



## International Representation and Selection Criteria

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### Selection Criteria

Subject to any pre-selection criteria and rules of an international body (mainly, but not limited to the International Federation of Sleddog Sports [IFSS]), the below selection criteria will apply to any ASSA member seeking to officially represent Australia at an International competition such as a Continental or World Championship.

Representation is normally limited to 3 ASSA members representing Australia per class at the international competition.

#### 1. Minimum Criteria

- 1.1. Must be a financial member of ASSA at time of application and the preceding 12 months prior to race entry.
  - 1.1.1. An Australian citizen living overseas can also apply to represent Australia, so as long as they are an ASSA member and active in the sport in the country they are residing in.
- 1.2. Have experience in the event type (Dryland or Snow) they intend to enter.
- 1.3. Must not have a formal history of any unsportsmanlike behaviour, performance enhancing medication convictions, major rule violations and have displayed high levels of dog care.

#### 2. Priority Criteria

Subject to the amount of applications for ASSA members wanting to represent Australia at International Event/s, the following selection criteria will apply in the below order (that is priority is given to one member ahead of another if one member meets the higher level criteria over the other member, but representation can still occur so as long as one of the below criteria is met):

- 2.1. Highest number of points accrued under the ASSA seasonal point score for the same class as the corresponding class they intend to enter at representative event.
  - 2.1.1. If the event is during the ASSA season and the final point score has not been calculated then ASSA will tally the points at the time of application / selection process.
- 2.2. Competed in the same class as the corresponding class they intend to enter at the representative event the year prior to the representative event.
- 2.3. Previously competed in the same class as the corresponding class they intend to enter at the representative event.
- 2.4. Are considered competent / have the ability to compete in the class they intend to enter.

#### 3. Pure Breed Class Criteria

- 3.1. If the representative event has a Pure Breed or Specific Breed class (Referred to as Nordic Breed Class under the IFSS rules) that an ASSA member would like to enter, then the same criteria above will apply. However, priority will be given to the ASSA members who have competed with the same breed as the class they intend to enter at the representative event.

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- 3.2. It is intended that where a representative event has both an Open Breed Class and a Breed Specific Class, then the above criteria would apply concurrently. That is, ASSA would endorse members attending an international event representing both open breed and breed specific racing.

## **ASSA Support**

4. Further to any financial support the International Body may provide, ASSA will provide its members who have been selected to represent Australia (based on the above criteria) with the following:
- 4.1. Subject to 4.1.1, \$200 (AUD) per competitor to purchase a Jacket of their choice which is to have the ASSA logo placed upon it.
- 4.1.1. In providing the \$200 listed in 4.1 above the ASSA member agrees to deliver some form of developmental / educational presentation to ASSA members after attending the event.
- 4.2. An Australian Flag and an ASSA Flag – which are to be displayed at the International event.
- 4.2.1. These flags will remain the property of ASSA and must be returned to ASSA on return to Australia.
- 4.2.2. If there are multiple ASSA members representing Australia at the same event, then the above flags will be provided to the group and not on an individual basis.
- 4.3. Any member who does not meet the requirements listed in 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 will have their ASSA membership suspended and or cancelled.

**NOTE: In exceptional circumstances only, the ASSA Executive Committee may vary the above**