



## SELECTION RULES FOR IFSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ON-SNOW AND DRYLAND **QUICK REFERENCE**

**Please be aware this is a summary and athletes/drivers are required to sign that they have read the full length version of this document on their application.**

### **CRITERIA TO BE ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY FOR TEAM CANADA:**

1. Athletes/drivers need to be:

Canadian citizens or

Permanent residents or

Reside 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.)

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

2. Applicants must **have a valid Driver Identification Number (DID)** to represent Team Canada at World Championship Events. DID numbers must be requested from CAHDS.
3. 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. Only members that are in good standing with CAHDS will be considered for Team Canada.



4. Preselected and non-preselected athlete/drivers **must apply to CAHDS by the application deadline to be considered for selection.**
  
5. In addition to the possible preselected athlete/drivers, CAHDS will select three (3) athletes/drivers per class, **based both on the results and depth of field for the races.**

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

Permission may be given for more athletes to be selected nearer the time of the event. At that point CAHDS will inform the next competitors in order of ranking, on the waiting list, to fill the number of places awarded.

#### **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.)

**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.**

**Race results from the competitive season before the IFSS WCh event will carry the most weight.**

**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.**

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**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).\_**

**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. Racers with a history of bad trail etiquette and/or sportsmanship may not be considered. Racers with a history of improper, cruel, inappropriate dog handling may not be considered.**

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

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

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. The committee members should avoid all bias and have no business or family relationship to the people in the class being selected.

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

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## **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

### **Snow**

Applications for Worlds on Snow must be submitted by September 15<sup>th</sup>, approximately half a year before the competition. By October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Dryland Worlds must be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup>, approximately half a year before the competition. By July 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

For questions about the selection process, contact Karen Koehler (Committee Chair) at [info@canada-mushing.ca](mailto:info@canada-mushing.ca)

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.