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Bikejoring

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The term **Bikejoring** is a combination of biking and skijoring (where 1 or 2 dogs pull a skier, usually on cross-country skis) and was developed as an off-season way to keep dogs and competitors fit.

You must be at least a competent cyclist to attempt bikejoring. There is more to being a good bike handler than just staying upright. You should have a dog trained to lead. A dog darting off to the side for minor distractions can cause a crash. Start out with a well tuned bike and only one dog. Be extremely alert to trail hazards. Wear a helmet and gloves.

The maximum for any bikejoring should be 2 dogs.

Competitions

Bikejoring competitions may be divided into 1 and 2 dog classes, Pro or Novice and Adult or Junior. Competitors may be started individually, in multiples or groups. Distances run may range from 3 to 5 miles and run over fairly level terrain on grass, dirt, gravel, sand or similar surfaces. Asphalt and concrete are avoided.

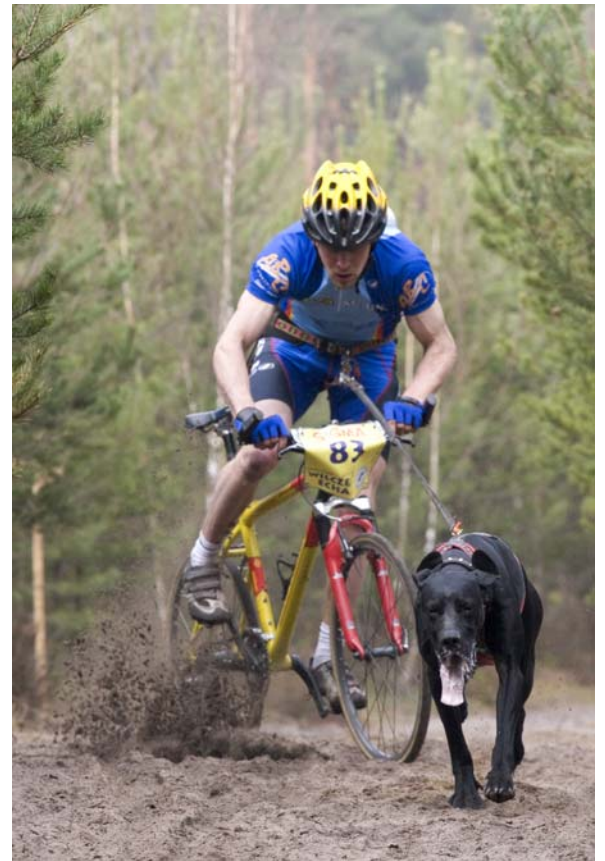
Events are usually 2 or 3 days in length and a competitor's final time will be based upon the accumulated time from each heat.

Competitors must use the same dog in all heats of the event and the length of the line between the competitor and the dog is regulated, generally between 7 and 12 feet.

Ambient temperatures exceeding certain limits may be cause for cancellation of events as the safety of dogs and humans is of paramount concern.

Rules and Regulations

Competitions are governed by local race giving organizations and the International Sled Dog Racing Association.



Safety and Health of the Dogs

The welfare of the dogs is always paramount in a sled dog race. The International Sled Dog Racing Association gives the highest priority to the welfare of the canine athletes that are our partners in the wonderful world of sled dog sports. To underscore that commitment, each sanctioned event is provided with our Animal Welfare policy as an important component of their sanctioning materials.

The Animal Welfare Policy is available at:
http://www.isdra.org/PDFfiles/Policies/animal_welfare_policy.pdf