



Purpose of this document is to help create a uniform structure of a race known as the Canadian Championship co hosted with Canadian Association of Harness Dog Sport (CAHDS) and supported by the International Federation of Sled Dog Sports(IFSS) . The championship best assists members in determining Canada's entry for International competition and growth for all canadian athletes. It is also important to note that promotion of all levels of harness dog sport is a key function of the CAHDS and its championships.

The Application Process is as follows :

Application for accreditation Canadian Championship shall be submitted to:

- AEC group for CAHDS consideration (accreditation@canada-mushing.ca)
- AEC group for IFSS accreditation consideration (submitted to AEC through web page)
- Notification of intent to CAHDS board of directors
- Notification of intent to Provincial Club

Application shall include;

- Name and contact information of organizer
- Event Date
- Site location with venue site map
- Event Classes being applied for as Championship along with number of heats
- Trail map with mileage and elevations
- Event description and overview
- Copy of the rules being use for this event
- List of Race Officials – Race Marshal, Chief Timer, Trail Boss and Race Veterinarian
- Race Budget showing the hosts races' ability to fund the Canadian Championship event.

Application shall be submitted on or before the CAHDS advertised designated deadline.

CAHDS shall supervise and support the hosting race committee and organizers.

CAHDS is the co host of the event and shall make an agreement with the applying host race committee about the implementation of the event.

The Chief Rule Enforcing Officer and the Animal Welfare Judge will be approved or appointed by CAHDS. All designated race officials will be submitted with brief descriptions of experience to the CAHDS for approval.

CAHDS shall send out invitations and entry forms to all eligible members and publish them on the CAHDS webpage.

CAHDS shall assist in providing trophies of honor, gold, silver and bronze medals for the three first finishers in each event class.



CAHDS shall provide the participation certificate for athletes and volunteers.

Ideally the National Canadian Championship sled races is held in the later part of the winter season to allow athletes to prepare. Dryland Championships are very limited to a extremely short season and will not be subject to the same request.

Host Race is responsible for:

- Obtaining the necessary permissions from the police and other authorities
- Obtaining insurance for this event.
- Arranging winner ceremony with assistance of the CAHDS
- Sufficient event space for agreed number of contestants (3 per province or territory)
Additional Spaces will be available to those wishing to participate after the first round of invites
- Trail in accordance to IFSS race rules
- Loud speakers and onsite communication
- Radio/Other communication with race officials including Race Marshal, Race Judges, Trail Boss, Trail Checkers, Timekeepers and Chief Veterinarian
- Live radio or social media should be available
- Host Race is responsible for the cost of hosting this event. Entry Fees are payable to the hosting club.

Classes eligible for Canadian Championship Status

**Pure Breed Nordic breeds Classes are available

Dryland Classes:

Canicross Elite Men (DCM) and Women (DCW)

Canicross Veteran Men (DCMV) and Women (DCWV)

- Distance – Minimum 4km/2.5miles - maximum 8km/ 5miles

Canicross Junior Men (DCMJ) and Women (DCWJ)

- Distance – Minimum 1km/.6miles – maximum 4km/2.5miles

Bikejoring Elite Men (DBM) and Women (DBW)

Bikejoring Veteran Men (DBMV) and Women (DBWV)

- Distance – Minimum 4km/2.5miles - maximum 10km/ 6.2miles

Bikejoring Junior Men (DCMJ) and Women (DCWJ)

- Distance – Minimum 2km/1.2miles - maximum 8km/ 5miles

Scooter one dog (DS1)Junior (DS1J)

- Distance – Minimum 2km/1.2miles - maximum 8km/ 5miles



Scooter 2-dog (DS2)

- Distance – Minimum 2km/1.2miles - maximum 8km/ 5miles

4-dog Elite Team (DR4) Junior Team (DR4J)

- Distance – Minimum 4km/2.5miles - maximum 8km/ 5miles

6-dog Elite Team (DR6)

- Distance – Minimum 5km/3.1miles - maximum 10km/ 6.2miles

8-dog Elite Team (DR8)

- Distance – Minimum 5km/3.1miles - maximum 12km/ 7.5miles

Dryland Relay

- Distance – Minimum .5km/.3miles – maximum 4km/2.5miles

Sled dog Sprint:

10 dog- Unlimited Class Elite (SpU)

- Distance --Recommendation: 22.5 km (14 miles) up to the last full weekend in January, and 27 km (17 miles) thereafter

8-dog Class Elite (Sp8)

- Distance -- Recommendation: 14 km (9 miles) up to the last full weekend in January and 16 km (10 miles) thereafter.

6-dog Class Elite (Sp6)

- Distance -- 9 km (6 miles). Recommendation: 9 km (6 miles) up to the last full weekend in January and 12 km (7.5 miles) thereafter

4-dog Class Elite (Sp4)

- Distance -- 6 km (4 miles). Recommendation: 6 km (4 miles) up to the last full weekend in January and 8 km (5 miles) thereafter.

2-dog Class (Sp2)

- Distance -- 5 km (3.2 miles)
- 2 dog sprint class invite only is for those novice mushers who are most improved in their province and promote the sport with exemplary dedication. No metals will be presented.

Junior Classes

2 dog (Sp2J)

- Distance-- 5 km (3.2 miles)

4 dog (Sp4J)



- Distance-- 6 km (4 miles). Recommendation: 6 km (4 miles) up to the last full weekend in January and 8 km (5 miles) thereafter

Mid Distance 6 dog (MD6)

- Distance-- Between 80km and 161km (50 and 100 miles) with, in principle, an average of at least 40 km (25 miles)/stage for multi-stage races

Mid Distance 8-12 Dog (MD8-12)

- Distance -- Between 80 and 250 km (50 and 156 miles) with, in principle, an average of at least 40 km (25 miles)/stage for multi-stage races

Long Distance 8 dog (LD8)

- Distance-- More than 161 km (100 miles) with, in principle, an average of at least 80 km (50 miles)/stage for multi-stage races.

Long distance 10dog- Unlimited Class Elite (LDU)

- Distance-- More than 250 km (156 miles) with, in principle, an average of at least 80 km (50 miles)/stage for multi-stage races.

***Mid and Long Distance Junior event to be considered upon request.*

Stage Races

A stage race will be considered a sprint race or a distance stage race depending on the average length of the stages. The accreditation Committee may choose to classify a race considering first the type of competitors involved rather than the length of the stages.

Heat Distances - Heat distances need not be identical each day of an event, but the shortest trails shall be run first. Subsequent days' heat distances shall not exceed one hundred and fifty (150)% of the first day's trail length. The shortest and longest possible distances for each heat will be indicated on the invitation. 47

Ski-Dogs Sprint:

- Distance - 10km to 18km (6.2 to 18 miles)

Classes

One Dog Class Elite Men Pulka (PM1) & Women Pulka (PW1)

One Dog Class Junior Men Pulka (PMJ) & Woman Pulka (PWJ)

One Dog Class Elite Men Skijoring (SM1) & Women Skijoring (SW1)

One Dog Class Veteran Men Skijoring (SM1V) & Women Skijoring (SW1V)

One Dog Class Junior Men Skijoring (SMJ) & Woman Skijoring (SWJ)

***It is the expectation of CAHDS that all 1 dog skidog events be held on a track with ski tracks in place .*



- 1-4 Dog Class Elite Men & Women Pulka (PM1-4, PW1-4)
- 1-2 Dog Class Elite Men & Woman Skijoring (SM2,SW2)
- 1-2 Dog Class Veteran Men & Women Skijoring (SM2V,SW2V)
 - Distance - 10km to 18km (6.2 to 18 miles)

- Combined Pulka/Skijoring Elite Men & Women (CM,CW)
- Combined Pulka/Skijoring Junior Men & Woman (CMJ,CWJ)
 - Distance - 10km to 18km (6.2 to 18 miles)

Mid Distance Ski dogs

- 1-4 Dog Class Mid Distance Men & Women Pulka (MDPM1-4, MDPW1-4)
- 1-2 Dog Class Mid Distance Men & Woman Skijoring (MDSM2,MDSW2)
 - Distance- Between 80km and 161km (50 and 100 miles) with, in principle, an average of at least 40 km (25 miles)/stage for multi-stage races

Race Recommendations

Championship races to be held every second calendar year.

Reference and consider list of Criteria for CAHDS and IFSS Accreditation Events Issued October 12,2017

It is recommended that CAHDS Championship Sprint, Junior Sprint and Mid-Distance be organized jointly however the priority is to put on a quality event with a exceptional trail. Therefore ski dog championship classes and mid distance championship classes may be held at alternative venues.

In consideration for dryland CAHDS Championship it is recommended that all dryland events be held at one venue and be organized jointly however the priority is to put on a quality event with exceptional trail. Therefore championship classes for Rig classes may be held at a alternative venue within the same race weekly calendar.

CAHDS Championships Sprint and Mid-Distance events shall be no less then two days, no more then three day. Three day events will take priority over two (2) day events **if** all other race details are equal.

CAHDS Championships Ski-Dogs races events shall range from one (1) day to three (3) days depending on classes.

- Pulka and Combines events 1-2 days
- Skijoring Elite, Veteran and Junior 2-3 day events



CAHDS Championships Dryland shall be:

- Relay Classes - one - two day events.
- All other Classes - two day event

Participation Guidelines

Three (3) representatives per province and territory per event class. Additional Spaces maybe be available to those wishing to participate after the first round of invites have been confirmed.

Two 2 dog adult sprint class- invite only- is for those novice mushers not associated to another competitor who are most improved in their province and promote the sport with exemplary dedication. This event can be dryland bikejoring or sled using all IFSS rules of competition. It is the purpose of CAHDS to promote all levels of participation, this class encompasses that. No metals will be presented.

It is expected participants will have reached a top 5 placement in more than 2 events in the last two (2) years. Further details will be posted.

It is expected that participants have canadian citizenship with current residency.

CAHDS will designate a committee to determine qualifying athletes for the Canadian Championship events. This committee will review all applications for additional spaces.

CAHDS would like to promote provincial championships to add growth nation wide and assist in the qualifying for the National Canadian Championships.