

PROVISIONS FOR ASSA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES, ASSA POINT SCORE RACES AND IFSS WORLD CUP RACES

1. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

1.1 National Championship races shall be held annually on a rotational basis using the following race roster:

- i.** 2023 – QLD
- ii.** 2024 – WA
- iii.** 2025 – SA
- iv.** 2026 – NSW
- v.** 2027 – VIC

1.2 If any club residing in an Australian state or territory not listed on the roster outlined in rule 1.1 wishes to be added into the annual rotation, then that club must apply to the ASSA Committee in writing at least two years prior to the year that they wish to host a National Championship Race.

1.3 If there are no applications from clubs residing in the state whose turn is listed on the roster, all applications from any ASSA affiliated clubs will be considered by merit for that year and this will not change the order of the roster.

1.4 All ASSA affiliated clubs from any state may apply to host a National Championship Race for any year, however, the host of the race will be determined by the following:

- I.** The number and location of clubs that apply by the 30 April in the year preceding the year they wish to host the race.
- II.** The location of the clubs that have applied in relation to their position on the Nationals Championship race roster.
- III.** The strength of the application submitted to the ASSA Committee.

2. NATIONAL POINT SCORE RACES

2.1 All proposed point score race dates should be submitted by ASSA affiliated clubs to the ASSA committee prior to 1 March of the year in which they are to be held. Submissions received after this cut-off will be approved on a case-by-case basis and will not be given priority over applications received before the deadline.

2.2 The ASSA committee shall approve the proposed race dates if the following conditions are met:

- I.** The proposed date/s does not clash with another proposed point score race date in a neighbouring state (this excludes Western Australia and Tasmania) – clashes in any state except for Western Australia and Tasmania should ideally be avoided.

2.3 ASSA has the final say in approving proposed race dates and clubs should not publicly advertise events until official approval from ASSA has been granted.

2.4 Clubs that have a longstanding history of the use of a particular date will be given priority over a proposed alternative use of the date.

2.5 Clubs that are aware of any potential date clashes that may be considered problematic with another club must make all attempts to communicate and negotiate a resolution before seeking assistance from ASSA.



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3 IFSS WORLD CUP RACES

- 3.1** IFSS Regulations currently allow five (5) World Cup Races to be hosted in Australia.
- 3.2** ASSA will support affiliated clubs or races to facilitate the hosting of World Cup and the uptake of DID's by the Australian mushing community in a year where two (2) or more clubs apply to host World Cup Races.
- 3.3** Where less than five (5), but two (2) or more clubs do apply to host World Cup races, clubs are encouraged/required to split single races into 1 race per heat (i.e., one ASSA Race event becomes 2 IFSS World Cup events) to allow a "full" (or as close to) race calendar of World Cup events.
- 3.4** ASSA will not permit any club to clash World Cup events in any state regardless of the number of races held in the interest of preserving the DID holders investment in the program.
- 3.5** Where a club hosting an ASSA Nationals event applies to host a World Cup event in the same year, they shall have priority over other applicants.
- 3.6** Should more than five (5) clubs apply to host a world Cup race in a single year approval will be determined by the strength of the application submitted to the ASSA committee by the due date (March 1), distribution of events across states, the history of the club in relation to their running of WC races and finally on a rotational basis between clubs year to year.
- 3.7** Once ASSA awards the clubs World Cup events, the IFSS World Cup Application and Payment is due to ASSA by DD/MM, if not received the World Cup event may be given to the next eligible club.