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SELECTION RULES FOR IFSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ON-SNOW AND DRYLAND

The following rules may be amended by the CAHDS selection committee up to 3 weeks before applications are due. This document contains three parts.

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PART 1: Criteria to be eligible to qualify to represent Team Canada at a World Championship event.

SECTION 1: CITIZENSHIP

The following drivers/athletes will be eligible for selection for Team Canada:

1. Canadian citizens or

1.2 Permanent residents or

1.3 Those residing in Canada for at least 24 months at the time of their application to the World Champion (WCh) event. (Proof of citizenship/residency must be provided upon request. The competitor in this case may be a citizen of another country.)

1.4 According to IFSS rules, a racer cannot compete for two different teams (i.e. Countries) in the same racing year at International events.

SECTION 2: DID NUMBER

2.1 Applicants must have a valid Driver Identification Number (DID) to represent Team Canada at World Championship Events.

2.2 Once applicants have been notified of their selection, DID numbers must be requested from CAHDS and paid for (if the applicants don't have them already), to complete confirmation of attendance for Worlds (see confirmation of attendance deadlines in Section 11). However, for those who want to compete for World Cup points and possibly be eligible for preselection through World Cup points, they should have their DID in time for their first IFSS race of the season.

SECTION 3: MEMBERS OF CAHDS

The athlete/driver needs to have his/her CAHDS membership paid in full when he/she submits his/her application to be on Team Canada (see Section 11 for Application Deadlines). Only members that are in good standing with CAHDS will be considered for Team Canada.



SECTION 4: PRESELECTED APPLICANTS and NON PRESELECTED APPLICANTS

4.1 PRESELECTED APPLICANTS

CAHDS will accept the following drivers/athletes as preselected if they submit an application to be part of Team Canada to CAHDS, and they fulfill the criteria of SECTION 1, 2 and 3 and 4.3.

4.1.1 Gold medal winners from the previous WCh event (dryland for Dryland WCh and on-snow for Winter WCh), if applicants fulfill the requirements in Section 1. (Rational: CAHDS aims to have successful results at WCh events to help boost the profile and support of CAHDS. Past success at this level, is a strong indicator of continued future success. Competitors who have represented other countries in the past are eligible for this condition provided that they compete for the same country in both World Dryland and World Snow Championships as per IFSS rules.)

4.1.2 Canadian World Cup points winners in their respective classes. (Rational: This encourages support of IFSS races and insures an extra competitor in each class Team Canada would not have otherwise.)

The top ranked Canadians are only preselected in the class(es) in which they accumulated the most WCup points in relation to all other Canadians ranked by the IFSS for the same class(es). For example the top ranked Canadian in skijoring is only preselected in skijoring, and must go through the candidate application under Section 5 to apply for other classes which he/she has not been preselected for.



4.2 NON PRESELECTED APPLICANTS

In addition to the preselected athletes, CAHDS will select three (3) men and three (3) women from each class, with the exception of Scooter, Cart and Sled classes where only 3 athletes are selected as men and women compete together.

These athletes will be selected based both on the results and depth of field for the races. Consideration will be given to consistency of results over conditions which are similar to those of the WCh championship event (eg. terrain). Top performance at high-level events with large fields (more than 7 competitors) in both Canada and international settings will receive greater weight.

The selection for Nordic Breed Classes is the same as for Mixed Breed Classes.

Once IFSS knows the number of competitors that are attending from all over the World special permission may be given by the IFSS Executive for more athletes per country to be selected nearer the time of the event. This depends on participation rates so that classes have an appropriate number of entries for a World Championship. At that point CAHDS will inform the next competitors in order of ranking, on the waiting list, to fill the number of places IFSS has awarded.

4.2.1 SELECTION CRITERIA:

Race results with web links (for the classes which are being applied for) including dog(s) for small teams up to 2, distance and terrain for the past two years.

Also provide a contact for the race marshal/RGOs for reference if needed.

Rational: CAHDS may want to ask a race marshal about conduct of an athlete.

4.2.1.1 Race results from the competitive season before the IFSS WCh event will carry the most weight. (Rational: fitness and experience and likely the dog(s) one is using will be more accurate to assess as close as possible to the competition, however two years of results should be submitted to give the committee more information about competitive experience, (eg. if one was in a IFSS WCh event two years prior etc...).



4.2.1.2 Consideration will be given to competitors that have placed among the top Canadians at IFSS events in the competitive season before the WCh event, although other IFSS results will be considered. Rational: CAHDS supports the growth of IFSS racing in Canada by valuing the diversity and number of competitors at its events. It also recognizes that finances and travel distances will also be a factor.

If multiple IFSS races are involved World Cup points per event may be used to assist in ranking competitors.

4.2.1.3 Consideration will be given to those who often placed among the top Canadians as they competed at local, and international events that drew a large field of competitors (large fields are 7 or more competitors). Rational: This accounts for the scarcity of IFSS races across Canada at this time and the cost of travel.

4.2.2 ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED

Information in this section may assist the selection committee if results between two competitors are close in the selection criteria (4.2.1).

4.2.2.1. A training log may be submitted if the applicant feels it will enhance his/her application. **Training logs should detail time/ distance/ terrain/ and activity for athletes and their dogs. Please include weekly/monthly summaries. Short videos may also be used to demonstrate technique and terrain.** (Rational: Due to weather and location of races one's opportunity to race on a variety of terrain may not occur, but one's commitment to training a variety of terrain may have impact on selection).

4.2.2.2 Personal racing and off season dog race results may be included. Rational: Competition at this level requires a high-level of commitment to consistent training, conditioning and racing.-



4.2.2.3 A personal statement may be included, outlining the desire to represent Team Canada, what expected goals are and plans to support the CAHDS community.

4.3 REQUIREMENTS FOR GOOD STANDING FOR ALL APPLICANTS

The following selection criteria are for preselected and non-preselected applicants.

4.3.1 Competitors need to be in good standing to be considered. This means no positive drug testing (for themselves or dog) within 24 months before the WCh event. (Rational: This an IFSS rule.) Also see CAHDS anti-doping bylaws.

4.3.2 Racers with a history of bad trail etiquette and/or sportsmanship may not be considered. Rational: Team Canada behaviour is important to boost the profile and support of CAHDS. Also see CAHDS bylaws on membership. A racer in question must demonstrate that he/she is committed to participating and representing Team Canada with a spirit of good sportsmanship before being considered.

4.3.3 Racers with a history of improper, cruel, inappropriate dog handling may not be considered. (Rational: This is against the code of conduct for IFSS.) Also see CAHDS bylaws on membership. A racer in question must demonstrate that he/she can conduct themselves appropriately before being considered.

4.4 RANKING OF COMPETITORS

Competitors will be ranked and in the case of a dropout or disqualification, the next highest ranking candidate will be selected.

4.5 SELECTION COMMITTEE RANKING RIGHTS

The selection committee reserves the right to use sound reasoning and best judgement in addition to these selection criteria when selecting Team Canada competitors



PART 2: Notes

SECTION 5: WHO CAN SELECT TEAM CANADA

CAHDS is the Canadian Federation member of IFSS. CAHDS (its directors with the assistance of the selection committee chair, and selection committee) are solely responsible for the selection of athletes for Team Canada. CAHDS secretary or president is solely responsible for filling out the entry form, based on the results of the selection committee submitted by the committee chair, for IFSS World Dryland and On-Snow competitions. CAHDS secretary or president will forward participants entry fees to IFSS. CAHDS committee chair is responsible for signing off the final entry form. All entries are confirmed by IFSS. No entry is validated until IFSS checks the entry has a valid DID. Entries validated by IFSS will go to the RGO and Race Marshal at IFSS World Championships.

SECTION 6: MAKE UP OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee chair is appointed by the CAHDS Board of directors. The committee Chair will select a mix of people from different disciplines to help keep selection rules current and select the athletes. Any changes made to the selection rules will be approved by the directors of CAHDS. The CAHDS board or the Selection Committee Chair may provide substitute committee members to address any selection where there may reasonably exist a bias. The selection committee may make any further inquiries and meet as the chair deems fit. The committee members should avoid all bias and have no business or family relationship to the people in the class being selected.

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SECTION 7: CLASSES

The WCh application form will be used for drivers/athletes wishing to compete in the following classes at a WCh event:

Classes on-snow are: 1-dog skijor, 2-dog skijor, pulk, combined, 4-dog sled, 6-dog sled, 8-dog sled, unlimited, mid-distance, and distance

Classes for dryland are: canicross, bikejor, 1-dog scooter, 2-dog scooter, 4-dog cart, 6-dog cart, 8-dog cart.

SECTION 8: PULK and COMBINED

As there are very few opportunities for racing with the pulk or racing combined in North America, applicants who are selected for skijoring will also be considered for these classes.

The applicant must show documentation of success in training/racing with the pulk. For selected skijoring applicants assistance will be available to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to be more competitive in pulka and combined competitions. (Rational: It is very unfair to other competitors, if one has not put in the hours of training needed to be competitive with the pros, as one can be a hindrance to other, more experienced competitors.

SECTION 9: AGES OF PARTICIPANTS AND DOGS

Please refer to the IFSS rules for ages of the dog and participants.



SECTION 10: FUNDING

Only members who fulfill all of the application requirements AND can document continued activity* in racing with their dog(s) will be considered for funding if funds are available. (Rational: preselection can be more than a year in advance).

*Continued racing activity means that the applicant is actively involved in the racing circuit, participates in local/international races whenever possible, and trains regularly.

Funds raised by CAHDS fundraisers will be divided evenly among the selected participants, unless a preselected athlete has not shown continued racing activity with his/her dogs since his/her selection. He/She will not receive funds.

SECTION 11: APPLICATION DEADLINES

Snow

Applications for Worlds on Snow must be submitted by September 15th, approximately half a year before the competition. By October 15th applicants in the top will be notified of their ranking, and the preselected applicants and top 3 non-preselected applicants will be notified of selection. The applicants must confirm attendance within two weeks of notification. Failure to respond will be taken as a withdrawal in the intention.

Substitutions will be notified until 3 competitors are confirmed. The next highest ranked applicants will be notified that they are on the waiting list. In the event that more spots become open by IFSS, applicants on the waiting list will be notified by CAHDS and will be given a timeline for confirming attendance.

Dryland

Applications for Worlds on Snow must be submitted by June 15th, approximately half a year before the competition. By July 15th applicants in the top will be notified of their ranking, and the preselected applicants and top 3 non-preselected applicants will be notified of selection. The applicants must confirm attendance within two weeks of notification. Failure to respond will be taken as a withdrawal in the intention.

Substitutions will be notified until 3 competitors are confirmed. The next highest ranked applicants will be notified that they are on the waiting list. In the event that more spots become open by IFSS, applicants on the waiting list will be notified by CAHDS and will be given a timeline for confirming attendance.

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SECTION 12: CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS

For questions about the selection process, contact Karen Koehler (Committee Chair) at karrob1021@rogers.com.

PART 3:

APPEALS

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the selection committee chair with a \$200 non-refundable fee within the two weeks following rejection notification.

The appeal process will depend on the existing/current CAHDS appeal rules.