

## ASSA WORKING DOG TITLE RULES

### 1. PURPOSE

1.1 To recognise the ability of dogs in the sport of sled dog racing at a competitive level.

### 2. GENERAL

2.1 Points are awarded to any dog that competes in an open or novice class as per the following:

- a. Dogs in the average speed pathway shall be awarded points irrespective of the number of entrants in a single class.
- b. Dogs in the competition pathway shall be awarded points as per the standard points by competition formula when they compete in a class that has a minimum of 3 entrants at an ASSA affiliated race. In circumstances where there are less than 3 entrants in a single class, but there are multiple classes grouped together by an ASSA RGO that run the same track (e.g. 2/3 Dog Open) where the total number of entrants in that grouping is 3 or greater, all results will be eligible for points based on overall, timed finish order. In circumstances where there are less than 3 entrants in both the class and the grouping, points allocation shall default to average speed pathway formula.
- c. Dogs in the competition pathway shall only be awarded points based on the average speed pathway formula in the circumstances listed above, they shall not be eligible to change pathway at will or for any other reason.

2.2 Points are not awarded in Veteran and Touring classes but competitors in Novice class may accumulate points towards the first working dog title only (Sled Dog - SD).

2.3 If a dog is bagged during a race, it shall receive no points.

2.4 All dogs or teams subject to disqualification shall receive no points.

2.5 Titles are only available to dogs owned by financial members of ASSA.

2.6 Competitors who wish to submit title applications must provide the following:

- a. Copy of all race results used to accumulate points (points calculator spreadsheet)
- b. Confirmation of all race results from an executive committee member of the relevant RGO or any ASSA committee member in attendance at the race (signed logbook for each dog that has been accumulating points)
- c. Title application form with administrative fee of \$15.00 per title (digital certificate only) or \$25.00 (printed certificate and personalised sash)

**2.7** Points accumulated between 1 May 2014 and 1 May 2022 may be included in a title application without a logbook if the race results of the applicant are verified by an executive committee member of the relevant RGO.

**2.8** Points may be awarded retrospectively until 1 May 2001 with races between this date and 1 May 2014 being exempt from ASSA affiliation.

**2.9** Titles can be received for deceased dogs if the requirements from points 2.1 – 8 are met.

### **3. POINTS PATHWAYS**

**3.1** Mushers may select one of two pathways to accumulate points towards titles in the sled dog, lead dog and bikejor streams. Points by competition are earned relative to time and finish position in an Open Class, whereas points by average speed are earned relative to speed maintained in an Open Class race. Canicross titles may only be earned through the points by competition pathway.

**3.2** The points by competition pathway may be used as follows:

**3.2.1** The winning dog/s or team earns 10 points.

**3.2.2** The overall time recorded for the 'winning' dog/s or team is converted to seconds and multiplied by 1.25 to obtain a 'cut off time'.

**3.2.3** All 'other' dog/s or teams finishing within the cut off time earn points calculated as follows:

- a. Subtract the 'other' time from the 'cut off time'
- b. Subtract the 'winning' time from the 'cut off time'
- c. Divide the total from a. above by the total from b. above
- d. Multiply the result by 10 and round the resulting points to the nearest 0.5

**3.2.4** The minimum points allocated shall be 1.

**3.3** The average speed pathway may be used as follows:

**3.3.1** A dog that completes a race at the prescribed average speeds may earn a set number of points as listed below:

- a. Speeds averaging from 10km/h up to 19.99kmph shall be awarded 4 points
- b. Speeds averaging from 20km/h up to 27.99kmph shall be awarded 6 points
- c. Speeds averaging 28km/h and above shall be awarded 8 points

## 4. AWARDS

### 4.1 Sled Dog Titles apply to:

- a. All dogs running in Open scooter classes or Men and Women's Bikejoring (points obtained in Bikejoring may be included in meeting the requirements for sled dog titles but not vice versa).
- b. All dogs running in Open rig classes (points obtained in lead positions may be included in meeting the requirements for sled dog titles but not vice versa).
  - i. **Sled Dog (SD) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 40 points
    - b. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are counted towards this title
  - ii. **Sled Dog Champion (SDCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 100 points
    - b. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title
  - iii. **Sled Dog Grand Champion (SDGrCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 150 points
    - b. The dog must have a record of at least one of the following:
      - i. 4x Open Class wins (first place)
      - ii. An equivalent number of Open Class placings (second or third place) where 1x first place equals 2x second placings or 4x third placings – a combination of wins, second places and third places may be used to make up 4x Open Class wins required
    - c. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title
  - iv. **Sled Dog Supreme Champion (SDSupCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must obtain a total of 200 points
    - b. The dog must have a record of at least one of the following:
      - i. 6x Open Class wins (first place) with one of these taking place at an ASSA National Championship Race

- ii. An equivalent number of Open Class placings (second or third place) where 1x first place equals 2x second placings or 4x third placings – a combination of wins, second places

and third places may be used to make up 6x Open Class wins required (the equivalent placings must be awarded at ASSA National Championship Races to the value of 1x win)

- c. Points obtained outside the 1.25 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title

#### 4.2 Lead Dog Titles apply to:

- a. All dogs leading (single or double) in Open rig classes
  - i. **Lead Dog (LD) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 40 points
    - b. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are counted towards this title
  - ii. **Lead Dog Champion (LDCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 100 points
    - b. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title
  - iii. **Lead Dog Grand Champion (LDGrCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 150 points
    - b. The dog must have a record of at least one of the following:
      - i. 4x Open Class wins (first place)
      - ii. An equivalent number of Open Class placings (second or third place) where 1x first place equals 2x second placings or 4x third placings – a combination of wins, second places and third places may be used to make up 4x Open Class wins required
    - c. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title
  - iv. **Lead Dog Supreme Champion (LDSupCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must obtain a total of 200 points
    - b. The dog must have a record of at least one of the following:
      - i. 6x Open Class wins (first place) with one of these taking place at an ASSA National Championship Race

- ii. An equivalent number of Open Class placings (second or third place) where 1x first place equals 2x second placings or 4x third placings – a combination of wins, second places and third places may be used to make up 6x Open Class

wins required (the equivalent placings must be awarded at ASSA National Championship Races to the value of 1x win)

- c. Points obtained outside the 1.25 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title

#### 4.3 Bikejoring Titles apply to:

- a. All dogs running in Men or Women's Bikejoring
  - i. **Bikejor Dog (BkD) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 40 points
    - b. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are counted towards this title
  - ii. **Bikejor Champion (BkCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 100 points
    - b. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title
  - iii. **Bikejor Grand Champion (BkGrCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 150 points
    - b. The dog must have a record of at least one of the following:
      - i. 4x Open Class wins (first place)
      - ii. An equivalent number of Open Class placings (second or third place) where 1x first place equals 2x second placings or 4x third placings – a combination of wins, second places and third places may be used to make up 4x Open Class wins required
    - c. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title
  - iv. **Bikejor Supreme Champion (BkSupCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must obtain a total of 200 points
    - b. The dog must have a record of at least one of the following:
      - i. 6x Open Class wins (first place) with one of these taking place at an ASSA National Championship Race

- ii. An equivalent number of Open Class placings (second or third place) where 1x first place equals 2x second placings or 4x third

placings – a combination of wins, second places and third places may be used to make up 6x Open Class wins required (the equivalent placings must be awarded at ASSA National Championship Races to the value of 1x win)

- c. Points obtained outside the 1.25 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title

#### 4.3 Canicross Titles apply to:

- a. All dogs running in Men or Women's Canicross
  - i. **Canicross Dog (CXD) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 40 points
    - b. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are counted towards this title
  - ii. **Canicross Champion (CXCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 100 points
    - b. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title
  - iii. **Canicross Grand Champion (CXGrCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must accumulate a total of 150 points
    - b. The dog must have a record of at least one of the following:
      - i. 4x Open Class wins (first place)
      - ii. An equivalent number of Open Class placings (second or third place) where 1x first place equals 2x second placings or 4x third placings – a combination of wins, second places and third places may be used to make up 4x Open Class wins required
    - c. Points accumulated outside the 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title
  - iv. **Canicross Supreme Champion (CXSupCh) Title**
    - a. A dog must obtain a total of 200 points
    - b. The dog must have a record of at least one of the following:

- i. 6x Open Class wins (first place) with one of these taking place at an ASSA National Championship Race
- ii. An equivalent number of Open Class placings (second or third place) where 1x first place equals 2x second placings or 4x third placings – a combination of wins, second places

and third places may be used to make up 6x Open Class wins required (the equivalent placings must be awarded at ASSA National Championship Races to the value of 1x win)

- c. Points obtained outside the 1.25 'cut off time' are not counted towards this title