

Southern Region Sled Dog Club Working Dog Awards

This award system is a recognition of the achievements of the dogs competing in sled dog events held both locally in the club and nationally in events run under the NZFSS rules.

There are eight categories of achievements recognised.

Single Dog

Team Dog

Lead Dog

Weight Pull Dog

Bikjor Dog

Canicross Dog

Trekking Dog

Lifetime Race Distance Travelled.

Within each of the categories there are three levels of achievement recognised.

Dog

Dog Excellent

Dog Champion

The Lifetime Race Distance Travelled award is recognised as each multiple of 100 km is reach (i.e. 100,200,300 etc.)

Single Dog

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The Dog must compete and finish in at least five different races.

To be considered each race must be an open single dog race as being currently run by various clubs in New Zealand.

Races must be under NZFSS rules or the rules must be approved by the SRSDC Committee.

Each heat may count as a race so long as it meets the above requirements:

The minimum required distance for each sprint race will be 2 kilometres.

Subject to the above requirements, to qualify a dog must accumulate a minimum of 20 kms over at least five races.

Single Dog Excellence

The dog must have covered at least 100 kms in single dog races under the same conditions as the Working Single Dog award.

Single Dog Champion

The dog must have covered at least 200 kms in single dog races under the same conditions as the Working Single Dog award.

Team Dog

Team Dog

The dog must compete and finish in at least five different races.

The dog does not have to run on the same team each time.

To be considered each race must be an open single dog race as being currently run by various clubs in New Zealand.

Races must be under NZFSS rules or the rules must be approved by the SRSDC Committee.

Each heat may count as a race so long as it meets the above requirements:

The minimum required distance for each sprint race will be 2 kilometres.

Subject to the above requirements, to qualify a dog must accumulate a minimum of 40 km in a team of not less than 2 dogs over at least five races.

Team Dog Excellence

The dog must have covered at least 200 kms in a team of not less than 2 dogs under the same conditions as the Team Dog award.

Team Dog Champion

The dog must have covered at least 400 kms in a team of not less than 2 dogs under the same conditions as the Team Dog award.

Lead Dog

Lead Dog

The dog must run single lead on a team consisting of 3 dogs minimum.

The dog does not have to lead the same team on each race.

The Lead Dog requirements are the same as those for Team Dog.

Subject to the above requirements, to qualify a dog must accumulate a minimum of 20 kms over at least five races.

Lead Dog Excellence

The dog must have covered at least 100 kms in a team of not less than 3 dogs under the same conditions as the Lead Dog award.

Lead Dog Champion

The dog must have covered at least 200 kms in a team of not less than 3 dogs under the same conditions as the Lead Dog award.

Weight Pull Dog

Weight Pull Dog

A dog must qualify in 4 separate events.

To be considered each weight pull event must be an open weight pull event as being currently run by various clubs in New Zealand.

Weight pull events must be under NZFSS rules or the rules must be approved by the SRSDC Committee.

The dog must be weighed before each event.

Subject to the above requirements, to qualify a dog must accumulate a minimum of 20 points over at least four weight pull events.

One point is gained for every one hundred kilograms pulled and one point for every 3 times body weight ratio achieved.

The weight pull surface can include natural surfaces such as snow, dirt or grass or artificial surfaces such as concrete, tarmac or carpet.

Weight Pull Dog Excellence

The dog must have accumulate a minimum of 100 points in weight pull events under the same conditions as the Weight Pull Dog award.

Weight Pull Dog Champion

The dog must have accumulate a minimum of 200 points in weight pull events under the same conditions as the Weight Pull Dog award.

Bikjor Dog

Bikjor Dog

The Dog must compete and finish in at least five different races.

To be considered each race must be an open single dog bikjor race being currently run by various clubs in New Zealand.

Races must be under NZFSS rules or the rules must be approved by the SRSDC Committee.

Each heat may count as a race so long as it meets the above requirements:

The minimum required distance for each sprint race will be 2 kilometres.

Subject to the above requirements, to qualify a dog must accumulate a minimum of 15 kms over at least five races.

Bikjor Dog Excellence

The dog must have covered at least 75 kms in single dog races under the same conditions as the Bikejor Dog award.

Bikjor Dog Champion

The dog must have covered at least 150 kms in single dog races under the same conditions as the Bikjor Dog award.

Canicross Dog

Canicross Dog

The Dog must compete and finish in at least five different races.

To be considered each race must be an open single dog canicross race as being currently run by various clubs in New Zealand.

Races must be under NZFSS rules or the rules must be approved by the SRSDC Committee.

Each heat may count as a race so long as it meets the above requirements:

The minimum required distance for each sprint race will be 2 kilometres.

Subject to the above requirements, to qualify a dog must accumulate a minimum of 15 kms over at least five races.

Canicross Dog Excellence

The dog must have covered at least 75 kms in single dog races under the same conditions as the Canicross Dog award.

Canicross Dog Champion

The dog must have covered at least 150 kms in single dog races under the same conditions as the Canicross Dog award.

Trekking Dog

Trekking Dog

The dog must complete in at least four different treks.

To be considered each trek must be done on natural terrain such as biking or cross-country trails.

The minimum required distance for each trek will be 8 kilometres.

Subject to the above requirements, to qualify a dog must accumulate a minimum of 40 kms over at least four treks

The trips must be club sponsored events.

An impartial witness must sign the form to be sent to the SRSDC verifying proof of distances, elevation and dogs present.

Elevation gain may be substituted for distance in the following manner, 300 metres of elevation is equivalent to 1.5 kilometres of flat terrain. Elevation gain will be figured as the difference between the highest and lowest points of the trip.

Trekking Dog Excellence

The dog must have covered at least 100 kms in single dog races under the same conditions as the Trekking Dog award.

Trekking Dog Champion

The dog must have covered at least 200 kms in single dog races under the same conditions as the Trekking Dog award.

Lifetime Race Distance Travelled.

The Dog must compete and finish in at least five different races.

To be considered each race must be an open sled dog race as being currently run by various clubs in New Zealand.

Races must be under NZFSS rules or the rules must be approved by the SRSDC Committee.

Each heat may count as a race so long as it meets the above requirements:

The minimum required distance for each race will be 2 kilometres.

Subject to the above requirements, to qualify a dog accumulates race kms and awards are gained in multiples of 100 kms.