

Objects and Mission Statement of the Association

To promote development, expansion, and participation in harness dog-powered sports in all its diverse aspects and to foster understanding and appreciation of the history and traditions of the use of sled dogs.

To specifically promote the winter activities of dogsledding and skijoring (dog-assisted skiing) and to promote other season “dryland” mushing activities involving the use of dogs to power wheeled vehicles such as scooters, bicycles, 3 or 4 wheeled carts or canicross (dog assisted human running).

To collaborate with organizations having as their objectives the promotion of dog-powered sports.

As much as possible and while embracing the rich diversity of ways in which mushing is practiced in Canada, to promote, facilitate, and engage in the creation of a consistent set of rules, regulations and procedures governing dog-powered sports competitions.

As much as possible and while embracing the rich diversity of ways in which mushing is practiced in Canada, to promote, facilitate, and engage in the creation of best practices in the care and use of dogs in competitive and recreational mushing; this includes identifying and promoting those practices which are humane, ethical, and beneficial to the health of canine athletes.

To facilitate flow of information between the international mushing community and mushers in Canada’s regions.

To fulfill the Association's mandate as dictated by its membership in the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS)

To ensure that the Association at all times while fulfilling its mandate that it requires the equitable treatment of men and women, the equitable treatment of persons with disabilities, observes anti-doping activities, a commitment to fair play and to sport development.

To publish a qualifying process for selecting national athletes and teams and to support such athlete's and team's participation in World Championship events that are sanctioned and approved by the International Federation of Sleddog Sports.

To develop coaching, educational and junior development programs that foster the sport and encourage athletes to reach the highest possible level of achievement in the sport.