

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=1EtKSwIRCbPts04YhtXTaDDI5CF68XNov&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).

As stated in the IFSS Rules (updated 2018), 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.

RACE OFFICIALS:

Race Marshal: Rüdiger Bartel
Chief Judge: Ulrika Haapaniemi
Animal Welfare Judge: Matt Hammersley
Race Judges: *To be announced*
Chief veterinarian: *To be announced*
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