



REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANIZERS OF MAHDS SANCTIONED EVENTS

1. SANCTION OF AN EVENT

An event is sanctioned by MAHDS when the letter approving the sanctioning application is sent to the organizer. By submitting a request for sanction to the MAHDS, the organizer undertakes to:

- apply the MAHDS rules for 1 & 2 dog events and IFSS rules for larger team events;
- comply with the requirements listed in this document;
- work in conjunction with the racing official (s) responsible for the race In order to ensure that all competitors comply with the regulations.

2. THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF SANCTIONED EVENTS

2.1 Standard Event included in the Regional Circuit (Regional)

The standard race in the regional circuit shall be a race listed in The document "Explanations of the provincial circuit". It must fully meet the requirements of MAHDS, subject to minor exemptions granted on request.

2.2 Standard race not counted in the provincial circuit ("Outside Circuit ")

The standard test not counted in the provincial circuit meets the requirements of MAHDS and may include disciplines other than those mentioned in document "Explanations of the provincial circuit" requests for this type of event are granted more easily by MAHDS, by always by request.

2.3 Fun run

A fun run is a popular event whose main objective is the pleasure and the sharing Between harness sports enthusiasts. Emphasis is placed on safety and good practice. Timing is optional and the competitor classification, as well as the presence of Podiums are discouraged. A fun run cannot be part of the provincial circuit.



2.4 Short distance Race

The Short race consists of a race of two (2) kilometres or less. The style of start is determined by the organizer of the event. A Short distance race can be arranged for any of the disciplines.

3. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM AN ORGANIZER

Any Exemption from this Regulation by an organizer must be justified by an application filed with MAHDS at the time of the sanctioning application. Acceptance or refusal of exemption will be sent in writing to the organizer by MAHDS. The organizer having obtained an exemption must notify the competitors and ensure that they are informed of the exemption from the regulations at the time of registration.

4. REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM A COMPETITOR

A request for a exemption for an article of the Race Regulations may be made by the competitor to the race official, who will decide whether to grant it or not. The form Must be completed and sent no later than one week before the event.

5. RULES CONCERNING RACE STARTS

5.1 Order of Starts

For events with individual starts, departures in pairs and Wave, MAHDS suggests that the starting order be done in the order of continuous ranking by the regional circuit sanctioned by MAHDS of the discipline in which the competitor has registered. The organizer who chooses to use the starting order provided by MAHDS must send his request no later than Wednesday evening before the race. In all cases, the organizer must inform competitors of the method used to Prior to the registration period, in order for them to participate in the Knowingly.

5.2 Continuous Classification

The annual rankings of the circuit will be retained for consecutive years in order to Generate what is called "continuous ranking" that will be used for race starts. The Method of calculation is provided in the document "Explanations of the Regional Circuit".

5.3 Starting order for a second day of events of the same event

For events with individual or wave starts, the starting order of the second Day of the same event for the same discipline will be determined according to the



ranking of results on day one not the starting order for day one. For events with two-by-two starts, departures are made for the second Day of the same event for the same manner.

5.4 Wave Starts

For events with group starts, each start is called "wave". During Waves, competitors of the same wave leave at the same time on the Same line. To assess the maximum number of competitors in the same wave, The calculation is as follows: measurement of the width of the starting area (in inches) divided by 30 (Or, if in centimetres, divided by 75). The maximum number of competitors that can constitute a wave is 15, and this The width of the starting area. At the discretion of the organizer, a division by sex may also be Composing the waves. The organizer must inform the competitors of the composition of the waves before Registration period.

5.5 Starting position

On the starting line, the nose of the dog is the marker for the respect of the line.

5.6 Intervals Between Starts

For all disciplines, the time between each start is determined by the organizer and is a minimum of 30 seconds.

5.7 Missed Start Times

IMPORTANT: A team that does not start at the scheduled time will not be permitted to the Take their start before the last registered team leaves, unless they are ready to leave no later than 30 seconds before the next start. The timer will start at the scheduled start time without change, whether the timing system is manual or chip.

6. RULES CONCERNING TEMPERATURE

A) The temperature is measured 50 centimeters from the ground and in the shade and sheltered from the wind.

B) No dogs must be harnessed and participate in a test above 30 degrees Celsius ("°C") and below 30 °C.

C) When the temperature exceeds 15 °C, a small swimming pool or a body of water near the finish area must be available for dogs.



D) Notwithstanding the heat schedules, the Race Official shall at all times have the authority requiring a route be reduced if the temperature is wet or the sun is very hot. Also, in case of extreme conditions, the organizer, in collaboration with The race official, may modify or cancel a race.

E) Rules applicable according to the disciplines:

- In canicross and canitrail, the maximum distances are established as follows:

Between 10 and 15 °C: maximum 8 km;

16 °C to 23 °C: maximum 3.5km;

24 °C at 28 °C: maximum 2 km

- In bikejoring or scooter, the maximum distances are established as follows:

Between 10 and 15 °C: maximum 7 km;

16 to 23 °C: maximum 3.5 km;

24 °C at 28 °C: 2 km or less,

- In skijoring and in kicksled, the organizer, in collaboration with the race official, Shall adapt the test according to the conditions of the trail in the case where the temperature is more than 0 °C.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PLACE OF THE EVENT AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE MAHDS recommends that:

- An attachment line is installed near the starting line to facilitate the management of dogs;
- the updated schedule of the event is displayed and visible to competitors;
- A clock indicating the official time is visible and close to the starting area;
- A heated space in winter is available for humans and participants with Dogs not adapted to cold so they may leave them in crates indoors;



- A sound system allowing competitors to hear the guidelines of Organizers and the race official, if necessary (communicate the official time of the Departures every thirty (30) minutes, communicate a possible change to The schedule, communicate the start of the events and the waves that are on the start, etc.);
- The organizer informs the audience that dogs that are not racing in the current event must be kept away from the race course.

8. EQUIPMENT VERIFICATION STATION

The organizer must put in place a system to ensure compliance with regards to the equipment used in the race by the competitors. Equipment check (harnesses Dog, line bungee, belt, etc.) will be made before the call of race starts, preferably during bib pick up and a certification mark will then be affixed to all Equipment checked. The competitor must show up at start with the equipment checked and marked. A poster from MAHDS is available to the organizers for this station.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAIL MARKING

A) In tight corners, intersections and all areas requiring clarification, a Ribbon at least 6 inches wide (or two 3 inches wide) of contrasting color to the environment and visible by the dog should be used.

B) Ribbons should be placed at eye level of a medium-sized dog or the height of a human's knees).

C) The route must be marked in such a way as to avoid as much as possible the most technical aspects of an obstacle.

D) The race should not have a significant obstacle in the middle of the trail (Roots, etc.), except for cani-trail races.

E) If the route passes through a field or a large space, it should include trail markings to direct dogs (eg, pylons, beacons, fences, snow mounds, etc.).

F) Marking for the competitor, that is, indicating the directions, Dangerous passages, number of kilometers, etc. Should respect the following conditions:

- Posters with a minimum size of 30 x 30 cm and placed at eye level competitor;



- Located before the obstacle or the highlighted trail section, except for mile markers;
- If the poster indicates a real danger on the trail, a second signaling must be placed directly on or at the height of the obstacle. * See Appendix 1 for the meaning of posters.

10. RULES CONCERNING THE RACE COURSE

10.1 Abrasive Surfaces

The race trail must not be composed of abrasive and dangerous surfaces for Pads of dogs. If the trail comprises one or more asphalted sections, they cannot be longer than 50 meters each. This recurrence will be analyzed by MAHDS. Any asphalt surface are prohibited on the first 500 meters of the race course. MAHDS reserves the right to evaluate the ground components of the course prior to accepting the sanctioning of an event.

10.2 Route that cross a street

If the route crosses a street, the street must be blocked with compulsory stop for cars. Note: If it is a street belonging to the municipality, the municipality must be notified and must have approved the holding of this event where the route passes through a municipal street. Event organizers must have the appropriate permits.

10.3 Race routes that includes a crossover (Head on passing)

The cross section must be safe and wide enough to separate the trail in the center by means of pylons, fences or snow mound, in order to eliminate Maximum visual contact between passing dogs. An "X" cross is not permitted, but may be the subject of the request for exemption if measures are taken By the organizer to avoid accidents (eg a volunteer).

10.4 Approval of the race course by MAHDS

Before the start of an event, the course must be approved by a person Responsible appointed by MAHDS. The organizer is requested to await this approval Before starting the race starts. 10.5 Detail of race course according to discipline



10.5.1 Bikejoring and scooter

- The trail should be wide enough (1.20 meters and more) to allow for Safe overruns on at least 70% of the course.
- The course may involve minor technical difficulties (turns, climbs, Descents, rocks, roots), without being dangerous. The traction of the dog must be Perceived as an advantage over the majority of the course.

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- A refueling kiosk for dogs and humans must be Placed at mid-point, if the temperature is higher than 20 degrees Celsius for races of 2km and more.

10.5.3 Canitrail

- The course may involve more technical difficulties than Canicross (turns, climbs, descents, rocks, roots, wooden footbridges Safe for dogs, rivers or small bodies of water)
- At all times, the competitor and his dog must be able to be returned to the venue of the event in case of injury, accident or disability.
- The organizer must inform the participants of the level of difficulty of the course and prepare them on the need to be able to control and slow down their all the time.
- A refueling kiosk for dogs and humans must be Placed at midpoint, if the temperature is higher than 20 degrees Celsius.



10.5.4 Skijoring

- The quality of the skijoring track for an event admitted to the circuit should be as close as possible to the expected quality in nordic ski centers which offer grooming for skate skiing.
- The runway must be a minimum width of 2.10 meters.

10.5.5 Kicksled

- A kicksled race must be performed on a trail that is maintained and groomed that the sled can slide to the ground while being controlled by the driver.
- The surface must be flat over its entire width and free from holes, Mounds of snow and obstacles.
- The course must be sufficiently wide (1.20 meters and more) to facilitate Over 70% of the course.

11. TIMING

MAHDS recommends that the organizer provide a system to double check and verify the race results (eg photos, second stopwatch, videos, etc.)

11.1 Chip Timing

- The chip should be on the dog (preferably collar), except for small dogs (Possibility to put on the harness)
- If a chip trap is used for skijoring it should be covered of snow
- For an individual start, the federation suggests that the start time is determined using one of these three systems:



- The system collects the chip (carpet or arch);
- The official start time of the timing
- Manual timing, when the departure manager gives the signal of departure.
- For a two-by-two or wave start, the federation suggests that the time Start is determined only by one of these two systems:

The official start time of the timing

A manual timing, when the person in charge of the starting gives the signal of departure.

12. REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

The registration form for an event must allow for the collection and classification
Excel file the following information:

- Contestant: surname, first name, sex, date of birth, full civic address, Telephone number, e-mail address, club member or competing unattached, membership number the club, if applicable, known health problems. (If it CAHDS and IFSS membership numbers may also be Facilitate the transmission of results for national and international circuits)
- Dog used in each event: name, race, date of birth, sex, Known health problems.
- The competitor must be able to check his / her category (veteran: 40 years and + on 1 January of The year of the target circuit, junior: 18 years and 1 January of the year of the tour concerned or elite).
- The competitor must sign or check that he / she has read the race rules and commits himself or herself to Respect them.
- The link to the race rules for participants must be posted.



13. RESULTS

The results of the events must be sent to MAHDS by the race organizer within one (1) week of the event. Instructions to this Respect will be sent to you.

14. EVENT REPORT

The race official and the organizer must complete and send their report to MAHDS within one week of the event

15. DISPLAY OF INFORMATION

15.1 Visual presentation

When a poster, banner, booklet or Facebook event page is used to promote the sanctioned event, the MAHDS logo must be visible.

15.2 Using Facebook

MAHDS recommends that Facebook be one of the means used by the organizer of Race to promote a sanctioned event. See in this regard Annex 2 for how to promote the event on Facebook.

15.3 Request for Participant Feedback

The organizer is encouraged to ask the competitors for feedback regarding the event By sending them the link of the form provided for this purpose provided by MAHDS. This may be done by email and on the Facebook wall of the event to promote the best rate of response.

15.4 Photos of the Event

The organizer is encouraged to provide MAHDS with photos of their event.

16. Appendix 1 - Signage on the Race Course

For posters with arrows, common sense must prioritize during installation. Scales for decision-making in relation to turning posters:

- 1 arrow = 45 degrees and less,
- 2 arrows = between 45 and 90 degrees,



- 3 arrows = 90 degrees and more Example to guide the person in charge of the markup in its decisions:
- A course exclusively for canicross, in a wide path where turns are easy to predict has virtually no need for signage during turns;
- A slow course (climbs, technical and slippery sections, etc.) for canicross needs only directional posters for turns More than 90 degrees;
- As race course marked for high-speed sports (scooter, skijoring, Bikejoring, scooter), the posters must be used in more places. Because of the Speed, it can be difficult for the competitor to predict the direction to take. Imagine making the route at 40 km / h to take your decision on when and where to place signage

17. Appendix 2 - Communication of Information:

- Ensure that competitors have all the necessary information for participation at an event.
- Ensure that MAHDS and the organizer of an event receive as few questions as possible, and that it be presented as clear, unambiguous and without repetition.

17.1 Automatic Redirection In all publications (e-mail, website, registration site, posters, announcements Facebook), redirect people to the Facebook event (you can concentrate The information and update it)

17.2 Creation of the event by Facebook In order to ensure uniformity of the events sanctioned by MAHDS

MAHDS recommends that any sanctioned event be presented using the "Events" feature on Facebook.

Here's the procedure to follow :

A) Create a Facebook event from a page (your club, your company, the Page of the MAHDS, the page of the race location, etc.)



- Do not create an event from a personal profile. There will be problems and some people will not have access to the event, which will make your event less popular. If necessary, ask the MAHDS to create the event for you.
- **Tip:** If you want your event to appear in the events Facebook of the MAHDS, assign the MAHDS as co-organizer of the event. To do this, simply contact Sarah Warford on Facebook, who will indicate what to do in due time. This feature is very convenient and allows the athletes to quickly see the sanctioned events which will take place in the coming season. (Note that the MAHDS, as a co-organizer, will not answer any questions on the page and will not interfere at any time. In your organization, it is strictly a profitable function for promoting events.)
- B) Indicate that the event is sanctioned by MAHDS
- C) In the "About" section, put all the details of your event
- D) In the "Where" section: Display the exact address of the venue and make sure that the GPS link works well. Finally, once this has been done, contact MAHDS to arrange for your event also appears on the calendar of the MAHDS Facebook page (see Sarah Warford on this subject)