

# INVITATION TO



## IFSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS and WORLD MASTERS 2023

### Dryland

Ólvega, Spain

November 20-26, 2023

#### GENERAL:

1. Use of private motor vehicles on the trails is not allowed.
2. Competitors may inspect the trail only on foot, bicycle or scooter, with up to two (2) dogs.
3. Entries for IFSS members are accepted via the IFSS Voting National Member and the Provisional Member federations only, using the official entry form.
4. Microchip identification for the dogs is mandatory. All dogs must be listed on the chipping form (one form per competitor and per class). Only IFSS chipping forms are accepted.
5. Required vaccinations for all dogs on the race site, including dogs not racing: ***Rabies, Distemper, Leptospirosis, Adenovirus-2 (Hepatitis and tracheo-bronchitis), Parvovirus and "Kennel cough" (Parainfluenza and Bordetella bronchiseptica).***

All vaccines must have been administered more than 21 days before the official day of the opening of the stake-out (NOT the day when the dog starts to race!) Validity of vaccinations as stated in the dog's passport. To evaluate the validity of vaccinations ONLY the "dog passport" or the "dog vaccination booklet" will be taken in consideration. These documents must show for each vaccination the date of injection with the stamp and the signature of the veterinarian who did it.

*Note 1) Kennel cough vaccinations have to protect against BOTH Parainfluenza AND Bordetella bronchiseptica (as with INTRANASAL or INJECTABLE vaccines). Only if the dog is protected with an injectable vaccine against Parainfluenza given not longer than 1 year before (as in DHPPi vaccine), then the ORAL vaccine for Bordetella bronchiseptica is accepted.*

*Note 2) Both L2 and L4 will be accepted vaccinations for Leptospirosis.*

6. It is **strictly forbidden** during this event to allow dogs to run loose at the event site, stake-out area and event parking lots. Loose dogs are only permitted within personal containment areas (fenced areas around competitor`s vehicle) in the designated stake-out area. Refusal to respect this requirement may lead to disqualification from the event.
7. Each competitor and national team are responsible for the action of his/her handlers.
8. All participating nations shall appoint one team leader. The team leaders shall be noted on the entry forms. Team leaders shall be present at the team leader meetings. In view of their liaison task between the race organizer and their team members, they shall speak English.

**LOCATION:** Ermita de San Marcos, Ólvega Soria, Spain

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Ermita+de+San+Marcos/@41.9993174,-2.3896117,10z/data=!4m10!1m2!2m1!1sErmita+de+San+Marcos!3m6!1s0xd5b1ba794fba28f:0x4335c44b31df1ffd!8m2!3d41.7939195!4d-2.0283713!15sChRFcm1pdGEgZGUgU2FulE1hcmNvc5IBBmNoYXBibOABAA!16s%2Fg%2F11xcyq4q1?authuser=0&entry=ttu>

GPS coordinates: 41°47'38.6 N 2°01'43.0 W

**TECHNICAL ORGANIZER:** Real Federación Española de Deportes de Invierno  
Web sites: [www.rfedi.es](http://www.rfedi.es)

**LOCAL ORGANIZER:** Club Deportivo Mushing Ólvega

**EVENT PAGE:** <https://ifssevents.net>

**CATEGORIES AND DISTANCES PER HEAT (distances may be adjusted):**

**Trail info:** The trails consist of forest and meadow trails with a varied surface, mostly fine sand. The trails are fairly flat and have long straight aways.

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| • Canicross Women (DCW)           | ca 5.9 km |
| • Canicross Men (DCM)             | ca 5.9 km |
| • Canicross Junior Women (DCWJ)   | ca 4.0 km |
| • Canicross Junior Men (DCMJ)     | ca 4.0 km |
| • Canicross Masters Women (DCWM)  | ca 5.9 km |
| • Canicross Masters Men (DCMM)    | ca 5.9 km |
| • Bikejoring Women (DBW)          | ca 5.9 km |
| • Bikejoring Men (DBM)            | ca 5.9 km |
| • Bikejoring Junior Women (DBWJ)  | ca 4.0 km |
| • Bikejoring Junior Men (DBMJ)    | ca 4.0 km |
| • Bikejoring Masters Women (DBWM) | ca 5.9 km |
| • Bikejoring Masters Men (DBMM)   | ca 5.9 km |
| • Scooter one dog Women (DSW1)    | ca 5.9 km |
| • Scooter one dog Men (DSM1)      | ca 5.9 km |

- Scooter one dog Junior (DS1J) ca 4.0 km
- Scooter one dog Masters Women (DS1WM) ca 5.9 km
- Scooter one dog Masters Men (DS1MM) ca 5.9 km
- Scooter 2-dog (DS2) ca 5.9 km
- 4-dog Rig (DR4) ca 5.9 km
- 4-dog Rig Junior (DR4J) ca 4.0 km
- 6-dog Rig (DR6) ca 5.9 km
- 8-dog Rig (DR8) ca 5.9 km
- RELAY (DR): Canicross, DS1, DB ca 4.0 + 5.9 + 5.9 km

Master classes will be held, if enough entries are received, in:

Masters 40 (40-49 years, year of birth 1984-1975), Masters 50 (50-59 years, year of birth 1974-1965) and Masters 60 (60+ years, year of birth 1964 or before).

Every class will have two heats (except Relay) with interval start, 1 minute starting intervals for all classes, except 2 minutes for 8-dog rig. Shorter starting intervals may be used in Canicross (30 seconds).

As stated in the IFSS Race Rules the one hundred fifty percent (150 %) time disqualification shall automatically apply for each class of the World Championships and World Masters. This does not apply to Junior classes.

As stated in the IFSS Championships Regulations (approved by the IFSS Member Federations in January 2023):

- World Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the World Championships provided that at least seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes, except in Junior classes where at least three (3) competitors from two (2) countries are represented.
- If there are fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries after the late entry deadline (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for Junior classes), the class shall not be run.
- If there are seven (7) or more competitors from three (3) countries after the late entry deadline, but there are effectively fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries the first day of the competition (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for Junior classes), the class will be run and the Champion title will be awarded.
- Champion title shall not be awarded if more than one (1) heat is canceled in that class.
- RNB-teams will be awarded World Champion titles in all the classes (not Relay) if minimum seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes except in Junior classes where at least three (3) competitors from two (2) countries are represented.

As stated in the IFSS Masters Regulations:

- World Master titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the World Masters providing at least seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes.

- If there are fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries after the late entry deadline, the class shall not be run.
- If there are seven (7) or more competitors from three (3) countries after the late entry deadline but there are effectively fewer than seven (7) competitors and/or fewer than three (3) countries the first day of the competition, the Master titles will be awarded in that class.
- RNB-teams will be awarded World Master titles in all the classes (not Relay) if minimum seven (7) competitors from three (3) countries are represented in these classes.

## **NOMINATIONS:**

The IFSS invites gold medal winners from the 2019 IFSS World Championships Dryland, the top three medalists of the Global 2022/2023 World Cup and the winners of the Continental 2022/2023 World Cup to participate in the 2023 IFSS World Championships and World Masters Dryland as pre-selected competitors in their respective classes. The preselected competitors can participate without paying an entry fee.

Each Voting National Member in good standing with IFSS (all dues paid) may enter three (3) competitors in each class and one (1) Relay team in addition to its pre-selected competitors. The same quota applies for RNB classes and non RNB (Open) classes.

Each Provisional Member in good standing in IFSS (all dues paid) may enter one (1) competitor in each class and one (1) Relay team in addition to its pre-selected competitors. The same quota applies for RNB classes and non RNB (Open) classes.

There is no quota for Masters classes.

All selected competitors must hold a valid DID number.

## **REGISTRATION:**

All Registrations and payments (including Relay teams) shall be done according to this schedule.

- All registrations shall be sent to the IFSS VP Sport ([sport@sleddogsport.net](mailto:sport@sleddogsport.net)) with a copy to IFSS VP Economic Affairs ([economy@sleddogsport.net](mailto:economy@sleddogsport.net)) and IFSS Event Coordinator ([coordinator@sleddogsport.net](mailto:coordinator@sleddogsport.net)).
- The IFSS Entry form must be used (download from IFSS Website).
- Competitors to be seeded, pre-selected competitors and Registered Nordic Breed competitors shall be marked on the entry form accordingly.
- Entry fees are not refundable, except in the cases mentioned in the IFSS Championships and Masters Regulations.
- Fees for registration and for the DID number CANNOT be combined. Each fee must be paid separately. Please specify the payment in the message.

### **October 16 - Ordinary registration**

- Registration of number of qualified competitors, including those who were pre selected by IFSS (If possible, register with names and DID-no.)
- Ordinary entry fees paid for the total number of entries.
- Deadline for additional entry requests. Payment (200% of the regular entry fee) will be made after confirmation of the request has been given.

**October 23 - Registration of late entries** *(subject to the approval of the IFSS)*

- Latest date to register the number of qualified competitors.
- All registration and payment received after October 16 will be considered late entries.
- All late entries must pay a two hundred percent (200%) entry fee. No late entries will be accepted after October 23.

**NOTE! After this date no changes of class or more entries will be accepted.**

**October 30 - Last day to pay for DID-numbers**

- Last day to pay for the DID-numbers.

**November 1 - Names and DID-numbers**

- Last day to register names and DID-numbers.
- Names and DID-numbers received after November 1, will not be accepted as entries.
- Individual names of the Relay team members shall be provided to the Race Marshal at the Team Leader meeting latest on Saturday afternoon.

Immediately after October 23, the IFSS will notify the concerned federations if a class is cancelled due to lack of enough competitors for the World Champion or World Master title (criteria mentioned above).

All competitors must submit an IFSS Competitor Consent Form. For competitors younger than 18 years old on the first day of competition an IFSS Guardian Form also must be submitted.

**PARTICIPATION FEES:**

• Canicross	90 €
• Canicross Junior	50 €
• Bikejoring	90 €
• Bikejoring Junior	50 €
• Scooter one dog	90 €
• Scooter one dog Junior	50 €
• Scooter 2-dog	100 €
• 4-dog Rig	100 €
• 4-dog Rig Junior	50 €
• 6-dog Rig	100 €
• 8-dog Rig	100 €
• RELAY	100 €

Entry fee payment must be made by the IFSS Voting National Member and the Provisional Member federations of the competitors, via bank transfer or via PayPal to the IFSS account without charges to the IFSS. See instructions on “Entry Form” Excel file and below. If you have any questions, please contact IFSS VP Economic Affairs ([economy@sleddogsport.net](mailto:economy@sleddogsport.net)).

**Bank details:**

KBC Bank Bruxelles Louise, AVENUE LOUISE 306, 1050 BRUXELLES, BELGIUM  
Acc.Nr.: BE89 7350 3332 9285  
IBAN: BE89 7350 3332 9285  
BIC: KREDBEBB

PayPal: treasurer@sleddogsport.net

**RACE OFFICIALS:**

Race Marshal:	Nils Finsrud, Norway
Chief Judge:	Steinar Johansen, Norway
Animal Welfare Judge:	<i>To be announced</i>
Race Judges:	Alejandra Rabago Lopez, Mexico
Chief veterinarian:	Jorge Luque Garrido, Spain
Local coordinator:	Jorge Garcia Sanz, Spain
Trail Boss:	<i>To be announced</i>

**RACE REGULATIONS:**

IFSS Race Rules (<http://www.sleddogsport.net/library>)

Doping tests for competitors and dogs may be performed.

The following list of forbidden substances for athletes will apply:

- <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/prohibited-list>

WADA list of forbidden substances for humans, the IFSS list of forbidden substances for dogs and the IFSS Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations

- <http://www.sleddogsport.net/library>

**ANIMAL WELFARE:**

Competitors shall meet the applicable requirements as per the IFSS RR Part VI.

**INFORMATION AND ROOM RESERVATIONS, MEALS AND ACCOMMODATIONS:**

The list of various alternatives will be available through the dedicated website.

## **EVENT PROGRAM (*PROVISIONAL*)**

**Note! Below mentioned class order is not the starting order of the classes.**

### **Friday 17th November 2023**

09:00 Stake out and trails opens

### **Saturday 18th November 2023**

13:00-18:00 Race office open

14:00-18:00 Vet checks start

### **Sunday 19th November 2023**

09:00-18:00 Race office open

09:00-12:00 Vet checks

13:00-18:00 Vet checks

### **Monday 20th November 2023**

09:00-17:30 Race office open

09:00-12:00 Vet checks

10.00 Trail viewing for team leaders

13:00-17:30 Vet checks

15.00 First mandatory team leader meeting  
Bibs and starting lists handed out

18.00 Opening ceremony

### **Tuesday 21st November 2023**

08.00 Possible team leader meeting

09:00-18:00 Race office open

09:00-12:00 Vet checks

09.00 First start, heat 1:  
All Masters classes

13:00-18:00 Vet checks

16.30 Mandatory team leader meeting

### **Wednesday 22nd November 2023**

08.00 Possible team leader meeting

09:00-18:00 Race office open

09:00 Vet checks, time will be announced later

09.00 First start, heat 2:  
All Masters classes

16.30 Mandatory team leader meeting

18.00 Medal ceremonies

### **Thursday 23th November 2023**

- 08.00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00-18:00 Race office open
- 09:00 Vet checks, time will be announced later
- 09.00 First start, heat 1:  
DCW, DCM, DCWJ, DCMJ, DBW, DBM, DBWJ, DBMJ, DSW1, DSM1, DS1J
- 16.30 Mandatory team leader meeting

### **Friday 24th November 2023**

- 08.00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00-18:00 Race office open
- 09:00 Vet checks, time will be announced later
- 09.00 First start, heat 2:  
DCW, DCM, DCWJ, DCMJ, DBW, DBM, DBWJ, DBMJ, DSW1, DSM1, DS1J
- 16.30 Mandatory team leader meeting
- 18.00 Medal ceremonies

### **Saturday 25th November 2023**

- 08.00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00-18:00 Race office open
- 09:00 Vet checks, time will be announced later
- 09.00 First start, heat 1:  
DS2, DR4, DR4J, DR6, DR8
- 16.30 Mandatory team leader meeting

### **Sunday 26th November 2023**

- 08.00 Team leader meeting for Relay
- 09:00-14:00 Race office open
- 09.00 First start, heat 2:  
DS2, DR4, DR4J, DR6, DR8  
RELAY after the Rig classes have finished.
- Afternoon Medal ceremonies  
Closing ceremony

### **Tuesday 28th November 2023**

- 12:00 Stake out will be closed.