



ASSA WORKING DOG TITLES- HARNESS DOG SYSTEM

A PURPOSE

1. To recognise the ability of dogs in the sport of sled dog racing at a competitive level.
2. Such recognition to be structured so as to acknowledge participation as well as recognise exceptional ability/results.

B. GENERAL

1. This system awards points to each dog for each “Open Class Race” completed. This includes 1,2,3,4,6,8 and junior classes.
2. If a dog is “bagged” during a race it shall receive no points.
3. All dogs or teams subject to disqualification shall receive no points.
4. Touring, Veteran classes races do not qualify for points.
5. At least 4 competitors to a race must have entered for race to qualify.
6. Races from 2014 must be ASSA affiliated (Races prior are subject to exemption).
7. Races can be included prior to 2014 but no later than 1st May 2001 (Commencement of ASSA).
8. Titles open to all financial ASSA members.
9. Competitors who wish to title dogs must submit the following (Owners Responsibility)
 - a. Copy of race results
 - b. Signed proof of participation and list of dogs run from Race RGO
 - c. Admin Fee of \$15 per title.
10. Titles can be received for deceased dogs so as long as the evidence requirements for points h. above are met.

C. POINTS CALCULATION

1. First Team/Dog receives 10 points.
2. The teams/dogs times are averaged for the race this will be the base time and the average will be equivalent to 5 points.
3. The ‘winning teams’ Time shall equal the maximum of 10 points
4. The ‘last place team’ time shall equal 0 points
5. All ‘other’ teams/dogs finishing receive points calculated as follows:
 - a. Divide Average race time by the mushers time
 - b. Subtract Result of (a) by 100% to determine the percentage above or below the average
 - c. Calculate the portion of the winners percentage across the 5 points and take the mushers percentage of that and add or subtract it depending on if above or below the average (see example and calculation table)



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5. NB: Remember that ALL time calculations must be done in total seconds, not hours, minutes and seconds.

Winners Time	a	0:29:06	132%	32%	$(5/32\%) =$	15.82186			
Average Time	b	0:38:17							
Last place time	c	0:45:21	84%	-16%					
Mushers time	d	0:35:47	107%	7%	$(7\%/15.82186)=$	1.104821	+	5	6.104821

D. AWARDS

Sled Dog Titles apply to –

- All dogs running in 2 Dog Class and 1 Dog Class; or
- To dogs running in a 3 Dog, 4 Dog, 6 Dog and 8 Dog but **are not** running in the lead position (front two dog of a team.)

Lead Dog Titles only apply to –

- Dogs running in the lead position (front 2 dogs of the team) of 3 Dog, 4 Dog, 6 Dog and 8 Dog classes. (A separate application and fee is required for each of the Lead dogs **if** a title is sought for **both** dogs of that team.)

1. Sled Dog (SD) Title

- a. A dog must attain a total of 45 points.
- b. Points obtained outside the 1.25 ‘cutoff time’ are counted towards this title.

2. Sled Dog Champion (SDCh) Title

- a. A dog must attain a total of 90 points.
- b. Points obtained outside the 1.25 cutoff time are not counted towards this title.

3. Sled Dog Grand Champion (SDGCh) Title

- a. A dog must attain a total of 180 points, plus
- b. The dog must have a record of at least 4 firsts
- c. Points obtained outside the 1.25 cutoff time are not counted towards this title.

4. Sled Dog Supreme Champion (SDSCh) Title

- a. A dog must attain a total of 180 points, plus
- b. The dog must have a record of at least 6 firsts of which 2 must be National championship races.
- c. Points obtained outside the 1.25 cutoff time are not counted towards this title.

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5. Lead Dog (LD) Title

- a. A lead dog must attain a total of 45 points.
- b. Points obtained outside the 1.25 'cutoff time' are counted towards this title.

6. Lead Dog Champion (LDCh) Title

- a. A dog must attain a total of 90 points.
- b. Points obtained outside the 1.25 cutoff time are not counted towards this title.

7. Lead Dog Grand Champion (LDGCh) Title

- a. A dog must attain a total of 180 points, plus
- b. The dog must have a record of at least 4 firsts
- c. Points obtained outside the 1.25 cutoff time are not counted towards this title.

8. Lead Dog Supreme Champion (LDSCh) Title

- a. A dog must attain a total of 180 points, plus
- b. The dog must have a record of at least 6 firsts of which 2 must be a National championship race.
- c. Points obtained outside the 1.25 cutoff time are not counted towards