

International Sled Dog Racing Association

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 dryland races and weight pulls in the Northern Hemisphere, shall be from the first full weekend in October to the last full weekend in April.
 - 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. Sleds

- (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
 - v. 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
- vi. Limited Eight (8) Dog Class
- vii. Limited Six (6) Dog Class
- viii. Limited Four (4) Dog Class

b. Dryland

(1) Sprint (Speed)

- i. Limited Eight (8) Dog Rig Class
- ii. Limited Six (6) Dog Rig Class
- iii. Limited Four (4) Dog Rig Class
- iv. Limited Two (2) Dog Sulkie Class
- v. Limited Two (2) Dog Bikejoring Class
- vi. Limited Two (2) Dog Scooter Class
- vii. Limited One (1) Dog Sulkie Class
- viii. Limited One (1) Dog Bikejoring Class – Men’s and Women’s
- ix. Limited One (1) Dog Scooter Class – Men’s and Women’s
- x. Limited One (1) Dog Canicross Class – Men’s and Women’s

(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 may 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 an ‘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. Dryland

(1) Sprint (Speed)

i. Limited Eight (8) Dog Class: Three (3) to five (5) miles.

ii. Limited Six (6) Dog Class: Three (3) to five (5) miles.

iii. Limited One to Four (1-4) Dog Classes: one and one half (1 ½) to three (3) miles.

(2) Mid_distance

i. Mid-Distance Twelve (12) Dog Class: twelve (12) miles up to January 1, sixteen (16) miles up to March 1 and twelve (12) miles up to March 31.

ii. 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.

iii. 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)

iv. Limited Three (3) Dog Class: three (3) miles throughout the racing season.

v. Limited Two (2) Dog Class: three (3) miles throughout the racing season.

vi. 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. 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 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 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, INFO.
2. General news releases will be made to club and public media publications whenever warranted.