

Southern Regions Sled Dog Club Code of Conduct (2013)

1. All members are expected to understand and abide by the Club and NZFSS event rules.
2. Treat everyone at the race site and on the trail with respect (race officials, trail help, other racers, spectator's etc.). No verbal abuse to dogs or persons will be tolerated
3. Use good judgement regarding the conditioning of yourself and your dogs when choosing to race. Make sure you are both in reasonable shape to compete. Use good judgement in accessing your (or family members) capabilities when choosing the number of dogs to race or conditions to race on.
4. Are responsible for the conduct of your dogs. If you have dogs that are aggressive to people or other dogs you are responsible to manage them or drop them so that people or other teams are not in jeopardy.
At any training session, race or other organised club event, all dogs must be kept on a leash and securely restrained at all times. Dogs must not be left tied up unsupervised
5. It is expected that members will always consider their dogs welfare. Cruelty or neglect will not be tolerated by the club and could result in loss of membership rights or more serious penalties . Members are expected to comply with local dog control by-laws.
6. The use of any Club equipment, attendance at any club training session, races or other club gatherings, is entirely at your own risk. Southern Regions Sled Dog Club accepts no responsibility for injury to any dog or person under any circumstances. Your safety, and the safety and well-being of your dog/s, is entirely your own responsibility.
7. All members must immediately clean up any faeces deposited by their dog/s whilst at any club event, race, or any other venue being used by the Club and anywhere members are seen as representing the Southern Regions Sled Dog Club. Members are requested to act responsibly when away from the Club and clean up after their dog/s in all public places.
8. In accordance with the NZFSS regulations, Southern Regions Sled Dog Club prohibits the racing of any dog until they are at least 12 months of age in any sanctioned event.
Dogs may be run at less than 12 months of age in club fun/training events provided they are considered mature for their breed and no unnecessary discomfort/pain/injury is likely to result from such activity (Veterinary advice is recommended before running dogs under 12 months of age).