



## **CRITERIA: ACSCA/CAHDS and IFSS EVENT ACCREDITATION**

Accreditation committee – approved October 12, 2017

*The following criteria may be reviewed and is subject to change by CAHDS/AEC up to 4 weeks before applications are due.*

### **1. OBJECTIVES**

The following objectives and purposes inform the work of the Accreditation Committee (the “Committee”) and this document:

- to build a race structure within Canada
- to promote the sport
- to raise awareness - exposure
- to provide a 'goal' for racers
- to develop our racers and prepare them for international races

### **2. IFSS APPLICATIONS**

#### **2.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

##### **2.1.1. MANDATORY CRITERIA**

The following criteria are mandatory for all IFSS events:

- the race rules in effect are:
  - the IFSS Rules; or
  - have been approved as “not contradictory to IFSS rules”
- the race is at least at its second edition
- the race offers at least two (2) heats for each class, unless specifically exempted by IFSS
- the location of the race permits athletes, their dogs and volunteers to have access to accommodations during competition
- the trail is safe for all classes offered
- the race organizer has insurance for the event
- the site where the race is held has an evacuation plan and first-aid station
- the race has sponsors
- the organizer ensures animal welfare is respected
- the race has a designated on-call vet
- there is an identified Race Marshall with assistance from a technical delegate(s)



## 2.1.2. OTHER CRITERIA

The following additional criteria will be taken into consideration:

- number of racers who attended previous editions of this race
- challenges such as turns or hills on the course(s) are acceptable so long as the trail is safe
- for skijoring, the trail must be groomed for nordic ski
- no mass starts<sup>1</sup>
- race start order and inclusion of non-Canadians in start order
- fee per class
- does the event schedule permit all classes to be held
- prizes, purses or recognition of top finishers
- availability of results (both online and on-site)
- what qualifications are required to participate (open registration / qualification standards / regional endorsement)
- the minimum and/or maximum distance of the trail for each class
- development needs of the region will be considered.

## 2.2 DEADLINES

All applications for Race Accreditation must be received on or before:

Spring 2020	Dryland	January 20, 2020
Fall 2020	Dryland	June 20, 2020
Winter 2021	Snow	October 10, 2020

## 2.3 GUIDELINES AND FORMS

The IFSS Application Form and Guidelines can be found here: <https://sleddogsport.net/eng/29>

## 2.4 SUBMISSION PROCESS

To submit an application for IFSS race accreditation, you must follow the following steps:

- 1) Review the Evaluation Criteria above
- 2) Review the IFSS Guidelines (found here: <https://sleddogsport.net/eng/29>)
- 3) Complete the IFSS Application form (found here: <https://sleddogsport.net/eng/29>)
- 4) Submit application by email **to CAHDS: [acsca.cahds@gmail.com](mailto:acsca.cahds@gmail.com)**
  - a) **DO NOT SEND YOUR APPLICATION DIRECTLY TO IFSS**
  - b) Email Subject must specify season, snow or dryland, and type of application. (Example: "Spring Dryland IFSS Accreditation Application")

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<sup>1</sup> Where the start area at the race site allows, exceptions may be granted.



- 5) Attach completed IFSS form in accordance with guidelines to your email
- 6) All applications must be sent on or before the applicable deadline (see Article 2.2 above for deadlines)

### **3. ACSCA/CAHDS ACCREDITATION APPLICATIONS**

#### **3.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA**

##### **3.1.1 MANDATORY CRITERIA**

The following criteria are mandatory for all accredited ACSCA/CAHDS events:

- the race rules in effect are:
  - ACSCA/CAHDS Participation Rules (available here: <https://www.acsca-cahds.com/education-rules>);
  - IFSS rules; or
  - have been approved as “not contradictory to IFSS or ACSCA/CAHDS rules”
- the race is at least at its second edition
- the race offers at least two (2) heats for each class, unless specifically exempted by ACSCA/CAHDS
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### 3.3 SUBMISSION PROCESS

To submit an application for ACSCA/CAHDS race accreditation, you must follow the following steps:

1. Review the Evaluation Criteria above
2. Complete and submit the web form on the ACSCA/CAHDS website (found here: <https://www.acsca-cahds.com/accreditation>)
3. The web form will require the following information:
  - a. Race name
  - b. Race location, including province or territory
  - c. Race date(s)
  - d. Race organizer(s) name and contact information
  - e. History of the event or number of years hosting this race
  - f. Race classes
    - i. Note the following for each class<sup>3</sup>:
      1. Distance
      2. Terrain (dirt, sand, grass, etc.)
      3. Description of trail (any challenging sections, etc.)
  - g. Race Vet
  - h. Race Marshal
  - i. Trail Marshal
  - j. Any deviations from the evaluation criteria must have an explanation. Please use the "Additional Info" box to provide reasons for any deviations.
4. All applications must be sent on or before the applicable deadline (see Article 3.2 above for deadlines).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> If using same trail for each class, can indicate "same" in application form

<sup>4</sup> Exceptions will be considered should there be sufficient time for the ACSCA/CAHDS Board to discuss.