitors designated heat. The use of wheels for recce will be at Committee discretion.
5. It is the responsibility of the dog owners to make sure that their dogs are sufficiently trained and conditioned and that they pose no hazard to the health or welfare of themselves or other dogs participating in the event. Any dog or team proven a hazard to other dogs or drivers/handlers shall be disqualified from the event by the event organiser(s)/Committee.
6. 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, their own level of skill and experience and the prevailing weather conditions at the time.
7. The Association view any act of neglect of or cruelty to dogs with serious concern and where relevant may instigate action under the rules for “Expulsion of Members” if grounds for such action are deemed sufficient by the Committee
8. Any driver/handler who displays poor sportsmanship or abuses their dogs shall be disqualified by the Committee.
9. Non Members are allowed to enter and take part at all events, subject to an additional fee. Non members are not eligible for championship points, but may be awarded points retrospectively if they join SDAS as members before the last event of the season.
10. Authority to postpone or cancel an event shall rest solely with the Committee. In the event a Race is cancelled prior to its start, SDAS will offer a 50% refund to all Competitors entered.
11. Once entry to an event has closed, there are no alterations permitted to class(es) already entered.
12. Any team or dog DSQ/DNS from 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.
13. 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 four weeks. Any breach of this rule will result in disqualification and immediate removal from the event site.
14. Any team, dog or driver coming to the event and being, in the opinion of the event organiser/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 organiser or Committee member/s must have a valid reason for asking for this which is backed up by another current Committee member/s\*

1. All drivers must be 16 years of age, or over, on the first day of the event – except for Junior Classes.
2. No dogs less than twelve months old on the first day of the event will be accepted for entry in all classes except Bikejor and Scooter, in which no dogs less than eighteen months old on the first day of the event will be eligible to compete. Eligibility of age for these classes is eighteen months old. Recreational Class age will be between 10-12months depending on breed of dog and down to Committee discretion.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The responsibility for the condition, safety and suitability of all dogs and equipment rests solely with the Driver and /or Owner.
6. 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.
7. All lines must be free of frays and excess wear.
8. Shock absorbers, when utilised, must have a safety line.
9. No wet acid batteries must be carried.
10. Back up lights must be carried during night races.
11. **SDAS members will be responsible for their own bib number at each event which has to be clearly visible to the finish timer. Non members will be provided bib numbers at the time of event.**
12. Competitors should not wear shoes that could be dangerous for dogs
13. Starting position and time for each team shall be determined by drawing, seeding, or any other method as determined by the individual race organiser
14. The format of the starting times for the second heat (where applicable) or second day’s racing will be determined by the finishing times from the first heat
15. When the Temperature rises above 12 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.
16. The following classes and junior age categories may be offered at all SDAS events:

**CLUBMAN CLASS - Non Championship Timed Class** - Pool of 12 dogs, Maximum of 10 per team. Dogs can be interchanged per race days. Heavy 4 Wheeled Passenger Rig (Passenger Optional) or Engineless Quad where applicable. All wheels braking. Only available to races that have been approved prior.

**DR8/DR8NB** – 8 Dog Rig, no more than 8 dogs, no less than 5 (4 wheeled rigs only) only open to competitors approved by committee majority

**DR6 -** 6 Dog Rig, No more than 6 dogs, no less than 4. (The use of a 4 Wheeled rig only/All wheels braking)

**DR6NB** - 6 Dog Rig, No more than 6, no less than 4 (3/4 Wheels/All wheels braking)

**DR4/DR4NB** – 4 Dog rig, no more than 4 dogs, no less than 3

**DBM/DBW/DBNB -** 1 Dog Bikejor Men/Women /Combined Nordic

**DBJ** – 1 Dog Junior Bikejor (combined breed/gender) 10 – 15yrs \*may be accompanied, for safety, by an adult on a bike behind the junior team

**DR4J -** 4 Dog Rig Junior, no more than 4 dogs, no less than 3. (The use of a 4 wheeled rig only/All wheels braking)

**DR3/DR3NB** – 3 Dog Rig, no more than 3 dogs, no less than 2

**DR2/DR2NB** -2 Dog Rig only

**DS2/DS2NB** - 2 Dog Scooter, no more than 2 dogs, no less than 1

**DS1/DS1NB** - 1 Dog Scooter

**DCM2/DCM2** – 2 Dog Canicross, no more than 2 dogs, no less than 1 Men/Women

**DCM/DCW** - 1 Dog Canicross Men /Women

**DCJ** - 1 Dog Canicross 7 – 12 (mixed breed/gender) \*7 year olds must be accompanied by an adult who is also attached to the dog

**DCJ** - 1 dog Canicross 12-15 mixed breed/gender

**J1/J1NB** – 1 Dog Rig, 8 – 12 years only

**J2/J2NB** – 2 Dog Rig, 12 – 15 years only

* 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 NB (Pure breed) classes unless there are 3 or more entries per class in which case they will be allocated their own NBF Class for that particular event. Championship Classes will remain Open/NB
* **A Dog may compete in a second class only if the second entry is into one of the following Junior classes: DCJ/DBJ/J1/J2 and run on the allocated shorter specified Junior trail.**
* 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
1. Mating of bitches is forbidden at race sites
2. 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.
3. Puppies will not be offered for sale at an event site.
4. CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES will award points in each class as follows:

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| 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 | 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) Two consecutive race days will be held on each racing weekend. Times will be combined over both days to give overall finishing positions on the second day. Championship points will be awarded for overall finishing position. Note: Competitors must run the same dogs both days in the same class

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 races held, only your top results will be recorded i.e. 16 events, 11 will be counted

i) Hold up to 11 races and 3 results can be discarded

ii) Hold 12 or more races and 5 results 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 & 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.

**The following IFSS rules are REJECTED & our current local rules regarding rigs remain in place:**

**o 82.2.3 The rig in DR4 shall have minimum three (3) wheels. The rig in DR6 and DR8 shall have minimum four (4) wheels. The distance between front and back axles on 3- and 4- wheel rigs shall be minimum 43,3 inches (110 cm). The minimum wheel diameter on any rig shall be 12 inches (30 cm). The minimum dual wheel base (front and back) for any rig is 27,6 inches (70cm) and the wheels in the same axle on all rigs must have the same dimensions, structure and characteristics. All rigs shall be equipped with:**

**o 82.2.3.1 An efficient brake on the back wheels. Having brakes in the front wheels is recommended. Brakes on all wheels will be enforced as of July 1st, 2019.**

**The following IFSS rules are REJECTED & our local rule regarding dog eligibility remains in place:**

**o 3.6 Any dog having raced in one class of a race is eligible to race in a second class on the same day (max. two heats per day) if the total lengths not exceed 12 km (7.5 miles) in Dryland and 20km (12.5 miles) in On-Snow**

* **3.5 Dogs participating in a race must be at least eighteen (18) months old.**