

SPECIAL RULES FOR DRYLAND RACES

57. ENTRY RULES

57.1 At the option of the race giving organization, competitions may be held in the following disciplines:

- 57.1.1 Canicross
- 57.1.2 Bikejöring one dog
- 57.1.3 1 and 2-dog Scooter
- 57.1.4 4-, 6-, 8-dog team
- 57.1.5 Relay in canicross and/or bikejöring

57.2. In multiple dog class for races over two or more stages, the drivers may reduce their team if wanted within the limits defined in §61 below. If the team is reduced, the driver may not add that dog back in subsequent stages. A participant is allowed to reduce the team only between stages.

57.3 The Race Marshal may reduce the size of any team determined to be too large for the designated driver.

57.4 Any dog having raced in one class of a dryland race shall not be eligible to race in a second class on the same day, unless the second class is canicross relay.

58. CANICROSS.

A Canicross team consists of a competitor and one dog, racing solely on foot.

58.1 CLASSES.

At the option of the race giving organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:

- 58.1.1 Canicross junior men (DCMJ) and Canicross Junior women (DCWJ) for competitors from 14 until and including 16 years of age (Note 1).
- 58.1.2 Canicross senior men (DCM) and Canicross senior women (DCW) for competitors from 17 until and including 39 years of age (Note 1).
- 58.1.3 Canicross veteran men (DCMV) and Canicross veteran women (DCWV) for competitors from 40 years of age (Note 1).
- 58.1.4 Relay competitions with women and men teams for competitors from 17 years of age.

58.2 EQUIPMENT.

- 58.2.1 The dog shall be attached to the driver by a snub line with shock absorber at all time. The snub line shall be attached to the driver by a hip belt (at least 7 cm wide over the spine). It is prohibited to have any form of metal hook or ring at the driver's end of the line. This snub line shall not exceed 2,5 meters in length at rest.
- 58.2.2 The competitor shall not be wearing shoes that could be dangerous for dogs (i.e. shoes with metal spikes).

58.3 TRAIL AND START RULES.

- 58.3.1 The competitor and the dog shall wait behind the starting line until the start signal has been given.
- 58.3.2 The competitor shall run behind his dog.
- 58.3.3 The competitor shall not pace the dog by running ahead.
- 58.3.4 Pulling the dog or forcing the dog to move forward by any means is strictly forbidden.
- 58.3.5 If a dog becomes unfit or stops advancing for any reason, the competitor is not permitted to finish the heat.
- 58.3.6 During the overtaking procedure the overtaken team shall make unimpeded way for the passing team. On the command "TRAIL", the participant and the dog are obliged to hold the same side of the trail and slow down.
- 58.3.7 If a mass start is organized, all the competitors of the same class shall wait together behind the starting line holding their dog by the collar or the harness. If they cannot all stay on one line, they shall set more lines as required. Seeded competitors, if any, shall stay on the first line(s) ahead of the non-seeded competitors.

59. BIKEJÖRING ONE DOG.

A Bikejöring one dog team consists of a driver pedaling a bicycle and one dog.

59.1 CLASSES.

At the option of the race giving organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:

- 59.1.1 Bikejöring senior men (DBM) and Bikejöring senior women (DBW) for competitors from 16 until and including 39 years of age (Note 1).
- 59.1.2 Bikejöring veteran men (DBMV) and Bikejöring veteran women (DBWV) for competitors from 40 years of age (Note 1).

59.2 EQUIPMENT.

- 59.2.1 The dog shall be attached to the bicycle or to the driver by a snub line with shock absorber not exceed 2,5 meters at rest in front of the bike. If the line is attached to the driver, it should be by a hip belt (at least 7 cm wide over the spine). It is prohibited to have any form of metal hook or ring at the driver's end of the line.
- 59.2.2 The bicycle shall be equipped with an efficient brake on each wheel.
- 59.2.3 All drivers must wear gloves and a helmet approved by a national test registry.
- 59.2.4 It is prohibited to have any form of metal mudguards on the bicycle.

59.3 TRAIL AND START RULES.

- 59.3.1 The front wheel of the bicycle shall determine the starting point of the team and shall not exceed the starting line until the start signal has been given.
- 59.3.2 The driver shall ride the bicycle behind his dog.
- 59.3.3 The driver shall not pace the dog by driving ahead.
- 59.3.4 Pulling the dog or forcing the dog to move forward by any means is strictly forbidden.
- 59.3.5 If a dog becomes unfit or stops advancing for any reason, the driver is not permitted to finish the heat.
- 59.3.6 During the overtaking procedure the overtaken team shall make unimpeded way for the passing team. On the command "TRAIL", the participant and the dog is obliged to hold the same side of the trail and stop to pedal.

60. SCOOTER

60.1 CLASSES.

At the option of the race giving organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:

- 60.1.1 Scooter one dog (DS1) for competitors 16 years and older (Note 1).
- 60.1.2 Scooter 2 dogs (DS2) for competitors 16 years and older (Note 1).
- 60.1.3 A Scooter team consists of a driver riding a two-wheeled "scooter"-type vehicle pulled by one or two dogs.
- 60.1.4 Bicycles without pedal mechanisms and bicycles with the pedal mechanisms blocked will be allowed.
- 60.1.5 Light three-wheeled rigs will be allowed in the Scooter 2 dogs class.

60.2 EQUIPMENT.

- 60.2.1 The dog shall be attached to the scooter by a snub line with shock absorber not to exceed 2,5 meters at rest in front of the scooter.
- 60.2.2 The scooter shall be equipped with an efficient brake on each wheel.
- 60.2.3 The minimum wheels diameter shall be 12" (30 cm)
- 60.2.4 All drivers must wear gloves and a helmet approved by a national test registry.
- 60.2.5 It is prohibited to have any form of metal mudguards.

60.3 TRAIL AND START RULES.

- 60.3.1 The front wheel of the scooter shall determine the starting point of the team and shall not exceed the starting line until the start signal has been given.
- 60.3.2 The driver shall ride the scooter behind his dogs.
- 60.3.3 If a dog becomes unfit or stops advancing for any reason, the driver is not permitted to finish the heat.

60.3.6 During the overtaking procedure the overtaken team shall make unimpeded way for the passing team. On the command "TRAIL", the participant and the dog is obliged to hold the same side of the trail and slow down. On the command "STOP", the overtaken team is obligated to stop moving forward. The command "STOP" is applicable only in order to prevent a dangerous situation.

61. TEAM CLASSES.

61.1 CLASSES.

At the option of the race giving organization, competitions may be held in the following classes:

- 61.1.1 **4-Dog Junior team (DR4J):** A limited Four-Dog Junior team shall consist of not more than four (4) dogs and not less than two (2) dogs for competitors from 14 until and including 16 years of age (Note 1).
- 61.1.2 **4-Dog team (DR4):** A limited Four-Dog team shall consist of not less than four (4) dogs and not less than two (2) dogs for competitors from 17 years of age (Note 1).
- 61.1.2 **6-Dog team (DR6):** A limited Six-Dog team shall consist of not more than six (6) dogs and not less than four (4) dogs for competitors from 17 years of age (Note 1).
- 61.1.3 **8-Dog team (DR8):** A limited Eight-Dog team shall consist of not more than eight (8) dogs and not less than six (6) dogs for competitors from 17 years of age (Note 1)..

61.2 EQUIPMENT.

- 61.2.1 All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file.
- 61.2.2 All dogs shall be fastened to the tug line by a neck line and a tail line. Lead dogs may run without a neck line.
- 61.2.3 The rig in 4-Dog class may either have three (3) or four (4) wheels. The rig in the other classes shall have four (4) wheels. The minimum wheels diameter shall be 12" (30 cm).

All rigs shall be equipped with:

- 61.2.3.1 An efficient brake on each wheel.
- 61.2.3.2 A locking brake (handbrake) which can be blocked.
- 61.2.3.3 All drivers must wear gloves and a helmet approved by a national test registry.
- 61.2.4 The following weights are recommended minimums for rigs:
 - 4-Dog class: 25 kg
 - 6-Dog class: 35 kg
 - 8-Dog class: 45 kg

61.3 START AND TRAIL RULES

- 61.3.1 The front wheel(s) shall determine the starting point of the team and shall not exceed the starting line until the start signal has been given.
- 61.3.2 The driver shall ride the rig behind his dogs.
- 61.3.3 The driver shall not pace the dogs by running ahead.
- 61.3.4 If no possibilities are provided to drop dogs and a dog becomes unfit or stops advancing for any reason, the driver is not permitted to finish the heat. For safety reasons the transport of a dog on the rig is strictly forbidden in all classes.

61.3.5 During the overtaking procedure the overtaken team shall make unimpeded way for the passing team. On the command "TRAIL", the overtaken team is obliged to hold the same side of the trail and slow down. On the command "STOP", the overtaken team is obligated to stop movement forward. § 23 of Chapter One, III Trail Rules applies.

62. RELAY

62.1 The Dryland Relay is a one-day competition and consists of minimum 2 legs.

62.2 The Relay may be:

- 62.2.1 Canicross Relay. Each Relay team may consist of men and women, seniors and juniors.
- 62.2.2 Mixed Relay. The Relay legs are canicross and bikejöring or scooter. The bikejöring or scooter must be the last leg only. Each Relay team may consist of men and women, seniors and juniors.
- 62.2.3 Separate relay competition may be organized for men, women and juniors

62.3 Each participant and each dog shall run the trail only once. After the finish line the participant changes over to the next participant in the relay team, who may then start.

62.4 The relay team that reaches the finish line first after all legs is the winner of the relay competition

62.5 Relay Team

62.5.1 The participants in a relay team shall be representatives of the same organization or country.

At the option of the race giving organization, a mixed team of organizations or countries may be allowed, but these teams are not part of the official result list.

62.5.2 Only one dog teams are allowed in relay races.

62.6 Relay Entries

62.6.1 The name of the participants in each relay team and the order in which they start shall be handed over to the race office at least 60 minutes before the start.

62.7 Areas for Start, Change-Over and Finish in Relay Race

62.7.1 Starting, changeover and finish area do not have to be the same location.

62.7.2 Starting area:

62.7.2.1 The starting area will be the same as for a canicross mass-start.

62.7.2.2 The length of the starting tracks should be at least 50 meters and shall end at a marked line.

62.7.3 Relay Change-Over Area

62.7.3.1 The changeover area should be a marked area, length about 10-30 meters, width about 10 meters.

It is an advantage that the change over area is made at an angle to the incoming trail, to avoid the incoming trail being in the same direction as the outgoing trail.

62.7.3.2 The changeover area begins at the finish line and ends at a marked line across the trail.

62.8 Relay Starting Procedure

62.8.1 All participants of the first leg start at the same time.

62.8.2 The participant and the dog stay before the starting line.

62.8.3 The team assistants shall leave the Starting area by 30 seconds before the start.

62.8.4 The participant has to hold the dog by the harness until the start signal.

62.8.5 Start signal is given by the starter with two flags.

62.8.6 The starter stands in front of the starting area so that all starting participants are able to see the starter.

62.8.7 Starting order is given in the following way:

62.8.7.1 One minute before the start a sign "1" is shown.

62.8.7.2 Thirty (30) seconds before the start, the starter's arms are to be positioned with the flags over the head.

62.8.7.3 Fifteen (15) seconds before the start, the starter's arms are positioned with the flags in a horizontal position.

62.8.7.4 "Go", the starter's arms with the flags are rapidly lowered.

62.9 Relay Starting Restrictions.

62.9.1 If a participant starts before the start sign "Go", he/she shall be ordered to restart.

62.10 Relay Change-Over Procedure

62.10.1 A race official shall give a signal (e.g. the speaker announcing the starting number) to every team leader when an incoming team is about 0,5 - 1 km from the changeover area.

62.10.2 The signal has to be clear for the team leaders, who shall be located along the changeover area.

62.10.3 An incoming canicross participant shall hold the dog by the harness or the collar as soon as the dog has passed the finish line. An incoming bikejoring participant shall release the dog as soon as the dog has passed the finish line. The team assistant should take care about the dog.

62.10.4 The changeover cannot take place until the dog of the incoming team member is held by the assistant.

62.10.5 The participant continues into the change-over area and touches the next participant of his team with his hand.

62.10.6 The changeover shall take place within the changeover area. A race official shall control the changeover.

62.10.7 The assistant for canicross participants in the change-over area is forbidden. In case of the bikejöring leg the team assistant is mandatory.

62.11 The Trail of the Relay Race

62.11.1 The entire trail should be, and the last 150 meters shall be, sufficiently wide for two bikejöring participants (minimum 6 meters).

62.12 Relay Timing

62.12.1 Time is measured from the starting order "Go" until the last participant of the team reaches the finish line.

62.12.2 Time is also measured the moment each individual participant passes the finish line.

63 DISTANCES

63.1 Canicross: minimum of 2,5 km.

63.2 Relay (each leg): minimum 0,5 km, maximum of 4 km

63.3 1-dog bike class: minimum of 2 km, maximum of 10 km.

63.4 1-dog scooter class: minimum of 2 km, maximum of 8 km.

63.5 2-dog scooter class: minimum of 2 km, maximum of 8 km.

63.6 4-dog class: minimum of 4 km, maximum of 8 km.

63.7 6-dog class: minimum of 5 km, maximum of 10 km.

63.8 8-dog class: minimum of 5 km, maximum of 12 km.

64 TEMPERATURES

64.1 The temperature shall be controlled during the whole race. A thermometer shall be installed in the shade near the starting area at 50 cm above the ground.

64.2 The normal temperature

64.2.1 for canicross races is below 18°C.

64.2.2 for bikejöring, scooter and team races is below 16°C

64.3 The critical temperature allowing to held only the minimum recommended distances (see point 62)

64.3.1 for canicross races is from 18°C through 25°C.

64.3.2 for bikejöring races is from 16°C through 22°C.

64.3.3 for scooter and team races is from 16°C through 20°C

64.4 Above the critical temperatures the races or classes concerned will be cancelled or rescheduled at another time. Depending on the race trail (i.e. large section under the sun) the Race Marshal may impose shorter distances even if the maximum temperatures above are not reached.

65 AGE OF DOGS

The dogs shall be at least 12 months old on the first day of the competition in the Canicross and Team classes and at least 18 months old in Bikejöring and Scooter classes.

Note 1: The age of a competitor is considered the same during a racing season. It is the age the competitor reaches on the 31 December following the end of the racing season.