



## European Sled Dog Racing Association

### Regulation part IV

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### 1 SANCTIONING

#### 1.1 SANCTIONING ADMINISTRATION.

- 1.1.1 Sanctioning shall be administered by the sports committee.
- 1.1.2 The sanctioning season shall be from the weekend after December 14<sup>th</sup> through the weekend before April 16<sup>th</sup>. The off-snow sanctioning season shall be from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September through the weekend before December 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 1.1.3 Only classes are subject to sanctioning, not races in total. Qualified classes are those listed in Chapter §1.6 below ("Sanctioning classes") which are in accordance with the international race procedures E.II "Trail distances".
- 1.1.4 Sanctioning shall be granted, provided the requirements in these rules are complied with. The ESDRA can however, for just cause refuse sanctioning of classes provided the event contains activities deemed detrimental to the sports or to the ESDRA or activities which are not in accordance with basic ESDRA regulations.
- 1.1.5 In the event that a sanctioned race does not meet sanctioning standards as the result of not meeting any part of the sanctioning requirements and procedures, future sanctioning shall be granted only if corrections can be made in the following year through guarantees made by the race giving organization which are satisfactory to the sports committee.

#### 1.2 ELIGIBILITY.

- 1.2.1 All ESDRA members may apply for ESDRA sanctioning.
- 1.2.2 The ESDRA may also, at its discretion, grant sanctioning to other applicants.
- 1.2.3 If the applicant is not the national member of the country in which the race is held, sanctioning may only be granted if said member has no objections to the race being sanctioned.

#### 1.3 SANCTIONING APPLICATION.

- 1.3.1 Applications for sanctioning shall be submitted to the ESDRA sports director, and should be postmarked at the latest on or before October 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications for off-snow sanctioning shall be submitted to the ESDRA sports director, and should be postmarked at the latest on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 1.3.2 The application shall inform of:
  - 1.3.2.1 Name of the race-giving organization with contact address.
  - 1.3.2.2 Site and date(s) of race and number of heats.
  - 1.3.2.3 Entry fee, entry fee deadlines and closing dates.
  - 1.3.2.4 Classes for which sanctioning is applied for.
  - 1.3.2.5 Trail distances.
  - 1.3.2.6 Any rule options or amendments applied for.
  - 1.3.2.7 Possible backup sites and / or dates.
- 1.3.3 The application should inform of, and such information shall in any case be submitted at the latest 30 days prior to the race:
  - 1.3.3.1 A list of race officials, as a minimum race marshal / chief judge, animal welfare judge, veterinarian, chief timer and trail boss.
  - 1.3.3.2 Name, address, phone & mobile number and email address of a liaison officer as a direct contact between the race giving organization and the sports committee.
- 1.3.4 No ESDRA related advertising shall be made until sanctioning approval has been confirmed.



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1.3.5 ESDRA shall furnish the race-giving organization with driver report forms and officials report forms.

### 1.4 POST-RACE REQUIREMENTS.

1.4.1 Not later than seven (7) days after the race the sports committee shall be provided with:

1.4.1.1 Race marshal / chief judge's report including statements on any penal measures imposed.

1.4.1.2 Chief timer's report, including race results and times.

1.4.1.3 A data file with the race results via email (formatted as described in the Europa Cup data-requirements).

1.4.1.4 Any changes of officials from those noted in the original application.

1.4.2 ESDRA shall report to the race-giving organization its evaluation of the event and future sanctioning status.

### 1.5 CANCELLATION AND SANCTION WITHDRAWAL.

1.5.1 In the event that the organizer cannot meet all the requirements of sanctioning due to unforeseen circumstances (weather conditions, trail deterioration, etc.), sanctioning shall be withdrawn, and the organizer should notify all entrants and the ESDRA sports committee at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the start of the first heat of the race.

1.5.2 In the event that the race is totally cancelled, local public news media should also be notified.

1.5.3 An organizer, which has notified drivers and the ESDRA sports committee of the withdrawal of ESDRA sanctioning and / or cancellation of the race as prescribed in §1.5.1 and §1.5.2 above, will not jeopardize future sanctioning requests.

### 1.6 SANCTIONING CLASSES.

1.6.1 Sanctioning is possible in the following sprint classes: \*1

1.6.1.1 Unlimited class (US).

1.6.1.2 8-dog class (8S).

1.6.1.3 6-dog class (6S).

1.6.1.4 4-dog class (4S).

1.6.1.5 4-dog junior class (4J); juniors 14 up to and including 16 years of age. \*2

1.6.1.6 Women and Men Pulka style short/one dog (WP1/MP1) and long/1-4 dogs (WP4/MP4) classes for seniors (from 19 years).

1.6.1.7 Women junior and Men junior Pulka class (WPJ/MPJ), age 17-20 years. \*3

1.6.1.8 Women and Men Skijoring short/one dog class (WS1/MS1) and long/1-2 dogs (WS/MS2) classes for seniors (from 19 years).

1.6.1.9 Women and Men junior Skijoring class (WSJ/MSJ), age 17 to 20 years. \*3

1.6.1.10 Women and Men Combined one dog class (WC1/MC1) for seniors (from 19 years)

1.6.1.11 Women and Men junior Combined one dog class (WCJ/MCJ), age 17 to 20 years. \*3

1.6.1.12 In Junior classes the minimum number of participants is three (from three different countries at the European Championships)

1.6.1.13 Nordic relay

1.6.2 Sanctioning for mid-distance races is possible in the following classes:



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- 1.6.2.1 Unlimited class (UMD), minimum 7 dogs.
- 1.6.2.2 Limited class (LMD), minimum 4, maximum 6 dogs.
- 1.6.2.3 Nordic-style skijoring class (SMD) 1-2 dog and pulka class (PMD) 1-4 dogs.
- 1.6.3 Sanctioning for off-snow races is possible in the following classes:
  - 1.6.3.1 8-dog class (8R)
  - 1.6.3.2 6-dog class (6R)
  - 1.6.3.3 4-dog class (4R)
  - 1.6.3.4 4-dog junior class (4RJ)
  - 1.6.3.5 2-dog roller class for seniors and juniors (2R and 2RJ).
  - 1.6.3.6 1-dog roller class for seniors and juniors (1R and 1RJ).
  - 1.6.3.7 1-dog bike men, women and juniors (BM, BW, BMJ, BWJ)
  - 1.6.3.8 Cani-cross men, women and juniors (CM, CW, CMJ, CWJ)
  - 1.6.3.9 Cani-cross relay for senior and juniors (CR and CRJ)

- \*1 *The Congress of Delegates 1989 approved of the following injunction concerning the starting sequence: it should follow the pattern of Nordic classes, Unlimited class, 8-, 6- and 4-dog classes. (This to be used at the discretion of the sports director according to the prevailing conditions.)*
- \*2 *The Board of Directors decided to authorize the Sports Director to accept juniors with proven experience between 13 and 14 years of age, but said junior shall never be under 13 years of age.*
- \*3 *Juniors have to realize that they shall enter the race either in the junior class or in the usual Nordic class according to rules §1.6.1.6, §1.6.1.8 and §1.6.1.10 Entering in both classes is not allowed.*

## 1.7 TIME DISQUALIFICATION.

A time disqualification limit of 150% of the total time of the best team in the class shall apply.

## 1.8 EVENTS DEVELOPMENT.

The ESDRA may test new race formats or classes during two E.C.'s, in function of possibilities on race sites, before formally including them in the rules.



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### 2 THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### 2.1 GENERAL.

- 2.1.1 The European Championships (EC's) are sled dog competitions, by which the members grant the title "European Champion" to the winners of each of the championship classes, as defined by this rule.
- 2.1.2 Only events organized according to these provisions are recognized by ESDRA and its members as European Championships.
- 2.1.3 The EC events shall be held on a bi-annual basis, in the even Years (e.g. 2008 – 2010 – 2012.....)
- 2.1.4 The title of European Champion shall not be awarded in a given class if more than one (1) heat is cancelled for that class. The sanctioning status of that class will not be withdrawn, if the race fulfils the criteria as per the ESDRA regulations. Sanctioning points shall be multiplied by a factor 0.8.

*\*1 The Congress of Delegates has, by various occasions, stated the following: The EC's shall in principle be held as late as possible in the racing season. Winter EC's should take place after February 15th and should be held where there is the greatest possibility of snow.*

#### 2.2 APPLICATION.

- 2.2.1 Each member may apply to host an EC. Said member shall thereby bind itself to make available to ESDRA a race suitable for the purpose (see also §2.3.4 through §2.3.5 and §2.5).
- 2.2.2 The application shall be submitted to the congress two (2) years before the prepared race. The board of directors shall examine the proposal and inform the congress, whether the arrangement corresponds with the demands of the EC-rules.
- 2.2.3 ESDRA is the organizer of the EC's, and shall make an agreement with the hosting member about the implementation of the event.

#### 2.3 ADMINISTRATION AND RULES ENFORCEMENT.

- 2.3.1 The following rules enforcing officers shall be appointed by the ESDRA: race marshal (chief judge); race judges (including trail- and animal welfare judge); chief veterinarian. The ESDRA president and vice president shall, in principle, not be race officials.
- 2.3.2 The ESDRA sports director or his official representative shall be at the EC's location from at least Monday afternoon before the race, to supervise the hosting federation's preparations according to rule §2.3.2, §2.4.6 below and to decide, in principle on Monday by 18.00 hrs, in dialogue with the technical organizer, on the confirmation, the relocation or the cancellation of the race.
- 2.3.3 The following officers shall be appointed by the hosting member, subject to the approval of the ESDRA:  
Trail boss; race site crew foreman; chief timer; chief of secretariat.
- 2.3.4 The following officers / stewards shall be appointed by the hosting member, subject to the approval of the race marshal:  
Race marshal runner; roving steward; inspection judges; dog marking judges; trail checkers; trail stewards; observers.
- 2.3.5 The following officers / stewards shall be appointed by the hosting member, subject to the approval of the officers in charge, as follows:



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To be approved by the chief veterinarian: race veterinarians, veterinarian's assistants.

To be approved by the trail boss: trail crew.

To be approved by the chief timer: time keeping crew.

To be approved by the crew foreman: club handlers, sled holders, communications controller, announcer, radio operators, traffic controller, traffic crew, properties custodian.

To be approved by the chief of secretariat: secretary crew.

2.3.6 None of the officers mentioned above may be participant in the EC's. \*1

*\*1 This is a stricter provision than the general rule on rules enforcement, i.e. which allows even a race judge to be a participant.*

## 2.4 THE DUTIES OF ESDRA.

2.4.1 To make up the entry forms.

2.4.2 Publish the time-schedule together with the hosting federation.

2.4.3 Summon a team leader meeting in order to distribute essential information pertaining to the event, draw starting positions for the first day and distribute the bibs.

2.4.4 Arrange the winner ceremony.

2.4.5 Arrange with the hosting member to present a memento or a diploma for each finishing contestant, proving his / her participation at the European Championships.

2.4.6 Supervise the hosting federation's preparations for and implementation of the event, support the same in every way as regards the sport and the organization.

## 2.5 THE DUTIES OF THE HOSTING MEMBER.

2.5.1 Obtain the necessary permissions from the police and other authorities.

2.5.2 Take out an insurance for those responsible for the arrangement.

2.5.3 Hire a hall for the driver's meeting.

2.5.4 Help for the contestants and officials to find lodging at the race locality.

2.5.5 PR (posters, press) and publications of a race program.

2.5.6 Provide trophies of honour.

2.5.7 Technical requirements:

2.5.7.1 Area: enough space for at least 150 teams, i.e. approximately 900 canines.

2.5.7.2 Trail: in accordance with this rule.

2.5.7.3 Loudspeakers: covering the complete race site. Especially aimed at vehicle holding area (driver's parking / stake out), starting area. Microphones: for at least announcer and starter (the latter preferably with his own system).

2.5.7.4 Radio communications: as required for the following officials: race marshal, race judges, trail checkers / stewards / observers, trail boss, roving steward, secretariat (timing shack).

## 2.6 THE DUTIES OF THE PARTICIPATING NATIONAL MEMBERS.

2.6.1 To nominate participants worthy of representing their countries. Those participants shall have a valid ESDRA Driver Identification Number (DID).

2.6.2 See to it that their participants are made familiar with the regulations pertaining to the event.



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2.6.3 To appoint a team leader (see regulations part II, section 2. under team regulations).

### 2.7 FINANCES.

2.7.1 The hosting federation shall be responsible for the whole finance of the EC's including the expenses for the ESDRA appointed rules enforcing officers.

### 2.8 ENTRY FEES.

2.8.1 The entry fees accrue to ESDRA. But the Board may, after careful investigation, decide to use the amount partially or totally to support the execution of the ECs. If so, the agreement shall be mentioned in the ECs contract and shall have a clause of restitution in case of withdrawal, being in default, non-taking place, share in possible net profits, etc. The federation(s) involved shall open a special ECs account and ESDRA has the right to control the books till 8 weeks after the ECs closing ceremony.

2.8.2 The entry fees shall be paid by the national members, according to the time limits as established by the board of directors.

2.8.3 The entry fee for each entered competitor (see §2.9.1) shall be paid to the ESDRA treasurer by the national member concerned. The entry fees are not returnable. Exception: in case of complete cancellation of the European Championship event, the ESDRA shall decide upon partial refunding of the entry fees.

2.8.4 National members not complying with the established time limit for payment shall pay double participation fees. The same applies for eventual individual participants eligible for participation according to §2.9.3.1 of this rule.

2.8.5 For additional entries an additional fifty (50) % of the entry fee shall be added.

2.8.6 All dues concerning the participation of a national team shall be settled before the members of said team are eligible for participation.

2.8.7 The entry fee will be fixed each year by the congress upon proposal from the board of directors.

### 2.9 PARTICIPATION RULES.

2.9.1 Each national member shall nominate teams from its country for participation in the EC's. The quota of teams is decided as follows:

2.9.1.1 The medal winners of each class from the previous year are entitled to participate in the same class.

2.9.1.2 Each country has the right to send two (2) participants in every class.

2.9.1.3 In addition, every country is entitled to send as many teams as finished within a certain position of the Europa Cup of the previous year, that position determined by the capabilities of the European Championship site.

2.9.1.4 If there is more than one organization within a country, entitled to send participants to the EC's (see regulation part II, section 2., General), the distribution of said country's entries among the organizations in question shall be determined by the results from the previous year.

2.9.2 Each national member will indicate on its participant entry form the competitors to be seeded in each class except in Nordic (pulka and skijoring) classes where there will be no seeding.

2.9.3 The entry of individual teams can take place only through the national members. Further particulars on that subject shall be printed on the entry form or invitation.

2.9.3.1 Only members of the ESDRA national members have the right to participate in the EC's. In accordance with the ESDRA Statutes & European Championships, the board of directors may, under certain circumstances, grant permission for entry to a





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qualified driver who is not a member of one of the ESDRA national members. Non European participants shall not be awarded championship medals and titles. \*1

- 2.9.3.2 A sporting qualification is required in order to enter the EC's. The national members alone have the authority to determine the qualification standards and the selection criteria.
- 2.9.3.3 To be eligible to participate for a nation, the participant shall either be a citizen of said nation or have been a resident of same for at least the last 24 months.
- 2.9.3.4 No participant shall be eligible to participate for more than one nation during one racing season.
- 2.9.4 National members that do not fully their allocation of teams shall place any vacant participant places at the disposal of ESDRA. Vacant participant places shall be at disposal in such time that other national members can nominate substitute teams (see also §2.8.6).
- 2.9.5 In case of an insufficient number of entries in a given class ([see the international race procedures D.V "Rating"](#)) the sports director or his official representative shall immediately inform the federations concerned. In junior classes the entries may, at the option of the federation(s), either be withdrawn and entry fees reimbursed or replaced with senior participants at no extra costs.

*\*1 The Congress of Delegates 1997 decided that non-European drivers should be entitled to prize money, however not the title.*

## 2.10 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES.

- 2.10.1 The European Championships are held in all the race classes as mentioned in §1.6. (\*1)

*\*1 The Congress of Delegates 2006 decided that, during the following two years, the classes of the EC Off-snow will be decided by the Sports Committee.*

## 2.11 SPECIAL EC'S SPRINT REGULATIONS FOR NORDIC STYLE.

- 2.11.1 The individual competitions shall be a one-day event in sprint. (\*1, 2)
- 2.11.2 Classes:
- 2.11.2.1 Combined one-dog Pulka and one-dog Skijoring. Divided into junior and senior classes, women and men.
- 2.11.2.2 Skijoring 1-dog divided into junior and senior classes, women and men.
- 2.11.2.3 Relay competition for seniors and juniors. Mixed teams with women and men
- 2.11.2.4 In Junior classes the minimum number of participants is three from three different countries.
- 2.11.3 Race program:
- 2.11.3.1 Day one: Pulka l-dog classes for juniors and seniors divided into women and men. Distances 8 to 12 km for juniors and 12 to 18 km for seniors.
- 2.11.3.2 Day two: Skijoring l-dog classes for juniors and seniors divided into women and men. Distances 8 to 12 km for juniors and 12 to 18 km for seniors.



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- 2.11.3.3 Day three: Combined competition in one-dog class.  
Stage one: max 7,5 km (5 km for juniors) pulka with mass start.  
Stage two: max 7,5 km (5 km for juniors) in skijoring.  
After the first stage the competitor goes directly into a pit-stop and changes to skijoring.  
The total race time, is the time from the start of the mass-start until the participants cross the finish line. The first participant at the finish is the European Champion. Both stages shall be with the same dog.
- 2.11.3.4 2.11.3.4 Day four: Relays.  
Mixed pulka/skijoring teams with juniors and seniors, men and women. Two rounds with pulka (rounds one and four) and two rounds with skijoring (rounds two and three). One dog only. Distance 5-10 km.
- 2.11.3.5 If a four-day event is not possible, 2.11.3.1 will not apply and the event will be held over three days as per 2.11.3.2 – 2.11.3.3. - 2.11.3.4
- 2.11.4 In order to obtain the required trail length, parts of the trail may be run twice in the same heat.
- 2.11.5 In relay competitions only one (1) national team per country shall be awarded championship medals. The medals shall be awarded to that team from a given country, finishing in the highest finishing position (of that country's participating teams). The next finishing team(s) from other countries shall be awarded medals according to the thus vacant medal positions.

\*1 §§ 2.11.1, 2.11.2 and 2.11.3 were amended by the Congress of Delegates 2003.

\*2 §§ 2.11.2.1, 2.11.2.4 and 2.11.3.1 were amended by the Congress of Delegates 2004.

## 2.12 AWARDING OF TEAMS CONSISTING OF REGISTERED NORDIC DOG BREEDS AT THE EC's.

- 2.12.1 The question of sports and the question of breeds are different, and a sled dog racing association should, in principle, only be dealing with the sport.
- 2.12.2 The awarding of teams of registered Nordic breeds should therefore, in principle, be carried out by parties concerned of these breeds at the EC award ceremony.
- 2.12.3 However, the classes for registered Nordic breeds have their unquestionable tradition in Central Europe and in the ESDRA.
- 2.12.4 Therefore, until the parties concerned take proper actions of awarding said teams in the EC's, the ESDRA should be carrying such awarding on behalf of them, and also inviting such teams especially to the EC's. However these awards shall only be presented to teams with a total time which is within 150% of the time of the overall winner of the class.
- 2.12.5 In the future, the ESDRA should also give parties concerned the opportunity of inviting said classes to the European Championship events.



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### 3 THE EUROPA CUP

3.1 Sanctioned races shall be the basis for calculation of the annual Europa Cup [award](#). Sanctioned races shall not interfere with each other.

3.2 Only contestants who entered with a valid ESDRA DID shall be awarded points according to their finishing time compared to the finishing time of the winner of the same class, i.e. winner's time divided by the contestant's time multiplied by one hundred (100).

3.3 For a one day race the points shall be multiplied by a factor of 0.8, for a two or more day race the points shall be multiplied by a factor 1.0, and for the European Championships the points shall be multiplied by a factor 1.2.

3.4 The contestant's sum of points of his five (5) best results in one class shall determine his final standing. He shall compete in at least three (3) sanctioned events in that class.

3.5 **Europa Cup Nome style:** The contestant with the highest number of points in a class shall [be the European Cup winner](#) of that class. Prizes shall also be awarded to those finishing in second and third position. There shall be no transfer of points between classes.

3.6 **Europa Cup Nordic style** (skijoring, Pulka and Combined) will have the following groups of classes:

- Men senior (MP1, MP4, MS1, MS2, MC, MPMD and MSMD)
- Women senior (WP1, WP4, WS1, WS2, WC, WPMD and WSMD)
- Men Junior (MPJ, MSJ and MCJ)
- Women Junior (WPJ, WSJ and WCJ)

Final standings and current rankings are based on the individual scores of all the competitors in all the Nordic styles during the same season. The contestant with the highest number of points shall be [the European Cup winner](#) of that group of classes. Prizes shall also be awarded to those finishing in second and third position. There shall be no transfer of points between groups of classes.

3.7 Europa Cup Off-snow will have the following groups of classes:

- Rig class (8R, 6R and 4R)
- Rig jr. class (4RJ)
- Roller class (2R and 1R)
- Roller jr. class (2RJ and 1RJ)
- Cani-cross and Bike men (CM and BM)
- Cani-cross and Bike women (CW and BW)
- Cani-cross and Bike men Junior (CMJ and BMJ)
- Cani-cross and Bike women Junior (CWJ and BWJ)

Final standings and current rankings are based on the individual scores of all the competitors during the same season. The contestant with the highest number of points shall be [the European Cup winner](#) of that group of classes. Prizes shall also be awarded to those finishing in second and third position. There shall be no transfer of points between groups of classes.

3.8 Races run following withdrawal of ESDRA sanctioning shall not be included in the Europa Cup.

3.9 If heats are cancelled in an ESDRA sanctioned event, the cup points shall be computed on the basis of the competed heats of the race.



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- 3.10 ESDRA shall publish and distribute to all members a listing of all drivers' point standings and reports of the winners.