



THE INTERNATIONAL SLED DOG RACING ASSOCIATION

SANCTIONING PROGRAM

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Dear Race Organizer,

Thank you for your participation in the world's largest body of organized sled dog racing. I hope you find this booklet useful in producing your next sled dog event. If you have any questions regarding our various programs and services, please don't hesitate to call, we'll be happy to discuss your needs (218/765-4297).

In this booklet you will find descriptions of the various services of ISDRA sanctioning as well as the complete "fine print" of ISDRA sanctioning; the full program descriptions for both Adult and Junior Sanctioning Programs, the Sponsor 'Thank you' Program, the Seeding Procedure description, the Registered Breed Group Standard, the Evaluative Status for Localized Rule Variations Policy and others.

To time and manage your event, we continue to provide the 'RaceWorks' Excel workbook at no cost to sanctioned events. RaceWorks can be used to time your races, print Start/Finish sheets, seed, draw and other major tasks of producing a sled dog race. It is also used to report the contacts for the Sponsor 'Thank You'

Program. Contact us for detailed specifications or a preview copy. Please note we hold RaceWorks training seminars at our annual meeting – these are a great way to learn RaceWorks!

If you need some quick help with forms or information, the ISDRA web site has many of the materials you need for your sanctioned event. Check the General Resources area and Member's Resources area for information. Time/Finish report forms, Driver's Report forms, Race Marshall/Chief Judge report forms, Sanctioning Application forms, etc, etc are available in PDF (portable document format). If you don't already have the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software needed to download and print these forms, there is a link to the Adobe site. PDF documents can be downloaded and printed regardless of what platform you are using (PC or Mac). Where feasible, we also offer the forms in MS Word and html format.

Finally, as a service to your organization and our members we place can place your entry forms on isdra.org for download by interested individuals. To facilitate this, we ask

For the past four racing seasons, **over 80%** of the Adult drivers in ISDRA sanctioned races **have been ISDRA members.**

Dog & Driver is the obvious advertising choice to reach mushers most likely to come to your event!

To advertise your event, contact;
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Dog & Driver
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ph – 651/407-0451
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that you e-mail (in MS Word or PDF format) a clean copy of your entry form.

Thank you for your support and have a great event!

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STEPS TO SANCTIONING

1. Join ISDRA as a Club or Race Organization

If your organization is a club that produces multiple events, you do not need to join for each event. Where more than one organization is producing an event, only one need be a member of ISDRA

2. Submit your sanctioning application

If you have sanctioned with ISDRA before, you may complete your sanctioning application on-line at isdra.org. You will need your ISDRA number and PIN. Go to 'Resources', then click on the small 'online sanctioning' link near the top of the page.

If this is your first time sanctioning with ISDRA, application forms are available from the ISDRA Office, on the ISDRA web site and are included with the Sanctioning Program mailing to race organizations. Complete the application to the best extent possible. If some information is not available or may change, please indicate on the form. You must at least have an event name, contact mailing address - who should receive materials, dates, classes to be run and purse size per class (estimate if necessary). Mail your application to ISDRA, 22702 Rebel Rd, Merrifield, MN, 56465 or Fax to 218/765-3246. (DO NOT SEND MONEY - We will invoice you upon approval of your application for the sanctioning fees and mailing costs for the materials.)

Please note, if your organization has a balance due from a prior season, your application will not be accepted until payment in full has been received.

3. What you will receive upon approval

Once approved, we will ship your materials so that they arrive 2-3 weeks before your event. Each sanctioned event will receive;

Current rules - sufficient copies will be provided for all entrants. We will base the number of copies upon your previous event with allowances for changing circumstances.

New ISDRA membership form - for individuals who are joining at your event. You simply have them fill in a section of the form, collect their money and fax the form back to ISDRA after your event. Each sheet can list four new members - do not cut up! There are no temporary membership cards to hand out. **Beginning with the 2001-2002 season, race organizations can charge and retain a surcharge of up to 15% on ISDRA memberships collected on-site.**

Driver Report forms - these forms are to be completed by the drivers in each sanctioned race and returned to ISDRA for scoring.

Race Marshal/Chief Judge Reports - these forms are to be completed by the Race Marshall or Chief Judge, briefly describing the conditions at your event, any problems or protests and how they were handled.

Animal Welfare Policy - one copy of the ISDRA Animal Welfare Policy, which governs approved ISDRA sanctioned events will be provided for your reference.

Sponsor 'Thank-you Letter' Application - we will send up to 12 personalized thank you letters to the sponsors of your event on behalf of your organization and ISDRA. You need to supply the contact names and addresses. Additional thank-you letters can be sent for a small charge, contact us with your needs.

Finish/Time Reports - if you do not submit your results via the RaceWorks Excel workbook, you must fax or mail this form within 24 hours after your event. If you do use the workbook, you do not need to send this form. WE PREFER THE WORKBOOK.

Return envelope - self addressed envelope to return Driver Reports, Finish/Time Reports, New Membership application forms, Sponsor Thank-you application forms, etc.

RaceWorks software - this workbook will not be included in the package but can be downloaded from isdra.org and be used to manage your event and report the results to ISDRA. You can time your races, produce Start and Finish sheets for single and multiple start races, seed, draw and calculate ISDRA points. Requires a PC computer with Microsoft Excel 97 or better. Contact ISDRA for more information.

4. Other materials you may receive

Junior Race Ribbons - if you have sanctioned Junior races at your event, we provide **free** ribbons for the first four places in each race.

Seeding Description - if your event is seeded, you will receive a copy of the seeding program description - also available on the web site.

Registered Breed Standard - if your event is grouping classes according to the Registered Breed Standard, you will receive a copy - also on web site.

Any letter regarding conditional sanctioning.

5. What to do with the materials

Provide each driver in each sanctioned race with a copy of the appropriate rules and a driver report form. You may, at your discretion, provide copies of any other of the materials received, e.g. Animal Welfare Policy, Seeding Description, Registered Breed Standard, etc. These materials are usually placed in a driver's packet along with their Bib, event promotional materials and other items.

Provide your Race Marshall with copies of the rules and the Race Marshall/Chief Judge report forms.

Depending upon your race organization you may or may not be using the RaceWorks workbook to the fullest extent. Provide the appropriate individual(s) with the diskette and instructions.

Collect memberships at the Driver's meeting. Collect user service fees with the entries (should be explained on the entry form). The current rates and currencies are as follows;

	US	Canada
Individual Membership	\$35.00	\$40.00
Family or Junior (no magazine)	\$15.00	\$18.00
Associate or Associate		
Junior (incl. Mag.)	\$25.00	\$30.00

User service fees - Adult Division classes only Flat Fee option **\$6.00 per entry** for each Adult sanctioned class (no messing with membership lists) or

Traditional Fees

Members	Non-Members
\$4.00	\$10.00

User fees are paid in the currency of the country collected for the US and Canada, all other countries pay in US dollars.

Please remember that while your race organization pays the club membership fee and sanctioning fees, the other fees, the ISDRA user fees and ISDRA memberships collected at your event are paid by the drivers. At your discretion, you may have all checks made out to your organization and remit the total amount due from the race organization's account (preferred) upon receipt of your invoice for the User fees/Memberships. We generate this invoice from the RaceWorks workbook and mail to you after your event.

6. The week before your event

On the Thursday before your event, or Wednesday if your event starts on Friday, we will email to you an updated membership list for use at your event if you are collecting the traditional **\$4.00/\$10.00 user fees**. This list may also be downloaded from the web site

as a word processor document or loaded directly into the RaceWorks workbook.

7. After the event

Within 24 hours following your event, send to ISDRA via email the completed RaceWorks workbook or fax the Finish/Time sheets to 218/765-3246. Fax any completed New Membership application forms at this time.

Within 10 days following your event, mail all materials that need to be returned to ISDRA. If your event is cancelled, you must return all materials to receive credit for the following season.

8. Then what?

We will process the race results and place the results and updated points standings on the web site within 24 hours of their receipt.

We will fax one-page personal press releases to the local newspapers of each ISDRA member that has the requisite information on file in our database, usually by Wednesday.

We will score the Driver's Report Forms and create the 'Event of The Year' standings for each sanctioned class that achieves Medal status for the current season.

Upon completion of all event evaluations, we will mail to you a summary report with the composite scores your event earned, prevalent driver suggestions and scores for the 'Event of the Year' standings.

TO SANCTION OR NOT TO SANCTION?

The questions most often raised by events thinking about sanctioning for the first time are... 'What does sanctioning do for us?', 'What do we get out of it?' Here's a discussion of the major benefits to your event.

Credibility

First and foremost, sanctioning gives your event credibility. Sponsors want to see that your event is affiliated with an umbrella organization that sets standards of conduct, quality and animal welfare. Sponsors are understandably concerned about associating their name and reputation with sporting activities they are not very familiar with and sanctioning helps assure them that your event is not a pariah within the sled dog community and they are not risking their image by associating with your sport.

The media also looks for credibility when covering your event, especially in this day and age of animal activists seeking to gain attention and dollars for themselves by minding everyone else's business.

Most sports have umbrella organizations behind the scenes and the media is savvy to this. If questions are raised about your event, you can be sure the media will take note if you can't show an affiliation with a broader organization. Even in your first contacts with the media, sanctioning may well allay some fears about this bunch of Jack London throwbacks!

For your local drivers, sanctioning may not mean much if they haven't experienced the attention that the personal press release service, the ISDRA standings - now at the International, National and State or Province levels and the ISDRA medals bring. However, to dog drivers elsewhere in the world, sanctioning shows that your competitors have joined the party and need to be reckoned with in the chase for rankings, certificates, medals and worldwide recognition.

Publicity

A second major benefit of sanctioning is publicity. ISDRA publicizes sanctioned events through five distinct channels; *Dog & Driver* Magazine, our web site www.isdra.org, the PERSONAL PRESS RELEASE Press releases, the Event of the Year program and the Sponsor Thank-you letter program.

Dog & Driver publishes event titles; dates, purses, classes and contact information for all ISDRA sanctioned events in the annual Event Directory. Results are published in *Dog & Driver* and selected events are highlighted in articles throughout the year. We mail out over 6,000 copies of *Dog & Driver* to members each year plus complimentary copies to key sponsors, media and organizations. Judging by the amount of reprinted information I've seen lately, folks are making use of it.

Event information is also available on the ISDRA web site. After each personal press release which often goes out to 200 newspapers each week, there is a big flurry of hits on the web site and telephone calls with newspaper staff have led us to believe that a lot of these hits are from the media.

The personal press releases, besides being of direct benefit to the drivers also benefit the sanctioned event. Each release identifies the event name, location, dates and sponsors and provides leads for follow-up. Each season we hear from many drivers and newspapers alike (and frequently link them together) as a result of these press releases.

The 'Event of the Year' program recognizes premier events in each Medal qualifying class and communities really sit up and take notice when their

local sled dog event has been named as an 'Event of the Year' by the International Sled Dog Racing Association!

The Sponsor Thank-You letter program has been well received. It works like this - in your package of sanctioning materials you receive a form to list up to 12 of your event sponsors and their contact information. We then enter them into your event records and generate an enthusiastic, personalized and genuine US postal service letter thanking them for their support. A letter might not seem like much, but if it's not sent, it can hurt!

Added Value

Sanctioning creates added value for your event through the ISDRA Championship points programs of International, National and State or Provincial standings, certificates and, of course, the ISDRA medals.

The Championship Points program is a better measure of a team and driver's performance than the results of a single event. As we all know, anything and everything can happen and will happen in a dog race. By looking at performance over a number of events in a variety of conditions a more accurate measurement is made and further expands your driver's 'bragging rights'.

Also, the new revisions to the Championship Points program, which create National and State or Provincial standings create a 'ladder' of competitions for our racing members to climb. You can compete at any or all of the three levels and see how you stack up against your peers at ISDRA sanctioned events.

Standardization

The fourth category of benefits from sanctioning includes much of the foundation of ISDRA itself; standardized rules and procedures, feedback on the quality of events, the resources of ISDRA in problem-solving, networking and simply getting the job done.

ISDRA provides sanctioned events with the time-tested rules and procedures to follow in conducting sled dog competitions. Race and official's manuals are available as resources for the inexperienced event organizers. Computer software for managing your event and reporting results is provided at no cost. Free winner's ribbons are provided for all Junior races. And finally, for US events we also offer event insurance at a reasonable cost.

WHAT ARE THESE FEES?

The club fee of \$100.00 per year entitles the club or race giving organization to apply for sanctioning for

one or more events. Application for sanctioning costs \$25.00 or 1% of the purse up to \$250.00 per Adult race class and a flat \$5.00 per Junior race class. If an event is cancelled, any sanctioning fees above the \$25.00/\$5.00 per class are credited towards the clubs account for the following season when returned sanctioning materials are received by the ISDRA office.

The Race Giving Organization collects user fees for each entry in an Adult ISDRA sanctioned class. **The standard user fee is \$4.00 per class for an ISDRA member and \$10.00 per class for a nonmember. However, a race organization may elect to collect a flat fee of \$6.00 per entry in Adult sanctioned classes. There are no user fees for Junior classes.**

Sanctioning and user fees help support far more than just the ISDRA points system. These dollars help support the cost of materials provided to clubs, the processing and dissemination of event results, driver's reports, the event directory, the information you can access at www.isdra.org and other ISDRA office activities. Also dependent upon the user fee support is feedback to the race giving organizations regarding race quality, i.e. sanctioning evaluations, follow-up 'Thank-you' letters to sponsors (by request of the club) and press releases to ISDRA member's local newspapers regarding their participation in an ISDRA sanctioned event, i.e. the personal press release program.

Also supported are 1st through 4th place ribbons for all ISDRA sanctioned junior events. We also provide software to ISDRA member clubs for managing their events and are developing new ways to disseminate race results in desktop publishing compatible files for clubs, magazines, and other media to use, as they deem proper.

Sanctioning and user fees paid by the drivers are essential to support the ISDRA office operations. Each year, we handle literally hundreds of requests for information from people interested in sled dog sports, the general public, writers, television production staff, etc., etc. and we refer them to local ISDRA member clubs, ISDRA Directors or ISDRA members for follow-up. This benefits our member clubs through increased memberships, increased spectators at events, media coverage and contacts for future use.

Also, we do what we can to respond to issues of concern such as trail use, animal rights activists, unfavorable legislation, etc. by attending or helping others attend hearings, seminars, respond to letters, etc.

The above list is by no means complete. We haven't mentioned *Dog & Driver Magazine*, ISDRA Race Manuals, ISDRA Officials Manuals and other

resources we provide, but I hope the list does give you some inkling of where those fees go.

PERSONAL PRESS RELEASE PROGRAM

For each sanctioned event, the Personal Press Release program (formerly called ARF!) faxes a one page press release to each finishing driver's local newspaper if the fax number of the local paper is on file and if race results are provided to ISDRA in a computer compatible format. If only the name of the local newspaper has been furnished to ISDRA, the press release may be faxed, but there are no guarantees. We guarantee a fax only if 1) race results are received in a computer based format, 2) all information requested on the individual's membership renewal card has been furnished to ISDRA and 3) results are received by the ISDRA office at least by the Tuesday following the event.

Why Personal Press Releases?

The sled dog community has lacked an effective, cost-efficient method of disseminating competition results to the media where it counts, i.e. in the musher's home area. In addition, sponsors have often been left in the dark as to the outcomes of events, provided with little evidence of their contributions to race giving organizations, individual mushers, etc. and typically have not received exposure commensurate to the support they provide. Personal Press Releases remedy these problems by providing timely event information to the media in ISDRA member's home communities. The information provided consists of members' names, age (if less than 16 or over 55), hometown identification, the event name and date(s), the event sponsors, the members' results and the member's sponsors (if on file). This free service consists of one fax per race class per competitor sent to the member's local newspaper.

So what does it accomplish?

A Personal Press Release establishes a link with local media outlets and lays an important piece of groundwork necessary for obtaining national sponsors for ISDRA sanctioned events.

A Personal Press Release assists ISDRA members with media and sponsor communications and supports the development of new sponsors.

A Personal Press Release assists ISDRA sanctioned races with post event publicity for the event and it's sponsors.

In general, Personal Press Releases result in increased coverage of sled dog events by the media, increased support of competitors by local sponsors due to increased exposure, increased membership

and increased numbers of sanctioned events to take advantage of Personal Press Release services resulting in enhanced visibility for sled dog sports as a whole.

What do I need to do?

Provide your local newspaper name, fax number and Sports Editor's name to the ISDRA office.

We can fax Personal Press Releases with just the number, but you stand a better chance of getting coverage if we can address the editor personally.

SPONSOR 'THANK-YOU' LETTERS

Each season, ISDRA provides a free 'Sponsor Thank You Program'. This program sends a personalized letter to up to 12 of your event sponsors, detailing your event name, the location, your Club or RGO name and at least one of the overall scores from the composite of Driver Report Form scores. If you wish to send letters to more than 12 sponsors, please contact ISDRA regarding costs.

If you wish to take advantage of this service, you must submit the sponsor contact information in either a RaceWorks workbook (a form is provided) or a separate Excel workbook provided for the Sponsor contact information – available on isdra.org. Please note, Sponsor Thank You letters are not sent until all race result data, sanctioning fees and driver report forms are received.

EVENT LIABILITY INSURANCE

ISDRA offers Third Party Event Liability Insurance. Only events **sanctioned** by ISDRA are eligible for coverage. **Licensed** events are not eligible.

The liability policy protects the club and club members for their negligence causing bodily injury and/or property damage to a 3rd party.

Coverage territory:

Continental United States and Alaska

Policy Term:

One (1) year. (In force only during the sanctioned event)

Limits of Coverage:

\$1,000,000.00 per occurrence/ \$2,000,000.00 aggregate

Deductible: None

Any sanctioned event seeking coverage under this policy must;

1. Pay \$75.00 insurance fee to ISDRA.
2. Pay \$15.00 per certificate of additional insured if requested.
3. Must provide any written contracts signed with property owners to ISDRA at the time a certificate is requested.
4. Must use the ISDRA Drivers Release Agreement on Entry forms (clubs may add their own as well). See below for release form. When adding to your entry form, replace blanks (except for driver's name) with appropriate Club or RGO name. If you wish to receive the text for this agreement via e-mail or on diskette, please contact the ISDRA office.

ISDRA DRIVER'S RELEASE AGREEMENT

I (print name) _____, hereby apply to participate in the (name of event) _____, organized by the (club or RGO name) _____ and sanctioned by the International Sled Dog Racing Association, Inc.

I acknowledge that there are risks of injury to persons or possible damage to equipment while participating in a sled dog race. I further acknowledge that I am participating in this race at my own risk. I understand that (club or RGO) _____ and ISDRA are corporations formed to advance the sport of sled dog racing, and that their efforts directly benefit me.

In consideration of my being permitted to participate in this race, on behalf of myself, my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge (Club or RGO) _____, ISDRA, any organizations or individuals involved in organizing and/or sponsoring this race, any municipalities or other public entities, and all of their employees, agents, officers, directors, attorneys, members, sponsors, promoters and affiliates whosoever from any and all liability, claim, loss, cost or expense for personal injury, death or property damage arising from or attributable in any way to any action or omission to act of any such person or organization in the sanctioning, organizing or execution of this sled dog event, or my participation therein, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities mentioned above, including but not limited to travel to or from or parking at the sled dog event.

Knowing the above risks of sled dog racing, I nevertheless hereby agree to assume those risks and to release, discharge and hold harmless all of the persons or entities mentioned above who (through negligence, carelessness or otherwise) might be liable to me or my heirs or assigns, for any and all

damages for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind. The risks which I assume are all of those involved in participation in a sled dog event, including, but not limited to, those relating to trail conditions, weather conditions, passing of teams, contact between dogs and mushers on different teams or the same team, starting and finishing the race, sanctioning and officiating the race, spectator presence at the race, announcing and timing of the race, travel to and from and parking at the race, and all other natural and manmade conditions of any kind whatsoever pertaining to or occurring at this event.

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY September 1998

A. Animal welfare policy:

Participants in any sanctioned event agree to abide by the following statement: There shall be no cruel, inhumane or abusive treatment of any dog, through deliberate action or inaction, through knowledge or ignorance, with or without implement, nor shall anyone deny a dog adequate care.

Examples of willful acts considered to be in violation include (but not limited to):

1. Continuing to race a dog when it is injured, ill, or too fatigued.
2. Maintaining dogs in obese or malnourished condition and asking them to compete in race situations competitively.
3. Disciplining a dog out of anger rather than a means of correction.

All violations of this policy shall be brought to the Board of Directors for record. For violations not specifically covered in this policy, "Mush with P.R.I.D.E. Sled Dog Care Guidelines" will be used as reference.

B. Injury policy:

Any injury that occurs to a dog at a sanctioned event shall be reported to the Race Marshal, so that a log may be kept in order to eliminate further injuries. This report must not be used solely to find that any abuse has occurred. This policy shall also be in effect for dogs that expire while at a sanctioned event or because of their attendance at an event. The outcome of any Veterinary care should also be reported.

This report shall contain:

The suspected injury;
The location the injury occurred (at the event);
Possible cause of the injury;
What first aid was applied;
Whether Veterinary services were sought; and

Any findings from a Veterinary examination. (Either at the event or post event).

These reports will be kept in a file with the Race Marshal for the race season and then turned over to the Director of Timing. The Director of Timing will maintain a club record of injuries. The record will be kept on file with the hope that further injuries can be avoided.

C. Reporting procedure:

Suspected infractions of any portion of this policy must be reported to the Race Marshal within one hour of the infraction. This report can be verbal but must then be followed by a written report within one half hour of the verbal report. NO action can be taken without a written report.

D. Definitions:

The following definitions shall be used for enforcement of this policy:

ABUSE is an action that inflicts excessive or unnecessary pain or injury to a dog.

DISCIPLINE is an action that causes a desired reaction. Discipline is the act that takes place at the instance of the action to be corrected (Not later).

INJURY causes a dog pain or suffering in normal use or tenderness to the touch.

ADEQUATE CARE is positive interaction, thus providing proper food, water, shelter, sanitary conditions and Veterinary medical attention needed to maintain a state of good health.

E. Enforcement panel:

The Race Marshal and The Board of Directors make up the enforcement panel. The Race Marshal shall be the key focal point for all violations. All reports of violations shall first be brought to the Race Marshal. The Race Marshal will be the chief investigator and will compile and bring the facts to the Board of Directors. The Enforcement Panel will assess all violations and institute all penalties.

F. Penalties:

Penalties for violations of this policy may include any of the following as deemed appropriate by the enforcement panel.

All parties involved in the report will be notified and action by the enforcement panel will be in a timely manner.

1. Acquittal: Written letter confirming acquittal of any violation.
2. Warnings: Written warnings will be issued for minor violations.
3. Disqualification / Suspensions:

Disqualification and/or suspensions could exclude the member from participation privileges in club events. A suspension will require a simple majority decision of the Enforcement Panel.

4. Dismissal: A dismissal will include a letter stating that membership and/or participation privileges have been revoked. A violation which leads to this action will also be reported to the Board of Directors of neighboring clubs. A dismissal will require a 2/3-majority decision of the Enforcement Panel. A member receiving three warnings or two disqualification / suspensions can be cause for dismissal.
5. Any person convicted in a court of law for animal abuse or neglect will be denied membership and racing privileges.

SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS – ADULT DIVISION

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A. Race-Giving Organization's Responsibilities

1. An organization that applies for sanctioning shall:
 - a. Use the appropriate ISDRA Rules.
 - b. Follow ISDRA procedures.
 - c. Provide a Veterinarian on site or on call at all sanctioned events.
2. Any ISDRA member organization in good standing may apply to the ISDRA Executive Director for sanctioning applications and forms.
3. Organization Membership fees shall be paid to the ISDRA Executive Director prior to or at the time sanctioning applications and forms are requested.
4. Where more than one organization is sponsoring an event, only one need be a member of ISDRA.

B. Applying for sanctioning

1. Sanctioning Seasons
 - a. The sanctioning season for races conducted on a snow surface in the Northern Hemisphere, shall be from the first full weekend in December to the last full weekend in March.
 - b. The sanctioning season for gig races and weight pulls in the Northern Hemisphere, shall be from the first full weekend in October to the last full weekend in March.
 - c. Organizations, which wish to apply outside

of the above time frames, must apply forty-five (45) days before the event.

- d. A late fee will be charged for all sanctioning applications postmarked later than 45 days prior to the event.
 - e. All sanctioning applications not postmarked at least 30 days prior to the first day of the event may be rejected. Sanctioning applications are available through the Executive Directors office and the ISDRA web site.
2. Adult Division Competitions that qualify for ISDRA Sanctioning are:
 - a. Sled
 - (1) Sprint (Speed)
 - i. Unlimited Class
 - ii. Limited Ten (10) Dog Class
 - iii. Limited Eight (8) Dog Class
 - iv. Limited Six (6) Dog Class
 - v. Limited Four (4) Dog Class
 - vi. Limited Three (3) Dog Class
 - (2) Distance
 - i. 6 to Unl. Dog Classes
 - (3) Mid-distance
 - i. 6 to Unl. Dog Classes
 - (4) Freight
 - i. Unlimited Class
 - ii. Limited Ten (10) Dog Class
 - iii. Limited Eight (8) Dog Class
 - iv. Limited Six (6) Dog Class
 - v. Limited Four (4) Dog Class
 - b. Gigs
 - (1) Sprint (Speed)
 - i. Limited Eight (8) Dog Class
 - ii. Limited Six (6) Dog Class
 - iii. Limited Four (4) Dog Class
 - iv. Limited Three (3) Dog Class
 - v. Limited Two (2) Dog Class
 - vi. Limited One (1) Dog Class
 - (2) Mid-distance
 - i. Limited Twelve (12) Dog Class
 - ii. Limited Ten (10) Dog Class
 - iii. Limited Six (6) Dog Class
 - c. Skijoring
 - (1) Sprint (Speed)
 - i. Limited Three (3) Dog Class
 - ii. Limited Two (2) Dog Class
 - iii. Limited One (1) Dog Class
 - d. Weight Pull Classes
 - i. 60 Pound Class (Dogs weighing 60 pounds or less.)
 - ii. 80 Pound Class (Dogs weighing over 60 pounds, up to and including 80 pounds.)
 - iii. 110 Pound Class (Dogs weighing over 60 pounds, up to and including 110 pounds.
 - iv. Unlimited Class (Dogs weighing over 110 pounds.)
 3. Upon review by the Executive Director, the Sanctioning Committee and the Rules

Committee Chairs, the Board of Directors may approve other events as ISDRA Sanctioned 'Invitational' or 'Special' events. Such events may or may not qualify for inclusion in the Championship Points program. The Sanctioning Committee will make the determination of inclusion with the required prior approval by the Board of Directors.

4. A Class may be 'grouped' as follows:
 - a. A grouped Class must have an 'All-breed' group.
 - b. A grouped Class may have a 'Registered Breed' group. A 'Registered Breed' group is defined as AKC/CKC/UKC registered Siberian Huskies, Alaskan Malamutes and Samoyeds.
 - c. Additional groups may be created at the discretion of the race-giving organization.
 - d. All conditions and requirements pertaining to the groups are the responsibility of the RGO.
 - e. A grouped Class must be seeded according to the ISDRA Seeding Procedure.
 - f. Separate purses may be awarded for each group(s).
 - g. In no instance shall the purse for a 'Registered Breed' group or 'other' group exceed the purse for the 'All-breed' group.
 - h. A 'Registered Breed' will be run under the ISDRA Registered Breed Group standard.

C. Sanctioning fees

1. Each race class is to be considered as a single event.
 - a. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per class or one percent (1 %) of the purse, whichever is greater, up to a maximum of Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$250.00)
 - b. Weight Pull: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per event (includes all 4 classes) or one percent (1 %) of the purse, whichever is greater.
 - c. Sanctioning fees or any part thereof are nonrefundable.
 - d. A late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be charged for any application not postmarked forty-five (45) days in advance of the scheduled event.
 - e. "Special Events" and "Invitational Events" sanctioning fees will be determined on an individual basis by the Executive Director and the Sanctioning Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

D. Trails

1. Trail marking and marking procedures shall be followed as stated in the ISDRA Race Procedures.
2. Lake Trails
 - a. Sanctioned "Lake Trails" must be backed up with an alternative "Land Trail" in the event

that weather conditions and or lake surfaces preclude the running of the race over a frozen water surface.

3. Adult Division Minimum Trail Distances

a. Sleds

(1) Sprint (Speed)

- i. Unlimited Class: ten (10) miles up to and including New Years weekend, and twelve (12) miles throughout the racing season.
- ii. Limited Ten (10) Dog Class: ten (10) miles throughout the racing season.
- iii. Limited Eight (8) Dog Class: eight (8) miles throughout the racing season.
- iv. Limited Six (6) Dog Class: six (6) miles throughout the racing season.
- v. Limited Four (4) Dog Class: four (4) miles throughout the racing season.
- vi. Limited Three (3) Dog Class: three (3) miles throughout the racing season.

(2) Distance

- i. Two hundred (200) continuous miles, or any race leg of a stage race of two hundred (200) continuous miles throughout the racing season.

(3) Mid-distance

- i. Fifty (50) cumulative miles, or any race leg of a stage race of fifty (50) cumulative miles throughout the racing season.

(4) Freight

- i. Unlimited Class: twelve (12) miles throughout the racing season.
- ii. Limited Eight (8) Dog Class: eight (8) miles throughout the racing season.
- iii. Limited Six (6) Dog Class: six (6) miles throughout the racing season.
- iv. Limited Four (4) Dog Class: three (3) miles throughout the racing season.

b. Gigs

(1) Sprint (Speed)

- i. Limited Eight (8) Dog Class: Four miles up to January 1, six (6) miles up to March 1 and four (4) miles up to March 31.
- ii. Limited Six (6) Dog Class: three (3) miles up to January 1, five (5) miles up to March 1 and three (3) miles up to March 31.
- iii. Limited Three (3) Dog Class: two

(2) miles up to January 1, three (3) miles up to March 1 and two (2) miles up to March 31.

(2) Mid-distance

- i. Mid-distance Ten (10) Dog Class: ten (10) miles up to January 1, fifteen (15) miles up to March 1 and ten (10) miles up to March 31.
- ii. Mid-distance Six (6) Dog Class: eight (8) miles up to January 1, twelve (12) miles up to March 1 and eight (8) miles up to March 31.

c. Skijoring

(1) Sprint (Speed)

- i. Limited Three (3) Dog Class: three (3) miles throughout the racing season.
- ii. Limited Two (2) Dog Class: three (3) miles throughout the racing season.
- iii. Limited One (1) Dog Class: two (2) miles throughout the racing season.

E. Criteria for medal status

1. Six events per recognized class in a single year.
2. These sanctioned races must take place in a minimum of three (3) ISDRA regions.

F. Publicized sanctioned events

1. An organization shall broadcast through advertising or on its entry form that it is sanctioned and include the following information:
 - a. The classes to sanction
 - b. Rule options to be applied to the race:
 - i. Single, Group or Mass Start
 - ii. Maximum whip length restriction
 - iii. Time disqualification factor(s)
 - iv. Drug testing
 - v. Seeding
 - vi. Long distance race options approved by the Sanctioning committee.
 - vii. Third Day Starting Procedure
 - c. Site and date of race, entry fee(s), breakdown of purse(s) and entry fee deadlines.
 - d. No ISDRA related advertising should be made until sanctioning approval has been confirmed.

G. Race cancellation and sanctioning withdrawal

1. Once sanctioning is granted for a specific event and race, sanctioning shall not be withdrawn without joint review by the RGO and ISDRA.
2. Where an organization cannot meet sanctioning standards (as listed under ISDRA Sanctioning Requirements and Standards -

Section D - Trails - (3) a, b, c or d) as the result of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the race-giving organization, they shall immediately contact ISDRA.

Subsequent to the mandated joint review, the RGO shall make every attempt to notify the drivers entered in the race that the race has been either canceled, rescheduled, or that sanctioning is being withdrawn.

- a. Such notification shall be made no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the first heat of the race.
 - b. An organization which notifies drivers of a race cancellation or withdrawal of ISDRA sanctioning forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the first heat of the race shall not jeopardize future sanctioning considerations by the ISDRA Sanctioning Committee.
 - c. Failure to follow the above procedures in the cancellation of a race, rescheduling, or withdrawal of ISDRA sanctioning shall be considered an infraction of the sanctioning requirements.
3. The withdrawal of ISDRA sanctioning does not preclude the running of the race if it is possible under lesser standards than those required by ISDRA.

H. Cancellation of a heat

1. Where a heat of a race must be canceled for safety reasons, future sanctioning shall not be jeopardized.
2. Where any heat of a race is canceled, all purses and trophies advertised excluding day money shall be awarded based on the times of completed heat(s). Day money shall be paid as advertised only for each heat run.

I. ISDRA membership status of contestants

1. ISDRA does not require that persons competing in ISDRA Sanctioned Races be members of ISDRA.
2. The sponsoring organization needs to ascertain each participant's membership standing with ISDRA.
 - a. Each member shall be provided with an annual membership card as proof of current affiliation with the international organization.
 - b. An updated listing of ISDRA members may be obtained through the ISDRA Executive Office by organizations conducting sanctioned events.
3. ISDRA membership shall be available at race sites.
4. Race organizations may assess and retain a surcharge of up to 15% for ISDRA memberships collected at race sites. The race organization must state the surcharge on advertising and/or entry forms.

J. User fees

1. All entrants in a Sanctioned Race, whether they are ISDRA members or not, will pay a User Fee for each Class entered, to be collected by the Race-giving Organization and forwarded to ISDRA.
2. Non-members will be charged \$10.00 for each Class entered.
3. Members will be charged \$4.00 for each Class entered.
4. Optionally, an RGO may pay User Fees for a sanctioned class at the rate of \$6.00 per entry.
5. Entrants in Weight Pull events are not subject to User Fees.
6. For events sanctioned as 'Special Events' or 'Invitational Events', user fees shall be assessed according to ISDRA Sanctioning Requirements and Standards, J. (4) unless the event is deemed eligible for Championship Points. If the event is eligible for Championship points, then the RGO may assess the participants for User Fees.

K. Report forms

1. The race-giving organization is charged with returning to the ISDRA Sanctioning Committee the following report forms to be filled in by race officials and race competitors within seven (7) days after the completion of the event. (Failure to do so may result in denial of sanctioning for future events in the following year.)
 - a. Race Marshal Report
 - b. Trail Boss Report
 - c. Driver Reports
 - d. Written Point Championship Report
2. To assure an adequate return of driver report forms, it is suggested by the ISDRA Sanctioning Committee that sponsors of an ISDRA sanctioned event include a five dollar (\$5.00) surcharge on their entry fee, refundable to the driver upon receipt of the form and other materials (such as race bibs) by the race-giving organization.

L. Finishing position reports

1. On the same evening of the completion of the event, or within 24 hours of the completion at the latest, the race-giving organization shall provide Point Championship Report information for each sanctioned class to the ISDRA Executive Director by telephone, Fax or Email.
 - a. The results will be used to determine point standings, seeding positions, and provide publicity information to ISDRA member clubs sponsoring sanctioned events.
2. The report shall contain:
 - a. Top thirty finishers' names in order of finish in the class.
 - b. Prize money awarded in the class.

- c. Total number of miles run in the racing class.
- d. Number of entries starting in the class.
- e. Number of pounds carried per dog in each freight class.
- f. Weight Pull Dog Registration Number.
- g. Each ISDRA member's ISDRA number MUST be included to facilitate accurate recording.

ISDRA's Responsibilities

A. Sanctioning and membership fees

1. To record all payments to ISDRA and so notify the concerned individuals or race-giving organizations.

B. Sanctioning materials and applications

1. To send all sanctioning materials and sanctioning applications to those organizations making requests for them.
2. To refer sanctioning applications to the ISDRA Sanctioning Committee for reference.
3. To send to the race-giving organization: Race Marshal, Timer and Driver Report forms and copies of the ISDRA Race and/or Weight Pull Rules.

C. Full sanctioning status

1. The ISDRA Sanctioning Committee will grant full sanctioning of all race-giving organizations who provide sufficient and reasonable guarantees that their event can meet sanctioning standards.
 - a. Full sanctioning status guarantees that contestants who are ISDRA members will receive points earned in an ISDRA sanctioned event regardless of the event's future sanctioning status.

D. Evaluating and future sanctioning status

1. The Sanctioning Committee shall evaluate all races based on the official and driver report forms and any other information that may be pertinent to its considerations.
2. In the event a sanctioned race does not meet sanctioning standards as the result of not meeting any part of the sanctioning requirements and procedures:
 - a. Conditional sanctioning may be awarded for the following season, which means that Full Sanctioning may be granted only if corrections can be made through guarantees provided by the race-giving organization that are satisfactory to the ISDRA Sanctioning Committee.
 - b. The race giving organization may be required to undergo a "re-entry" sanctioned event to regain full sanctioning status.

- i. All "full" sanctioned procedures, requirements and rules apply to a re-entry sanctioned event.
 - ii. No points are awarded to contestants in reentry sanctioned events.
3. The ISDRA Sanctioning Committee's reports shall be sent to the race-giving organizations after evaluations have been completed.

E. Championship awards

1. ISDRA Medals and Certificates offered for placing in Sanctioned Events shall be awarded in accordance with the ISDRA Championship Award Program regulations.

F. Telephone/fax/email reports of results

1. ISDRA will accept collect telephone calls providing results of the thirty (30) top finishers in sanctioned events following the conclusion of the contest. Collect calls, Email or faxes must be placed as soon as possible and no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the event by a responsible member of the event-giving organization. EMAILS ARE PREFERRED.
 - a. The report of results shall be directed to the ISDRA Executive Director.
 - b. It shall contain the following information related to each sanctioned class: as appropriate:
 - i. Top thirty (30) finishers' names in order of finish in the class.
 - ii. Prize moneys awarded in the class.
 - iii. Total number of miles run in each racing class.
 - iv. Number of entries starting in the class.
 - v. Number of pounds carried per dog in each freight class.
 - vi. Weight Pull Dog Registration Number.
 - vii. Each ISDRA member's ISDRA number, region and province or state MUST be included to facilitate accurate recordings.

G. ISDRA publicity releases

1. Reports of both international and regional winners, a listing of all drivers' point standing and other pertinent information about ISDRA sanctioned events will be published in the international organization's publication, *Dog & Driver* or on the ISDRA web site - www.isdra.org.
2. General news releases will be made to club and public media publications whenever warranted.

JUNIOR PROGRAM

SANCTIONING REQUIREMENTS

AND STANDARDS

June 2003

A. Race-Giving Organization's Responsibilities

1. An organization which wishes to apply for Junior Program sanctioning shall:
 - a. Use the ISDRA Race & Weight Pull Rules.
 - b. Follow ISDRA procedures.
 - c. Provide a Veterinarian on site or on call at all sanctioned events.
2. Any ISDRA member organization in good standing may apply to the ISDRA Executive Director for sanctioning applications and forms.
3. Organization Membership fees shall be paid to the ISDRA Executive Director prior to or at the time sanctioning applications and forms are requested.
4. Where more than one organization is sponsoring an event, only one need be a member of ISDRA.
5. At any sanctioned event, Juniors may compete in either the Adult Division or the Junior Division, but not both, for a race of a specific competition 'Type' (sled, gig, skijoring). Additionally, racing in the Junior Division for one competition 'Type' does not bar the Junior from racing in the Adult Division for a different competition 'Type'.
Example. A Junior may compete in a Junior Sled race and an Adult Skijoring race at the same event. However, he/she may not compete in both Adult and Junior Sled races at the same event.

B. Applying for sanctioning

1. Sanctioning Seasons
 - a. The sanctioning season for races conducted on a snow surface in the Northern Hemisphere, shall be from the first full weekend in December to the last full weekend in March.
 - b. The sanctioning season for gig races and weight pulls in the Northern Hemisphere, shall be from the first full weekend in November to the last full weekend in March.
 - c. Organizations which wish to apply outside of the above time frames must apply forty-five (45) days before the event.
 - d. A late fee will be charged for all sanctioning applications postmarked later than 45 days prior to the event.
 - e. All sanctioning applications not postmarked at least 30 days prior to the first day of the event may be rejected. Sanctioning

- applications are available through the Executive Directors office.
2. Classes which qualify for ISDRA Junior Sanctioning are:

- a. Speed Races
 - i. Limited Four (4) Dog Class
 - ii. Limited Three (3) Dog Class
 - iii. Limited Two (2) Dog Class
 - iv. Limited One (1) Dog Class
- b. Gig Races Classes
 - i. Limited Four (4) Dog Class
 - ii. Limited Three (3) Dog Class
 - iii. Limited Two (2) Dog Class
 - iv. Limited One (1) Dog Class
- c. Distance Race Classes
 - i. Limited Six (6) Dog Class
 - ii. Limited Four (4) Dog Class
- d. Weight Pull Classes
 - i. 60 Pound Class (Dogs weighing 60 pounds or less.)
 - ii. 80 Pound Class (Dogs weighing over 60 pounds, up to and including 80 pounds.)
 - iii. 110 Pound Class (Dogs weighing over 60 pounds, up to and including 110 pounds.)
 - iv. Unlimited Class (Dogs weighing over 110 pounds.)

C. Sanctioning fees

1. An event is composed of one or more classes of sled dog competitions.
2. An event with one (1) or more senior ISDRA sanctioned class(es) will pay a fee of Five dollars (\$5.00) for each Junior Sanctioned class.
3. An event with no adult ISDRA sanctioned classes will pay a fee of Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the 1st Junior Sanctioned class competition and Five dollars (\$5.00) for each Junior Sanctioned class thereafter.
 - a. Weight Pull: Five dollars (\$5.00) with the same requirements listed in Section C.,1 - 3.
 - b. Sanctioning fees or any part thereof are nonrefundable.
 - c. A late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be charged for any application not postmarked forty-five (45) days in advance of the scheduled event.

D. Trails

1. Trail marking and marking procedures shall be followed as stated in the ISDRA Race Procedures.
2. Lake Trails
 - a. Sanctioned "Lake Trails" must be backed up with an alternative "Land Trail" in the event that weather conditions and or lake surfaces preclude the running of the race over a frozen water surface.
3. Minimum Trail Distance
 - a. Speed Category - No minimum distance

- b. Distance Race Category
 - i. Limited Six (6) Dog Class: fifty (50) cumulative miles throughout the racing season.
 - ii. Limited Four (4) Dog Class : twenty-five (25) cumulative miles throughout the racing season.
- c. Gig Race Category (Limited Classes) - No minimum distance

E. Criteria for Medal Status

1. Six events per recognized class in a single year.
2. Must take place in a minimum of two (2) countries and three (3) states or provinces.
3. The minimum number of competitors for the first year of attempted entry into the medals program shall be at least three (3) times the number of medals to be awarded.
4. The second year, the minimum number of competitors shall be at least five (5) times the number of medals to be awarded.
5. The third year, the minimum competitors shall be seven (7) times the number of medals to be awarded.
6. The fourth year, the minimum competitors shall be ten (10) times the number of medals to be awarded.

F. Publicized sanctioned events

1. An organization shall broadcast through advertising or on its entry form that it is sanctioned and include the following information:
 - a. The classes to sanction
 - b. Rule options to be applied to the race:
 - i. Single, Group or Mass Start
 - ii. Drug testing
 - iii. Long distance race options approved by the Sanctioning committee.
 - iv. Third Day Starting Procedure
 - c. Site and date of race, entry fee(s), and entry fee deadlines.
 - d. No ISDRA related advertising should be made until sanctioning approval has been confirmed.

G. Race cancellation and sanctioning withdrawal

1. Where an organization cannot meet sanctioning standards (as listed under ISDRA Sanctioning Requirements and Standards - Section D - Trails - (3) a, b, c or d) as the result of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the race-giving organization, they shall make every attempt to notify the drivers entered in the race that the race has been either canceled, rescheduled, or that the organization is voluntarily withdrawing its sanctioning status.
2. Where an organization cannot meet sanctioning standards (as listed under ISDRA Sanctioning Requirements and Standards -

Section D - Trails - (3) a, b, c or d), as the result of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the race-giving organization, they shall notify the ISDRA Executive Director's office that the race has been either canceled, rescheduled, or that the organization is voluntarily withdrawing its sanctioning status.

- a. Such notification shall be made no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the first heat of the race.
 - b. An organization which notifies drivers and ISDRA's Executive Director's office of a race cancellation or voluntary withdrawal of ISDRA sanctioning forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the first heat of the race shall not jeopardize future sanctioning considerations by the ISDRA Sanctioning Committee.
 - c. Failure to follow the above procedures in the cancellation of a race, rescheduling, or withdrawal of ISDRA sanctioning shall be considered an infraction of the sanctioning requirements.
3. The voluntary withdrawal of ISDRA sanctioning does not preclude the running of the race if it is possible under lesser standards than those required by ISDRA.

H. Cancellation of a heat

1. Where a heat of a race must be canceled for safety reasons, future sanctioning shall not be jeopardized.
2. Where any heat of a race is canceled, all trophies advertised shall be awarded based on the times of completed heat(s).

I. ISDRA membership status of contestants

1. ISDRA does not require that persons competing in ISDRA Sanctioned Junior Races be members of ISDRA.
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1. The race-giving organization is charged with returning to the ISDRA Sanctioning Committee the following report forms to be filled in by race officials and race competitors within seven (7) days after the completion of the event. (Failure to do so may result in denial of sanctioning for future events in the following year.)
 - a. Race Marshal Report
 - b. Written Point Championship Report

L. Finishing position reports

1. On the same evening of the completion of the event, or within 24 hours of the completion at the latest, the race-giving organization shall provide Point Championship Report information for each sanctioned class to the ISDRA Executive Director by FAX or Email.

The results will be used to determine point standings and provide publicity information to ISDRA member clubs sponsoring sanctioned events and other media as warranted.

2. The report shall contain:
 - a. Top fifteen finishers' names in order of finish in the class.
 - b. Total number of miles run in the racing class.
 - c. Number of entries starting in the class.
 - d. Number of pounds carried per dog in each freight class.
 - e. Weight Pull Dog Registration Number.
 - f. Each ISDRA Junior member's ISDRA number MUST be included to facilitate accurate recording.

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A. Sanctioning and membership fees

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B. Sanctioning materials and applications

1. To send all sanctioning materials and sanctioning applications to those organizations making requests for them.
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3. To send to the race-giving organization: Race Marshal, Timer Report forms and copies of the ISDRA Race and/or Weight Pull Rules.

C. Full sanctioning status

1. The ISDRA Sanctioning Committee will grant full sanctioning of all race-giving organizations who provide sufficient and reasonable guarantees that their event can meet sanctioning standards.

- a. Full sanctioning status guarantees that participating contestants who are ISDRA members will receive points earned in an ISDRA sanctioned event regardless of the event's future sanctioning status.

D. Evaluating and future sanctioning status

1. The Sanctioning Committee shall evaluate all races based on the official report forms and any other information, which may be pertinent to its considerations.
2. In the event a sanctioned race does not meet sanctioning standards as the result of not meeting any part of the sanctioning requirements and procedures:
 - a. Conditional sanctioning may be awarded for the following season, which means that Full Sanctioning may be granted only if corrections can be made through guarantees provided by the race-giving organization, which are satisfactory to the ISDRA Sanctioning Committee.
 - b. The race giving organization may be required to undergo a "re-entry" sanctioned event to regain full sanctioning status.
 - i. All "full" sanctioned procedures, requirements and rules apply to a re-entry sanctioned event.
 - ii. No points are awarded to contestants in reentry sanctioned events.
3. The ISDRA Sanctioning Committee's reports shall be sent to the race-giving organizations after evaluations have been completed.

E. Championship awards

1. ISDRA Junior Certificates offered for placing in Sanctioned Events shall be awarded in accordance with the ISDRA Championship Award Program regulations.

F. Fax / email reports of results

1. ISDRA will accept providing results of the fifteen (15) top finishers in sanctioned events following the conclusion of the contest. Faxes or Email must be sent as soon as possible and no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the event by a responsible member of the event-giving organization.
 - a. The report of results shall be directed to the ISDRA Executive Director.
 - b. It shall contain the following information related to each sanctioned class: as appropriate:
 - i. Top fifteen (15) finishers' names in order of finish in the class.
 - ii. Total number of miles run in each racing class.
 - iii. Number of entries starting in the class.
 - iv. Number of pounds carried per dog in each freight class.
 - v. Weight Pull Dog Registration Number.

- vi. Each ISDRA members ISDRA number, region and province or state MUST be included to facilitate accurate recordings.

G. ISDRA publicity releases

1. Reports of both international and regional winners, a listing of all drivers' point standing and other pertinent information about ISDRA sanctioned events will be published in the international organization's publication, *Dog & Driver*.
2. General news releases will be made to club and public media publications whenever warranted.

ISDRA 'EVENT OF THE YEAR' PROGRAM

June 2003

Eligibility

All Adult ISDRA Sanctioned events and classes obtaining Full Sanctioning Status for the effective season are eligible. All conditions of sanctioning must be met, finish times from all heats must stand and at least 40 % of the Driver Reports must be returned.

Points Computation

One (1) point is awarded for each dollar of the purse for that class.

One hundred (100) points are awarded for each entrant for that class.

The sum of the dollar points and entrant points is weighted by the following composite score form the ISDRA Driver Report Forms:

- 90-100% = 1.5 (multiplier)
- 80- 89% = 1.0
- 70- 79% = .75
- 60- 69% = .50
- <60% = .25

Formula

$$\frac{((\text{Class Purse in Dollars}) + (\text{Number of Entrants} * 100)) * (\text{Driver Report Score Factor})}{100} = \text{Score}$$

Awards

One event for each class qualifying for ISDRA Medal status will be recognized for each racing season.

Certification of the event's 'ISDRA Event of the Year' status will be provided at the Annual Awards Banquet and presented to the appropriate Club, RGO or Participating Sponsor.

Notification will be made via mail and INFO Magazine, press releases to sled dog media and Event's local newspapers.

ISDRA ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

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Overview

The ISDRA National Championships shall recognize and promote the highest levels of sled dog competitions for competitors, event producing organizations and sponsors.

To participate in ISDRA National Championships, members shall have demonstrated capability in their respective classes prior to entry and will qualify for participation based on their performance in ISDRA sanctioned events of good standing.

Event producing organizations hosting an ISDRA National Championship shall have proven capability in the areas of race production, promotion and sponsor recruitment.

ISDRA National Championships shall provide event producing organizations with an opportunity to showcase their local communities, their organizational skills and sponsor fulfillment capabilities to the sled dog community and the general public.

Eligibility

A. Events

1. Race standards
 - a. The conduct of each National Championship race will be in accordance with the ISDRA Adult Sanctioning Requirements and Standards, the ISDRA Race Rules, the Animal Welfare Policy and the Adult Championship Points Program.

- b. There will be no grouping or seeding of classes in a National Championship.
- c. Drug testing will be conducted for all National Championship events.
- d. All National Championship Speed category races will be 3-day races.

2. Race Classes

- a. A race class must have ranked a minimum of 50 competitors in the preceding season's Adult Championship Points Standings. Classes may be combined within a competition Type to meet this requirement. For example, 3 Dog, 2 Dog & 1 Dog Skijoring (Type) may be combined to meet the eligibility requirement to hold one National Championship Skijoring race. The actual class size to be held shall be determined by the event producing organization, shall be one of the 'combined' class sizes and shall be specified in the event proposal.
- b. At least six (6) sanctioned races per class must be scheduled in the preceding season for the race specified above.
- c. The sanctioned races must have taken place in at least two (2) countries and at least three (3) states or provinces.
- d. An event producing organization is not required to offer all eligible classes at a single event. If an event producing organization does not offer all eligible classes, additional location rights may be granted to other event producing organizations for the same season for the other classes.

3. Purse Requirements

- a. The race purse shall be in the currency of the host country with a suggested minimum of \$1,000.00 per dog per class size. For example, the 2 Dog Skijoring minimum purse shall be \$2,000.00; the 6 Dog Sled minimum purse shall be \$6,000.00, etc. For the Unlimited class the minimum purse shall be \$16,000.00
- b. Each race purse shall be distributed to 15 places according to percentages shown in Table 1;

Finish	Percentage	Finish	Percentage	Finish	Percentage
1 st	18.00	6 th	7.25	11 th	2.75
2 nd	15.00	7 th	6.00	12 th	2.50
3 rd	12.00	8 th	5.00	13 th	2.25
4 th	10.00	9 th	4.00	14 th	2.00
5 th	8.50	10 th	3.00	15 th	1.75

B. Drivers

1. Eligibility
 - a. Entries will be accepted from all ISDRA Regions
 - b. Drivers must be current Individual or Family members of ISDRA
2. Selection
 - a. The ISDRA Adult Championship Points formula will be used to rank all drivers. Rankings shall be by ISDRA Regions, regardless of sanctioned event location.
 - b. Prior season Medallists pre-qualify for the classes, either distinct or combined, to be offered.
 - c. Qualification is based on the total of the highest three point races.
 - d. Selection is done by rounds and Regions, starting with Region 1 and ending with Region 13. Within each round the top driver from that region's ranking is eligible for entry. If the eligible driver declines, then the next ranked driver is eligible.
 - e. The rounds will be repeated until the class is filled.
 - f. For the last selection round, if the number of applicants exceeds the number of available slots, a random draw will determine the entries.
 - g. The scope of events, i.e. prior season, current season or a combination of both, to be used in the selection process shall be determined according to the needs and interests of the sponsors, the host organization and drivers. This determination shall be part of the proposal to ISDRA.

Event Organizer Selection Process

National Championship events shall be selected and conducted in a four phase process; 1) Request for Proposals, 2) Funding Phase Agreement, 3) Event Contract and 4) Post Event Disclosure.

Proposals may be submitted by qualified race producing organizations at any time. Proposals shall follow, but not be limited to, the information outlined in Addendum A.

The ISDRA Board of Directors shall review all proposals received and shall award National Championship location rights for a period of one to three years with each successive year's rights dependent upon the successful completion of the prior event. Cancellation due to weather or acts of god shall not prejudice the location rights and, at the discretion of the board, may be cause for extension of location rights for an additional year.

Upon awarding location rights, a Funding Phase Agreement (FPA) shall be executed by the Board of Directors and the event producing organization.

Addendum B provides an outline of stipulations for the FPA.

Upon expiration of the FPA, an Event Contract (EC) between ISDRA and the race producing organization will be executed if committed sponsors, the race producing organization and ISDRA are in substantial agreement. The EC must be signed by the event producing organization and ISDRA within 15 days of the expiration of the FPA.

Upon the signing of the EC, media press releases will be issued and event promotion will begin through, but not limited to, ISDRA outlets.

Post Event Disclosure

Within 30 days following the event, the event organizers shall disclose in writing to the ISDRA Board of Directors the financial outcome of the event as well as analysis and recommendations for future events. In the event all financials are not available at that time, partial disclosure may be acceptable. Insufficient disclosure, as deemed by the Board, may be cause for termination of any future location rights.

EVALUATIVE STATUS FOR LOCALIZED RULE VARIATIONS POLICY

April 1998

Evaluative status for localized rule variations permits RGO's to receive ISDRA sanctioning for a three-year period during which a variation in the ISDRA Rules is implemented. The implementation period allows for the evaluation of the Rule variation and upon expiration results in one of the following outcomes:

1. The Rule Committee recommends the variation be adopted as either an option or the standard, with the necessary modifications to the ISDRA rules becoming permanent.
2. The Rule Committee recommends the variation be dropped.
3. The Rule Committee recommends the evaluative status be renewed for another three-year period.

Any RGO seeking to request Evaluative Status for a Rule Variation must indicate so on their Sanctioning Application, include the reference to the ISDRA Rule(s) affected and provide the substitute language to be used.

The appropriate Committee Chair, Rules Committee Chair, Sanctioning Chair and the Executive Director will review the request and grant or deny Evaluative Status within 10 days of receiving the Sanctioning Application. Notification may be made by phone/fax/email with an official written notice within 14 days.

When granted Evaluative Status, the RGO shall include the notice 'Evaluative Status' on event advertisements, provide all entrants within written reference to the ISDRA Rule(s) affected and provide the substitute language to be used. The RGO shall encourage all entrants to provide feedback concerning the variation on their Driver Report Forms.

All Evaluative Status Requests, denied or approved shall be placed on the next Board of Directors meeting agenda for review. Denial of Evaluative Status shall not prohibit the RGO from submitting the same request in the following year, but shall be irrevocable for the current year.

Cancellation of an event granted Evaluative Status shall extend the Evaluation period by an additional year.

REGISTERED BREED GROUP STANDARD

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A. Definitions

1. A Class may be grouped according to criteria specified by the RGO. A grouped Class must have an "All-breed" group. Additional group(s) may be created at the discretion of the race-giving organization. (B.3.c.)
2. Teams entering a race would choose the applicable group "All Breed" or "Registered Breed". "Registered Breed" would be defined as AKC/CKC/UKC (or the National Registry from the country of origin) registered Siberian Huskies or Alaskan Malamutes or Samoyeds. Indefinite Listing Privilege (ILP) dogs will not be permitted in the registered breed purse but may compete in the "All Breed". Teams made up partially of registered dogs, must compete in the "All Breed" category. Registered dogs may be identified by readable tattoo, microchip, or must be marked, at the RGO's option.
3. Registered Breeds must provide registration numbers upon entry for any potential canine athletes to allow the RGO to conduct

preliminary confirmation of the numbers. Registered Breed teams must have their National Registry (AKC/CKC/UKC, German Kennel Club etc.) papers (or copies of) with them at a race. Random checks will be performed as well as checks on all teams that qualify for monetary prizes.

4. Participants not members of ISDRA will be assessed the normal ISDRA non-member fee regardless of group.

B. Applying for Sanctioning

1. All requirements for Sanctioning (Sanctioning Requirements and Standards (B and C)) shall apply.
2. Each group may have a separate purse, and drivers are only eligible for the purse in their group regardless of overall finish. The combined total of both purses is factored into ISDRA championship points as well as the total number of racers per Class.
3. Seeding is optional. Classes may be separated by Group, with a time break between each group. Each Group will be considered a heat of the same class.
4. A Registered breed race official must be appointed for races using this option. This official would be announced on race entries and advertising along with the Race Marshal, Trail boss and other officials that are coordinating the race. The Registered Breed Official must be named on the race application to ISDRA along with the Race Marshal.

C. Sanctioning fees

1. Each grouped class will pay sanctioning fees per the requirements of Section C.1. of the Sanctioning Requirements and Standards.

D. Purse

1. Individuals, sponsors and RGOs may contribute to a Registered Breed purse. The amount of the Registered Breed purse may not exceed the amount of the All-Breed purse in each class.
2. Money raised for the Registered Breed purse may include a portion to cover race expenses at the RGOs request.
3. Money awarded for a placing in the Registered Breed purse may not exceed the amount awarded for the same placing in the All-Breed purse.
4. The RGO may contribute to the Registered Breed purse if it desires, but may not take money raised specifically for the Registered Breed purse and add it to the All-Breed purse. If the Registered Breed purse exceeds the All Breed purse, the overage should be returned to the contributor.

E. Posting of results

1. Race results will be posted for each Class, with each Group listed separately. Overall finish results in each Class will be shown for determination of starting order and ISDRA point awards.
2. ISDRA point awards in each class will be calculated out to 30 places (Sanctioning Requirements and Standards Section L.2.a)
3. The final finish ranking within each Group will be used as the basis to award the purse in each Group.

F. Protests

1. The Registered Breed Official handles all preliminary protests.
2. If the Registered Breed Official determines that the protest has merit, the team will lose its ranking in the Registered Breed Group, but will retain its rank in the All-breed Group.
3. Registered Breed protests will be decided by the Registered Breed Official and the Race Marshall.

SEEDING PROCEDURE July 2005

The seeding of a race is an option offered to race-giving organizations and is not mandatory. If a race is to be seeded, the notice 'Seeded Race' must be stated on pre-race promotions and entry blanks.

Determination of Seed Numbers

Seed numbers for all competitors shall be based on ISDRA's Championship Point standings.

1. Competitors will start each new racing season with a seed number determined by their numbered rank in the ISDRA Championship Points standings from the previous season.
2. Each competitor starting the season with a seed number shall use that number throughout the racing season.
3. Competitors starting the season without a seed number shall receive a seed number on the Tuesday prior to the first full weekend of racing in February and shall use that number throughout the remainder of the racing season. The seed number shall be determined by the rank of the competitor in the ISDRA Championship Points program by the above date.
4. In the event step 3 results in duplicate seed numbers for a given race and the ranks fall across seed group boundaries then both drivers are entered into the higher seed group.

Seed Groups

Competitors shall be seeded in ONE (1) event per racing weekend.

1. The first, second and third seeded groups will be made up of the upper, middle, and lower one-third respectively of all seeded competitors in the race.
2. If the number of seeded competitors in the race is not evenly divisible by three, the number of competitors in the first seed group and, if necessary, second seed group, will be increased by one.
3. The fourth seed group shall be all ISDRA members who do not have a seed number.
4. The fifth seed group shall be all non-ISDRA members.

Starting position shall be determined by random draw within each seeding group.

Substitute Drivers

In the event a seeded driver included in the draw is excused from the first heat of the race (under ISDRA Speed Race Rules, I. Entry Rules, A) Eligibility, 2.b.) and replaced with a substitute driver, that driver shall be treated as a late entry in accordance with ISDRA Speed Race Rules, II. Start-Finish Rules, A) Drawing, 3.). This shall apply to all substitute drivers regardless of that driver's seeding status.

Seeding Procedure

If seeding is to be done by the ISDRA office, Race-giving organizations shall telephone or fax the Executive Director's office with their entry list, including **ISDRA number, and full name, no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on the Thursday** immediately preceding the race. ISDRA will determine the seed groups only. There shall be no changes made by the race-giving organization regarding the seed groups and the race-giving organization shall conduct the random draw within each seed group.



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