

Siberian Husky Club of Canada

Sled dog certification complementary information booklet

As stipulated in the CKC sled dog certificate rules, the aim is to certify a qualified sled dog under the auspices of the Canadian Kennel Club, to encourage participation and to recognise a dog's abilities such as: desire, intelligence, agility, strength, attitude toward master and team, workmanship in sled dog events and to have all races governed by the current edition of the International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA).

The certification is open to all purebred dogs individually registered with the Canadian Kennel Club. There are three title levels:

- Sled Dog: awarded the SD suffix
- Sled Dog Excellent: awarded the SDX suffix
- Sled Dog Unlimited: awarded the SDU suffix

Note :

- Dogs with Performance Event Numbers (PEN) are eligible. Resolved that the SHCC affirm the PEN program of the CKC, and that the membership and specifically all Race Marshals be made aware of the situation, instructing them to sign the race passport for all eligible dogs. Retroactive to January 01, 2002.
- Spayed or neutered dogs are eligible.

Complementary to the Rules requirements:

- All races must be advertised prior the race day in various mediums.
- The applicant may work as part of a mixed breed team in open race classes.
- Teams may choose to compete in any class offered by a Race Giving Organization. The calculation however is based on the fastest times for all teams of the same size restriction running the same trail and distance. We cannot ignore the all breed dogs (open) to create the time factor just for purebred dogs. It is not acceptable for purebred dog racers to have a race within a race themselves in order to record miles for their Passport.
- Where subsequent heats of a race are cancelled or reduced, qualifying mileage from complete heats may be counted towards a title.
- Mileage for a single title may be accumulated from season to season.
- Races held outside the Canada may be used to accumulate qualifying mileage.
- Races may be held on snow or dry-land. Consult current edition of the ISDRA Dryland race rules for more detail.

Successfully completed races shall be as follows:

SLED DOG (S.D.): Total accumulation of at least 50 miles in not less than three successfully completed races for all sled dogs who have not won the title of SD.

SLED DOG EXCELLENT (S.D.X.): Total accumulation of at least 100 miles in not less than three successfully completed races for all sled dogs who have won the SD title. Mileage for SD shall not be included.

SLED DOG UNLIMITED (S.D.U.): Total accumulation of at least 300 miles in not less than three successfully completed races for all sled dogs who have won the SDX title. Mileage for SDX shall not be included.

"SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED RACE" means one or more heats in which the total heat times of the team is:

- In purebred competition, not more than 25% greater than the total average heat times of the first three placements.

Each individual application for a CKC certificate must include along with the appropriate fee to the CKC:

- A completed and duly signed official CKC Sled Dog Certificate Passport.

IMPORTANT ADDITION: in March 2013 at the CKC meeting held in Vancouver, an amendment was made to the Sled Dog Certificate Passport to bring it up-to-date with current rules. The four (4 items) propositions made by the SHCC were accepted as a whole and as a result the CKC were in the process of redoing the sled dog passport. A **NEW SD** certificate passport is available since June 2013 and to be use now. Please contact the CKC to get a copy.

Propositions presented in March 2013:

PROPOSITION 1)

To include in "SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED RACE":

In open competition (all breeds), no more than 1.30 times greater than the average heat times of the first three placements.

Rational: Open competition means that any kind of dogs (all breed) can entered that race (pure bred, mix breed, racing mix dogs..) this is NOT a pure bred class only. In pure bred class, as per CKC race rules (see the passport) the rules in section III says: ***In this section the term "successfully completed race" means one or more heats in which the total heat times of the team is not more that 25% greater than the total average heat times of the first three placements.***

We (SHCC) are asking to raise the 25% (1.25) factor to 30% (1.30) for those "open" class. Our rational is based on a correlation with the American Siberian Husky Club (USA) rules. In USA pure bred class the factor is 1.33 and in the "open" class they raise it to 1.39.

I add below an extract of the USA rules. You can find it at <http://www.shca.org/shcahp6b.htm>. If the CKC want to be inline with the US then we can have a "new" factor for the open class for the SD title only and the subsequent titles (SDX and SDU) can remain at 1.25 or not.

USA "SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED RACE" means completion of a race:

- a. *With a time that is not greater than 1.33 times the average finishing time for the fastest three Purebred teams in the same size restricted class as the applicant for the SLED DOG degree. In all breed competition, a time that is not greater than 1.39 times the average finishing time for the fastest three teams in the same size restricted class as the applicant for the SLED DOG degree.*
- b. *With a time that is not greater than 1.29 times the average finishing times for the fastest three teams in the same size restricted class for the SLED DOG EXCELLENT degree*
- c. *With a time that is not greater than 1.25 times the average finishing times for the fastest three teams in the same size restricted class for the SLED DOG OUTSTANDING degree*
- d. *If there are six (6) or fewer teams competing on the first day of the event then the team must also finish in the top 50% of the finishing teams as well as meeting the appropriate time factor. For the 8-dog class, the 10 dog class, the unlimited class and all distance classes if there are eight or fewer entrants at a race in a class then a "successfully completed race" means:*
 - *with a time not more than 1.33 times the winner's time for SD against purebred competition*
 - *with a time not more than 1.39 times the winner's time for SD against all breed competition*
 - *with a time not more than 1.29 times the winner's time for SDX*
 - *with a time not more than 1.25 times the winner's time for SDO*

(USA) Requirements for Award of a Sled Dog Degree

SLED DOG (S.D.) *This degree recognizes the registered or ILP-registered Siberian Husky who has demonstrated a basic level of proficiency in sled racing by earning a total accumulation of not less than 100 miles in not less than five successfully completed races.*

SLED DOG EXCELLENT (S.D.X.) *This degree recognizes the registered or ILP-registered Siberian Husky who demonstrated a high level of proficiency in sled dog racing by completing the S.D. degree. The finishing date for this degree is prior the start of a race to accumulate mileage for the S.D.X. degree. Compilation of not less than 150 miles in not less than five successfully completed races is required. Please include a copy of the dog's SD title certificate when applying for an SDX title.*

SLED DOG OUTSTANDING (S.D.O.) *This degree recognizes the registered or ILP-registered Siberian Husky who demonstrated an outstanding level of proficiency in sled dog racing by completing the S.D.X. degree. The finishing date for S.D.X. is prior to accumulating miles toward the S.D.O. Compilation of not less than 200 miles in not less than five successfully completed races is required. Please include a copy of the dog's SDX title certificate when applying for an SDO title.*

PROPOSITION 2)

To include in "SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED RACE":

If only two (2) teams finish a race, only the first finishing team qualifies. If only one (1) team finishes a race, the race cannot be counted towards any title. Three or more teams must start the race.

Rational: This is to make sure by writing it, that at least 3 teams start the race to make it "successful race". Also if only 2 teams finish the race (because the other teams scratch or do not finished), it is difficult to calculate the average times of the first three placements since there is only 2 placements (2 teams finishing the race) . So we are asking the CKC that at least only the first finishing team qualify.

PROPOSITION 3)

To include in "SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED RACE":

a) In the event the applicant purebred dog successfully completes a distance race of 250 miles regardless of finishing time, it would automatically receive an SD title. The appropriate sequential titles will be awarded automatically for SDX (500 miles) and SDU (750 miles). Miles do not carry over between races and titles must be earned in succession. Races less than 250 miles would follow the rules already in place.

b) These requirements will be retroactive to October 12, 2007.

Rational: I think there is no need to explain that point. The SHCC voted in favor for that change in October 2007.

PROPOSITION 4)

To include in each individual application for a CKC certificate :

A copy of the printed race results for each race.

The results must include the name of the event, date, and a complete list of times and placements.

Rational: I think there is no need to explain that point. In making this a rule, the CKC will have written evidence that the race took place and was completed. Also, the CKC can see the complete race results of all teams (number entered).