

INVITATION TO



IFSS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 On-Snow

Bessans, France
January 29th – February 2nd, 2019

GENERAL:

1. Use of private motor vehicles on the trails is not allowed.
2. Participants may inspect the trail only on skies without dog.
3. Entries for IFSS members is via the national IFSS 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: Rubarth hepatitis, canine parvovirus, distemper, leptospirosis, rabies, kennel cough (bordetella bronchospetica). For leptospirosis and kennel cough, it should have been done less than 1 year before the race (if kennel cough is done with an intranasal, less than 6 months is advised but not mandatory due to laboratories recommendations).
6. It is **strictly forbidden** to let dogs run loose at the event site including stake-out and parking areas, for the entire time of the event. Refusal to respect this requirement may lead to disqualification.
7. Each participant 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: Bessans, France

[https://www.viamichelin.com/web/Maps?address=73480%20Bessans%2C%20France45°19'12"N 6°59'37"E/45.32 6.99361](https://www.viamichelin.com/web/Maps?address=73480%20Bessans%2C%20France45°19'12)

TECHNICAL ORGANIZER: Fédération Française des Sports de Traineau (FFST) and League Auvergne Rhône-Alpes

Web site: <http://www.ifss2019.com/>

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

Ski-Dogs Sprint

- 1-dog Skijoring Men (SM1) – 1 heat ca. 16 km
- 1-dog Skijoring Women (SW1) – 1 heat ca. 16 km
- 1-dog Skijoring Junior Men (SMJ) – 1 heat ca. 8 km
- 1-dog Skijoring Junior Women (SWJ) – 1 heat ca. 8 km
- 2-dog Skijoring Men (SM2) – 1 heat ca. 24 km
- 2-dog Skijoring Women (SW2) – 1 heat ca. 16 km
- 1-dog Pulka Men (PM1) – 1 heat ca. 16 km
- 1-dog Pulka Women (PW1) – 1 heat ca. 16 km
- 1-dog Pulka Junior Men (PMJ) – 1 heat ca. 8 km
- 1-dog Pulka Junior Women (PWJ) – 1 heat ca. 8 km
- 1-dog Combined Men (CM) – 1 heat ca. 8+8 km
- 1-dog Combined Women (CW) – 1 heat ca. 8+8 km
- 1-dog Combined Junior Men (CMJ) – 1 heat ca. 4+4 km
- 1-dog Combined Junior Women (CWJ) – 1 heat ca. 4+4 km

Sled Sprint

- 4-dog Sprint (Sp4) – 2 heats ca. 8 km
- 4-dog Sprint Junior (Sp4J) – 3 heats ca. 8 km
- 4-dog Sprint Mass Start (Sp4MS) – 1 heat ca. 8 km (loop of 4 km twice)
- 6-dog Sprint (Sp6) – 3 heats ca. 12 km
- 8-dog Sprint (Sp8) – 3 heats ca. 16 km
- Unlimited Sprint (SpU) – 3 heats ca. 24 km

Mid-Distance

- 6-dog Mid-Distance (MD6) – 3 heats ca. 42 km
- 12-dog Mid-Distance (MD12) – 3 heats ca. 42 km
- 2-dog Skijoring Men and Women (MDSMW) – 3 heats ca. 42 km

Relay

- RELAY: 1-dog Skijoring / 1-dog Pulka / Sp4 8 km / 8 km / 8 km (loop of 4 km twice for each leg)

Sp4 may have pursuit start in second heat.

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).
- MDSMW with a pool of 3 dogs maximum (all heats shall consist of 2 dogs).

As stated in the IFSS Race Rules, teams with a race time longer than 150% of the best race time after the first heat in each class, will not be eligible to start in the second heat. This does not apply to Junior classes.

World Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the World Championships providing at least seven (7) participants from three countries are represented in these classes except in Junior classes where at least three (3) participants from two countries are represented.

RNB-teams will be awarded World Champion titles in all the classes (except Sp4MS and Relay) if minimum seven (7) participants from three countries are represented in these classes except in Junior classes where at least three (3) participants from two countries are represented.

If there are less than 7 entries and/or less than 3 countries after the late entry dead line (3 entries and/or 2 countries for junior classes), the class shall not be run. If there are seven or more entries from 3 countries after the late entry dead line but there are effectively less than 7 starters and/or less than 3 countries the first day of the competition, (3 entries and/or 2 countries for junior classes), the class will be run but the Champion title will not be awarded.

NOMINATIONS:

The IFSS invites gold medal winners from the 2017 IFSS On-Snow World Championship, the top three medallists of the Global 2017/2018 World Cup and the winners of the Continental 2017/2018 World Cup to participate in the 2019 IFSS On-Snow World Championship as pre-selected participants in their respective classes.

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 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 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) with a copy to the IFSS VP Economy (economy@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 Regulations.

Jan 7: Ordinary registration

- Registration of number of qualified drivers, including those who were pre-selected by IFSS (if possible register with names and DID-no.)
- Ordinary entry fees paid for total number of entries.

Jan 14: Registration of late entries (*subject to the approval of the IFSS*)

- Latest date to register number of qualified drivers.
- Double entry fees paid for late entries.
- All registration and payment received after Jan 7 will be considered late entries.
- All late entries must pay double the entry fee. No late entries will be accepted after Jan 14.

Jan 21: Names and DID-no.

- Latest day to register names and DID-no.
- Names and DID-no. received after Jan 21, 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 on Friday afternoon.

Immediately after Jan 14, the IFSS will notify the concerned Federations if a class is cancelled due to lack of enough participants for World Champion title (criteria mentioned above).

All participants must submit an IFSS Competitor Consent Form. For participants 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	75 €
• Ski-Dogs, 1-dog Junior classes	45 €
• Ski-Dogs, 2-dog classes	90 €
• Sled Sprint, 4-dog class	95 €
• Sled Sprint, 4-dog Mass Start	80 €
• Sled Sprint, 4-dog Junior class	60 €
• Sled Sprint, 6-dog class	115 €
• Sled Sprint, 8-dog class	125 €
• Sled Sprint, Unlimited class	135 €
• Mid-Distance, 6-dog class	135 €
• Mid-Distance, 12-dog class	150 €
• Mid-Distance, 2-dog Skijoring	135 €
• RELAY	130 €

Entry fee payment must be made by the National Federations of the participants, via bank transfer or via PayPal to the IFSS account. See instructions on “Entry Form” excel file and below. If you have any questions, please contact IFSS VP Economy (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:	Olle Rosén, SE
Chief Judge, Sled classes:	Jim Cunningham, CA
Chief Judge, Ski-Dog classes:	Jarl Fladeby, NO
Animal Welfare Judge:	<i>To be announced</i>
Race Judges:	<i>To be announced</i>
Chief veterinarian:	Delphine Clero, FR
Local coordinator:	Dominique Grandjean, FR
Trail Boss:	Olivier Tissot-Dupont, FR

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/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:

Participants 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
<http://www.ifss2019.com/>

EVENT PROGRAM (PROVISIONAL)**Monday 28th January 2019**

12:00	Race office opens – team leaders please report immediately upon your arrival
12:00	Vet checks

Tuesday 29th January 2019

- 9:00 Vet checks go on
- 12:00 The trail is open for participants (only on skies, without dogs)
- 13:00 First mandatory team leader meeting
Bibs and starting lists handed out
- 14:00 Trail viewing for team leaders
- 18:00 Opening ceremony

Wednesday 30th January 2019

- 8:00 Possible team leader meeting
- 9:00 First start
Sled classes: Sp4, Sp4J, Sp6, Sp8, SpU, MD6, MD12
Ski-Dog classes: PM1, PW1, PMJ, PWJ, MDSMW
- 16:30 Mandatory team leader meeting

Thursday 31st January 2019

- 8:00 Possible team leader meeting
- 9:00 First start
Sled classes: Sp4, Sp4J, Sp6, Sp8, SpU, MD6, MD12
Ski-Dog classes: SM1, SW1, SMJ, SWJ, MDSMW
- 16:30 Mandatory team leader meeting
- 18:30 Price award ceremony for Pulka, Skijoring and Sp4 classes
- 19:00 Mushers dinner

Friday 1st February 2019

- 08:00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00 First start
Sled classes: Sp4MS, Sp4J, Sp6, Sp8, SpU, MD6, MD12
Ski-Dog classes: CM, CW, CMJ, CWJ, MDSMW
- 16:30 Mandatory team leader meeting
- 18:00 Price award ceremony for Combined, Sp4MS, Sp4J, Sp6, Sp8, SpU, MD6, MD12 and MDSMW classes

Saturday 2nd February 2019

- 08:00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09:00 First start
Ski-Dog classes: SM2, SW2
Relay
- Afternoon Price award ceremony for SM2, SW2 and Relay classes
Closing ceremony