

International Sled Dog Racing Association

Junior Program

Sanctioning Requirements and Standards

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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 Dryland 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.

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. Dryland Races Classes
 - ii. Limited Three (3) Dog Rig Class
 - iii. Limited One (1) Dog Bikejoring Class
 - iv. Limited One (1) Dog Scooter Class
 - v. Limited One (1) Dog Canicross Class with or without Adult Assistance (When child is being assisted, adult and child must each have their own line hooked to the dogs harness and themselves)
- c. Distance Race Classes
 - i. Limited Six (6) Dog Class
 - ii. Limited Four (4) Dog Class

e. 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.

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.

4. ISDRA membership shall be available at race sites.

5. 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.

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. 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.

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 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, INFO.

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