

# INVITATION TO

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## IFSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS & WORLD MASTERS 2023

### On-Snow

Åsarna, Sweden

February 26 – March 2, 2023

#### GENERAL:

1. Use of private motor vehicles on the trails is not allowed.
2. Participants may inspect the trail only on skis and without a dog.
3. Entries for IFSS members is 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 driver and per class). Only IFSS chipping forms are accepted.
5. Required vaccinations for all dogs, including dogs not racing: **Rabies, Distemper, 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 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 veterinary 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) In addition to previous vaccinations Leptospirosis vaccination is not mandatory, but STRONGLY recommended.

Note 3) Rabies vaccination is mandatory also for dogs living in Sweden and Norway.

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 area around participant'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 name, phone number and email address 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:** Åsarna, Sweden

<https://www.viamichelin.com/web/Maps?address=84031%20%C3%85sarna%2C%20Sweden&addressId=31NDF6YTkxMGNOakl1TmpRME9UWT1jTVRRdU16Y3dORFU9>

Web site: <http://www.ifssevents.net/>

## **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS and WORLD MASTERS CLASSES AND DISTANCES PER HEAT (distances may be adjusted):**

### Ski-Dogs Sprint (WCh)

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| • 1-dog Skijoring Women (SW1) – 1 heat        | ca. 15 km        |
| • 1-dog Skijoring Men (SM1) – 1 heat          | ca. 15 km        |
| • 1-dog Skijoring Junior Women (SWJ) – 1 heat | ca. 10 km        |
| • 1-dog Skijoring Junior Men (SMJ) – 1 heat   | ca. 10 km        |
| • 2-dog Skijoring Women (SW2) – 1 heat        | ca. 18 km        |
| • 2-dog Skijoring Men (SM2) – 1 heat          | ca. 18 km        |
| • 1-dog Pulka Women (PW1) – 1 heat            | ca. 15 km        |
| • 1-dog Pulka Men (PM1) – 1 heat              | ca. 15 km        |
| • 1-dog Pulka Junior Women (PWJ) – 1 heat     | ca. 10 km        |
| • 1-dog Pulka Junior Men (PMJ) – 1 heat       | ca. 10 km        |
| • 1-dog Combined Women (CW) – 1 heat          | ca. 7,5 + 7,5 km |
| • 1-dog Combined Men (CM) – 1 heat            | ca. 7,5 + 7,5 km |
| • 1-dog Combined Junior Women (CWJ) – 1 heat  | ca. 5 + 5 km     |
| • 1-dog Combined Junior Men (CMJ) – 1 heat    | ca. 5 + 5 km     |

### Sled Sprint (WCh)

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| • 2-dog Sprint (Sp2) – 3 heats             | ca. 5 km  |
| • 4-dog Sprint (Sp4) – 2 heats             | ca. 9 km  |
| • 4-dog Sprint RNB (Sp4 RNB) – 3 heats     | ca. 9 km  |
| • 4-dog Sprint Junior (Sp4J) – 3 heats     | ca. 9 km  |
| • 4-dog Sprint Mass Start (Sp4MS) – 1 heat | ca. 9 km  |
| • 6-dog Sprint (Sp6) – 3 heats             | ca. 14 km |
| • 8-dog Sprint (Sp8) – 3 heats             | ca. 18 km |
| • Unlimited Sprint (SpU) – 3 heats         | ca. 24 km |

### Mid-Distance (WCh)

- 6-dog Mid-Distance (MD6) – 3 heats ca. 40 km
- 12-dog Mid-Distance (MD12) – 3 heats ca. 40 km
- 2-dog Skijoring Women (MDSW) – 3 heats ca. 40 km
- 2-dog Skijoring Men (MDSM) – 3 heats ca. 40 km

### Relay (WCh)

- RELAY: 1-dog Skijoring / Sp4 / Sp2 ca. 7,5 km / ca. 7,5 km / ca. 5 km

### Masters

- 1-dog Skijoring Women 40 / 50 / 60 (SW1M 40 / 50 / 60) – 1 heat ca. 15 km
- 1-dog Skijoring Men 40 / 50 / 60 (SM1M 40 / 50 / 60) – 1 heat ca. 15 km
- 1-dog Pulka Women 40 / 50 / 60 (PW1M 40 / 50 / 60) – 1 heat ca. 15 km
- 1-dog Pulka Men 40 / 50 / 60 (PM1M 40 / 50 / 60) – 1 heat ca. 15 km
- 1-dog Combined Women 40 / 50 / 60 (CWM 40 / 50 / 60) – 1 heat ca. 7,5 + 7,5 km
- 1-dog Combined Men 40 / 50 / 60 (CMM 40 / 50 / 60) – 1 heat ca. 7,5 + 7,5 km

Sp4MS seeding will be made based on the Sp4 final results.

Mid-Distance classes will have following pools:

- MD6 with a pool of 8 dogs maximum (first heat shall consist of 6 dogs and the following heats of 5-6 dogs).
- MD12 with a pool of 14 dogs maximum (first heat shall consist of 10-12 dogs and the following heats of 8-12 dogs).
- MDSM and MDSW – no pool (all heats shall consist of minimum 1 dog, maximum 2 dogs).

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 cancelled in that class.
- RNB-teams will be awarded World Champion titles in all the classes (except Sp4MS and 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 Masters 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.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

The IFSS invites gold medal winners from the 2022 IFSS On-Snow World Championships and World Masters, the top three medallists of the Global 2021/2022 World Cup and the winners of the Continental 2021/2022 World Cup to participate in the 2023 IFSS On-Snow World Championships and World Masters as pre-selected participants in their respective classes. The preselected competitors can participate without paying an entry fee.

Each National Voting Member in good standing in IFSS (all dues paid) may enter three (3) participants in each class and two (2) relay teams in addition to its pre-selected participants. The same quota applies for RNB classes and non RNB (Open) classes except for Sp4MS and Relay classes where there is no specific RNB classes. There is no quota for Distance and Masters classes.

Each Provisional Member in good standing in IFSS (all dues paid) may enter one (1) participant in each class and one (1) relay team in addition to its pre-selected participants. The same quota applies for RNB classes and non RNB (Open) classes except for Sp4MS and Relay classes where there is no specific RNB classes. There is no quota for Distance and Masters classes.

All selected participants 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 ([treasurer@sleddogsport.net](mailto:treasurer@sleddogsport.net)) and IFSS Event coordinator ([coordinator@sleddogsport.net](mailto:coordinator@sleddogsport.net)).
- The IFSS Entry form must be used (download from IFSS Web site).
- Teams to be seeded, pre-selected teams and Registered Nordic Breed teams 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.

**Feb 6: Ordinary registration**

- Registration of the number of qualified drivers, including those who were preselected by IFSS (if possible, register with names and DID number).
- 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.

**Feb 13: Registration of late entries (subject to the approval of the IFSS)**

- Latest date to register number of qualified drivers.
- All registration and payment received after Feb 6 will be considered late entries.
- All late entries must pay a two hundred percent (200%) entry fee. No late entries will be accepted after Feb 13.

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

**Feb 15: Last day to pay for DID-numbers**

- Latest day to pay for the DID-numbers.

**Feb 17: Names and DID-numbers**

- Latest day to register names and DID-numbers.
- Names and DID-numbers received after Feb 17, will not be accepted.
- Individual names of the relay team members shall be provided to the Race Marshal at the Team Leader meeting on Friday afternoon.

Immediately after Feb 13, the IFSS will notify the concerned Federations if a class is cancelled due to lack of enough participants for 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 the competition an IFSS Guardian Form must also be submitted.

**PARTICIPATION FEES:**

• Ski-Dogs, 1-dog classes (WCh & Masters)	80 €
• Ski-Dogs, 1-dog Junior classes	50 €
• Ski-Dogs, 2-dog classes	80 €
• Sled Sprint, 2-dog class	110 €
• Sled Sprint, 4-dog class	100 €
• Sled Sprint, 4-dog class RNB (3 heat)	130 €
• Sled Sprint, 4-dog Mass Start	80 €
• Sled Sprint, 4-dog Junior class	70 €
• Sled Sprint, 6-dog class	130 €
• Sled Sprint, 8-dog class	140 €
• Sled Sprint, Unlimited class	150 €
• Mid-Distance, 6-dog class	160 €
• Mid-Distance, 12-dog class	160 €
• Mid-Distance, 2-dog Skijoring	160 €
• RELAY	160 €

Entry fee payment must be made by the IFSS Voting National Member and the Provisional Member federations of the participants, 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 ([treasurer@sleddogsport.net](mailto:treasurer@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](mailto:treasurer@sleddogsport.net)

**RACE OFFICIALS:**

Race Marshal:	Steinar Johansen, NOR
Chief Judge, Sled classes:	Rüdiger Bartel, GER
Chief Judge, Ski-Dog classes:	Ulrika Haapaniemi, SWE
Animal Welfare Judge:	Ülle Aaslav Kaasik, EST
Chief veterinarian:	Dr. Jorge Luque, ESP
Local coordinator:	Alf Hallén, SWE
Trail Boss:	Thomas Wassberg, SWE

**RACE REGULATIONS:**

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

Doping tests for drivers and dogs may be performed.

The following list of forbidden substances for athletes will apply:

- <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/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:**

Participants shall meet the applicable requirements as per the IFSS RR Part VI in Chapter One (General Rules).

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

The list of various alternatives will be available through the dedicated website <http://www.ifssevents.net/>

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

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

### **Friday 24 February 2023**

- 14:00 – 18:00 Race office opens
- 14:00 – 18:00 Vet checks
- 14:00 Stake out opens

### **Saturday 25 February 2023**

- 09:00 – 12:00 Vet checks continue
- 14:00 – 18:00 Vet checks continue

### **Sunday 26 February 2023**

- 09:00 – 12:00 Vet checks continue
  - The trail is open for participants (only on skies, without dogs)
  - First mandatory team leader meeting
  - Bibs and starting lists handed out
  - Trail viewing for team leaders
- 14:00 – 17:00 Vet checks continue
- 18:00 Opening ceremony

### **Monday 27 February 2023**

- 08:00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00 First start
  - Ski-Dog classes: SM2, SW2, MDSM, MDSW + 1-dog Skijoring
  - Masters classes
  - Sled classes: Sp2, Sp4, Sp4 RNB, Sp4J, Sp6, Sp8, SpU, MD6, MD12
  - Mandatory team leader meeting
  - Prize award ceremony

### **Tuesday 28 February 2023**

- 08:00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00 First start
  - Ski-Dog classes: SMJ, SWJ, SM1, SW1, MDSM, MDSW
  - Sled classes: Sp2, Sp4, Sp4 RNB, Sp4J, Sp6, Sp8, SpU, MD6, MD12
  - Mandatory team leader meeting
  - Prize award ceremony

### **Wednesday 1 March 2023**

- 08:00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00 First start
- Ski-Dog classes: CMJ, CWJ, CM, CW, MDSM, MDSW + Combined
- Masters classes
- Sled classes: Sp2, Sp4MS, Sp4 RNB, Sp4J, Sp6, Sp8, SpU, MD6, MD12
- Mandatory team leader meeting
- Prize award ceremony

### **Thursday 2 March 2023**

- 08:00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00 First start
- Ski-Dog classes: PMJ, PWJ, PM1, PW1+ Pulka Masters classes
- Relay (1-dog Skijoring, Sp4 and Sp2)
- Afternoon Prize award ceremony
- Closing ceremony