



100m Sprint Race Guidelines

Situation

Some ASSA clubs have been running 100m sprint events as a great opportunity to show case dog powered sports to the wider public. They have been held on suburban ovals, in the autumn months before the normal season commences and it is hoped that some of the spectators are then attracted to attend a dryland racing training day or race weekend. To help and encourage other ASSA clubs to try this activity, ASSA has provided the following guidelines.

Aim

To provide a fun & exciting social event to open our race season, that can showcase our sport & clubs to attract new members. ASSA will compile a list of all clubs 100m sprint race results for comparison purposes.

Guidelines:

- To hold pre-season as a means of promoting the sport and attracting new members.
- 1-Dog & 2-Dog teams only.
- PeeWee's (7-10 years) & Junior's (10-16 years) can race and will be included in the 1-Dog class to ensure no dogs are run in two classes.
- Grass surfaces only.
- Two straight & flat bunted lanes approx. 2-3m wide for at least 110m (to allow for separation in start chute), the track itself must be measured to be exactly 100m.
- Each team gets three chances (3 heats) to run their fastest time, with the quickest time being used for the final result to determine an overall winner in each class.
- Clubs may submit recorded times to ASSA in a standard format (to be provided as excel file) to allow for a national comparison.
- Starting clock/timer to be set up at the start line but so it can be heard at the finish line. Timing crew to be on the finish line to record times as teams finish, but must be able to hear start clock.
- Musher is only allowed to scoot for the first 20 metres, and a line must be marked at this point to indicate no scooting beyond that point.
- Disqualification if a musher scoots after the 20m mark.
- Front wheel must be just behind the start line to start, and time will be stopped once the front wheel crosses the finish line.
- Disqualification if the musher & scooter finish ahead of their dog(s).
- Rigs can be used for either class with prior approval from race marshal.
- All mushers must wear a helmet.
- Scooter (or Rig) must be in good condition with working brakes, i.e., same condition as Sprint Racing; it cannot be stripped down to save weight.



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- While temperature & humidity are not as crucial for 100m sprints, it is advisable to hold the race in the morning or afternoon to avoid the hottest part of the day. Each club will be responsible for ensuring temperature & humidity are safe for the dogs, and plenty of shade and water is available for the dogs in between heats.
- It is suggested to have a vet on site as a precautionary measure.
- Ideal locations would be a large flat open park. For promotion & exhibition purposes, something in an area that is likely to attract public attention is best.

The focus should be on having fun with your dogs, showcasing our sport and gaining new members.