

# INVITATION TO



## IFSS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

### Dryland

Nybro, Sweden

October 24th – 28th, 2018

#### GENERAL:

1. Use of private motor vehicles on the trails is not allowed.
2. Participants may inspect the trail only on foot, bicycle or scooter, with only one 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). All dogs, including dogs not racing, must be vaccinated according to Swedish law.
5. It is **strictly forbidden** to let dogs run loose at the event site including stake-out and parking areas, for the entire weekend of the event. Refusal to respect this requirement may lead to disqualification.
6. Each participant and national team are responsible for the action his/her handlers.
7. 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 should speak English.

#### LOCATION: Nybro, Sweden

The arena is situated at Svartbäcksmåla:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/embed?mid=1EtKSwIRCbTs04YhtXTaDDI5CF68XNov&ll=56.67787183913097%2C16.020528530223032&z=8>

#### TECHNICAL ORGANIZER: Svenska Draghundsportförbundet (Swedish Federation of Sleddogsports)

Web sites: <https://www.draghundsport.se>      <http://ech2018.se/>

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

All trails have relatively soft surface. The trails have different characteristics for Canicross/1-dog scooter/Bikejoring (hilly and technical) and Rig/2-dog Scooter (flatter).

- Canicross elite women (DCW) ca 4.5 km
- Canicross elite men (DCM) ca 4.5 km
- Canicross veteran women (DCWV) ca 4.5 km
- Canicross veteran men (DCMV) ca 4.5 km
- Canicross junior women (DCWJ) ca 4.5 km
- Canicross junior men (DCMJ) ca 4.5 km
- Bikejoring elite women (DBW) ca 5 km
- Bikejoring elite men (DBM) ca 5 km
- Bikejoring veteran women (DBWV) ca 5 km
- Bikejoring veteran men (DBMV) ca 5 km
- Bikejoring junior women (DBWJ) ca 5 km
- Bikejoring junior men (DBMJ) ca 5 km
- 1-Dog scooter women (DSW1) ca 5 km
- 1-Dog scooter men (DSM1) ca 5 km
- 1-Dog scooter junior (DS1J) ca 5 km
- 2-Dog scooter (DS2) ca 5.5 km
- 4-Dog rig (DR4) ca 5.5 km
- 4-Dog rig junior (DR4J) ca 5.5 km
- 6-Dog rig (DR6) ca 5.5 km
- 8-Dog rig (DR8) ca 5.5 km
- RELAY (DR): Canicross, DS1, DB ca 2 + 2.5 + 2.5 km

Every class will have two heats with interval start, 1 min starting interval for all classes, except 2 min for 8-dog rig. (shorter starting intervals or dual start may be used, if there are many participants).

Teams with a time longer than 150% of the best 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.

European Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the European Championships providing at least five competitors from three countries are represented in Elite and Veteran classes and at least three competitors from two countries are represented in Junior classes.

RNB-teams will be awarded European Champion titles in all the classes (except Canicross) if minimum five competitors from three countries are represented in Elite and Veteran classes and at least three competitors from two countries are represented in Junior classes.

If a class doesn't have enough participants for European Champion title it will be cancelled.

## **PRE-SELECTION:**

The IFSS invites gold medal winners from the 2016 IFSS Dryland European Championship, the top three medallists of the European World Cup 2017/2018 to participate in the 2018 IFSS Dryland European Championship as pre-selected participants in their respective classes.

Each National Voting Member in good standing with IFSS Europe (all dues paid) is entitled to nominate three (3) open + three (3) RNB teams in each class (only three teams in Canicross) in addition to its pre-selected participants.

Each Provisional Member in good standing with IFSS Europe (all dues paid) is entitled to nominate one (1) open + one (1) RNB team in each class (only one team in Canicross) in addition to its pre-selected participants.

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 Continental Director ([europe@sleddogsport.net](mailto:europe@sleddogsport.net)) with a copy to the IFSS VP Economy ([vp.economy@sleddogsport.net](mailto:vp.economy@sleddogsport.net))
- The IFSS Entry form must be used (download from IFSS Website).
- Teams to be Seeded, Pre-selected teams and Registered Nordic Breed teams shall be marked on the entry form.
- Entry fees are not refundable, except in the case of cancellation of the race.

### **Oct 1: 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.

### **Oct 8: Registration of late entries** (*subject to the approval of the IFSS*)

- Latest date to register number of qualified drivers.
- All late entries must pay double the entry fee.
- All registration and payment received after Oct 1 will be considered late entries.
- No late entries will be accepted after Oct 8.

### **Oct 15: Names and DID-no.**

- Latest day to register names and DID-no.
- Names and DID-no. received after Oct 15, 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 Saturday afternoon.

Immediately after Oct 8, the IFSS will notify the concerned federations if a class is cancelled due to lack of enough participants for European Champion title (criteria mentioned above).

All participants must submit an IFSS Competitor Waiver Form. For contestants in junior classes an IFSS Guardian Form must also be submitted.

## **PARTICIPATION FEES:**

- Canicross elite and veteran 80 €
- Canicross junior 50 €
- Bikejoring elite and veteran 80 €
- Bikejoring junior 50 €
- 1-Dog scooter 80 €
- 1-Dog scooter junior 50 €
- 2-Dog scooter 80 €
- 4-Dog rig 90 €
- 4-Dog rig junior 50 €
- 6-Dog rig 95 €
- 8-Dog rig 100 €
- RELAY 90 €

Entry fee payment must be made, by the times mentioned above by the National Federations of the competitors, via bank transfer to the IFSS account. See instructions on "Entry Form" Excel file and below. If you have any questions, please contact IFSS VP Economy ([vp.economy@sleddogsport.net](mailto:vp.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](mailto:treasurer@sleddogsport.net)

## **RACE OFFICIALS:**

Race Marshal:	Rüdiger Bartel
Chief Judge:	Shelley Lawrence
Animal Welfare Judge:	Matt Hammersley
Race Judges:	Ulrika Haapaniemi
Chief veterinarian:	<i>To be announced</i>
Local coordinator:	Sussie Grönberg
Trail Boss:	Johan Grönberg

## **RACE REGULATIONS:**

IFSS Race Rules (<http://www.sleddogsport.net/regulations/race-rules/>)

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/anti-doping/anti-doping-rules/>

**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://ech2018.se/>

**EVENT PROGRAMME (PROVISIONAL)****Wednesday 24rd October 2018**

- 10.00 Trail viewing for team leaders
- 15.00 First mandatory team leader meeting  
Bibs and starting lists handed out
- 18.00 Opening ceremony and mingel (in the city)

**Thursday 25th October 2018**

- 08.00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09.00 First start
- 16.30 Mandatory team leader meeting

**Friday 26th October 2018**

- 08.00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09.00 First start
- 16.30 Mandatory team leader meeting
- 18.00 Mushers Dinner (in the city)  
Medal ceremonies

**Saturday 27th October 2018**

- 08.00 Possible team leader meeting
- 09.00 First start
- 16.30 Mandatory team leader meeting

**Sunday 28th October 2018**

- 08.00 Team leader meeting for Relay
- 09.00 First start
- Afternoon Medal ceremonies  
Closing ceremony