

WHAT IS THE IFSS?

The International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) explained
Created by Zahra Goldsmith for sled dog sports relevant to Australia

GLOBAL GOVERNING & SANCTIONING BODY

The IFSS represents 49 national sled dog sports federations, overseen by the committee board and six continental directors. The World Championships for snow and dryland are kept separate. In Australia, we fall under the Oceania Region with New Zealand, sharing turns when electing a Continental Director every two years.



USA THEN, BELGIUM NOW

It all began the year of 1992 in Idaho USA as a way to focus the efforts of local, national, and international organisations towards the goal of Olympic recognition. In 2012 the headquarters moved to Brussels, Belgium. Today's IFSS continues to host World Championship race events and work with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on pursuing a place for sled dog sports in the Olympics.

GAINING TRACTION

2019 was a successful year for the IFSS, gaining a place on the Olympic Channel for sled dog sports. For the first time ever, they were also part of SportAccord Convention on the Gold Coast. Our very own Northern Exposure Gig Racing Club members were there to represent the sport by showcasing dogs, bikes, rigs, and how to get involved!



WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?

ASSA is an affiliated member of the IFSS, meaning ASSA gets two votes when it comes to IFSS rule and decision changes, ASSA clubs have the ability to host World Cup races, ASSA mushers can have their results count for the IFSS Pointscore, plus the opportunity to enter Continental and World Championship races.



WE'RE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

The Oceania region is lead not only by the Continental Director but also an elected Continental Committee and Athletes Delegate. There is also the so-called 'coffee hours' where these members meet with the international IFSS council to discuss matters relevant to both Australia and New Zealand. You can contact ASSA to get in touch with them, ask questions, or share ideas and feedback.



**GOT MORE Q's?
ASK ME ANYTHING!**

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Donal McIntyre (NSW) competing in 6 Dog Rig at the 2015 World Championships Dryland, Bristol Canada





Clint Graham (SA) competing in 4 Dog Sled at the 2013 World Championships on Snow, North Pole Alaska



Jarrad Muir (SA) competing in 1 Dog Scooter at the 2015 World Championships Dryland, Bristol Canada
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Zahra Goldsmith (SA) competing in 1 Dog Women's Scooter at the 2023 World Championships Dryland, Olvega Spain



2024 IFSS Race Judge Training Course hosted at the annual SASDC Trophy Race, Mount Crawford South Australia. Course instructor Jim Cunningham from Canada.



Donal McIntyre (NSW) at the opening ceremony for 2011 World Championships on Snow in Norway