



Scottish Siberian Husky Club

**Rally Brochure
2011 – 2012**

The Scottish Siberian Husky Club would particularly like to thank the following for their help this year:



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FOREWORD

How quickly the summer passes – here we are once more looking forward to early morning starts for training and a new season of rallies. This year looks to be one of the most exciting and interesting seasons for a while – providing the weather is kind to us of course!

First of all, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and enthusiasm from Karl and Ali Binns and Hugh and Judy Wakker for coordinating the rally locations and dates, the event organisers, prizes and this rally brochure.

One change we will see this year is in the running of each event; we shall have a rally team headed up by an organiser supported by an experienced mentor where applicable. It is very heartening to see our “rookies” coming forward, especially for those of us who are getting a bit long in the tooth! I am sure we will all give whatever assistance is required to make the rallies a great success. It is good to see we are beginning to once again have the use of some forests that have been unsuitable for some time due to harvesting by the Forestry Commission.

Arden Grange has generously agreed to continue with the sponsorship of the rallies, and will be present at the teach-in to be held within Devilla Forest in October.

There is no rally championship for the human competitors this season; as a breed club the SSHC is here to promote all aspects of owning and promoting the Siberian Husky in this country. Working is obviously a very important aspect of the breed however it is the dogs that deserve the recognition; the human reward for participation is the enjoyment of working our dogs and seeing them perform to the best of their ability. The aim is not to remove competitiveness from our rallies but to promote well-run events with a friendly atmosphere that our members will enjoy and look forward to attending. The Dual Championship for the dogs is to remain as in previous years so as to stress the importance of the dual purpose standard fitting Siberian we aim for in the UK.

Can I please remind those of you who intend to compete at rallies that your membership must be fully up to date by the entry closing date. Any new members, or those who are later in renewing their membership, must have had their application approved and payment cleared by the entry closing date.

Can I also remind you that all equipment must be of a safe standard and that rally organisers have the right to stop mushers from participating if they feel that safety is compromised in any way.

May I take this opportunity to thank in advance all the organisers and everybody who assists over the coming season and may you all have an enjoyable and, most of all safe, working season.

Lindsey Sutherland

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INTRODUCTION

The Races

Teach In	Devilla, 15 October 2011
Race 1	Feshiebridge, 22 October 2011
Race 2	Feshiebridge, 23 October 2011
Race 3	Venue to be advised via Bulletin Board*
Race 4	Venue to be advised via Bulletin Board*
Race 5	Carron Valley, 10 December 2011
Race 6	Carron Valley, 11 December 2011
Race 7	Culbin, 7 January 2012
Race 8	Culbin, 8 January 2012
Race 9	Tentsmuir, 4 February 2012
Race 10	Tentsmuir, 5 February 2012
Race 11	Glendevon, 3 March 2012
Race 12	Glendevon, 4 March 2012

* Unfortunately, due to Forestry Commission activity, the rally at Quithel will not take place. Every effort is being made to secure an alternative venue for this date, please keep an eye on the Bulletin Board for further information.

The Classes

B CLASS	No more than 6 dogs - not less than 4 dogs
B2 CLASS	No more than 6 dogs – not less than 4 dogs (max 1 Siberian)
C CLASS	No more than 4 dogs - not less than 3 dogs
C2 CLASS	No more than 4 dogs – not less than 3 dogs (max 1 Siberian)
C4 Class	No more than 4 and no less than 3 dogs. For SSHC recognised unregistered Siberian Huskies
E CLASS	No more than 3 dogs - not less than 2 dogs
E2 CLASS	No more than 3 dogs – not less than 2 dogs (max 1 Siberian)
D CLASS	2 dogs only
D2 CLASS	2 dogs only (max 1 Siberian)
D3 CLASS	2 dogs only - for SSHC recognised unregistered Siberian Huskies
SCOOTER CLASS	1 dog only
BIKEJORING CLASS	1 dog only
CANICROSS CLASS	1 dog only

COURTESY CLASS For dogs, eligible to run, not already entered in any other class, with entry money for this class to go to Welfare.

KC unregistered Siberian huskies can run in the C4 and the D3 classes if they have been assessed by two people on the SSHC A1 judges list and allocated a number by the SSHC secretary.

All the above classes are run at each individual rally organiser's discretion.

Closing Dates

Closing dates for entries will be postmarked the Friday of the week before the race weekend. Please note anyone wishing to compete must be fully paid up members by the entry closing date. If you are a new member, your application must have been approved and payment cleared by the entry closing date.

Insurance Requirements

All entrants must have full third party insurance cover in the event of loss or damage to a third party. Please have proof of your insurance with you at rallies at all times as the rally organisers or a member of the Committee may ask to see it at any time.

Entry Fees

Both days £18; 1 day £9

Scooter / Canicross / Bikejoring both days £4; 1 day £2

Juniors both days £6; 1 day £3

Second entry from same household £5 per day

SSHC Bib Scheme

Bib numbers can be bought from Judy Wakker for £5, the proceeds from which are donated to SSHC Welfare. Numbers not used for two consecutive seasons will be withdrawn and offered for sale again. Bib number One will be offered to the winner of the SSHC Dual Championship for the season following their win.

Rally Rules

You will find a copy of the rally rules later in the brochure. As all clubs have slight differences in their rules, please make sure you know the SSHC rules.

Marshalling

As in previous years, competitors will be asked to carry out a range of marshalling duties to assist the rally organiser / team. Guidance will be available, both on the Bulletin Board and at each rally, explaining tasks and responsibilities. Please make sure that you are familiar with what is required of you when carrying out these roles.

Sponsorship by Arden Grange

Once again, we are very grateful to Arden Grange for their generous sponsorship of all races. Full details of their sponsorship will be available on the SSHC web site.

Sadly, there will not be a Working Championship this year but certificates will be awarded to all competitors at each race and local sponsorship is also being sought for each venue.

The Dual Championship

Trophies will be awarded to the Dual Championship winner.

Your dogs' 5 best places from SSHC Rallies and 5 best places from the qualifying shows will count towards the SSHC Dual Championship.

Rally points can be gained from classes B, C, D and E. Show points can be gained at the SSHC open and championship shows and all other championship shows held in Scotland during 2011.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Position	Show Points	Rally Points
1	5	13
2	4	11
3	3	9
Reserve or 4	2	7
VHC or 5	1	5
6	N/A	3
All other rally finishers	N/A	1
RCC or Reserve Best of Sex	5	N/A
CC or Best of Sex	7	N/A
BOB	1	N/A

For each dog, 25% of total points gained must be from the shows and 25% of the total from the SSHC rallies.

The musher must be a member to compete at SSHC rallies regardless of whether one or all of the owners of the competing dogs are members. Mixed classes and the scooter, bike and canicross classes will not count for points. In event of shows or rallies being cancelled, for whatever reason, no points will be awarded for that event.

Please record your results for each eligible dog on the enclosed form and send to Ann Shaw, Logan Cottage, Coalhall, Ayr, Ayrshire KA6 6NE after the last race.

New Musers / Spectators

The club welcomes new musers to rallies, call any of the organisers before the rally weekend if you want to find out more about what goes on at a rally. If this is your first season running your dogs please tell us when you enter. There are plenty of people to help and if the rally organisers know who you are they can make sure help is at hand should you need / want it.

If you are interested in finding out more about working your dogs or just want a good day out in some of the most beautiful forests in Scotland, come along and watch. Most rallies will be over by lunch time so come along early. Don't be shy about speaking to musers. They will be busy immediately before and after they have run but most are really happy to talk 'huskies' at other times. Your dogs are very welcome but please keep them on a lead and out of the way of teams when they are in harness or staked out.

If you are interested in finding out more about running your huskies and would like to meet up with an experienced musher in your area give me a call or email me and I will put you in touch with members local to you.

Here's looking forward to a great season!

Karl Binns

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SCOTTISH SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB DUAL CHAMPION 2010-11

CH Barking Brooks Woodland Mist at Ceannabeinne (IMP USA)



2nd CH Icy nights Morning Mist

3rd CH Rigrunner Plink Plink Fizz

RACE DETAILS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
15 October 2011	Working Seminar, Devilla	8 October 2011
22 & 23 October 2011	Feshiebridge	14 October 2011
12 & 13 November 2011	<i>Venue to be advised</i>	4 November 2011
10 & 11 December 2011	Carron Valley	2 December 2011
7 & 8 January 2012	Culbin	30 December 2011
4 & 5 February 2012	Tentsmuir	27 January 2012
3 & 4 March 2012	Glendevon	24 February 2012

Working Seminar - Devilla
15 October 2011

SCOTTISH SIBERIAN HUSKY CLUB WORKING SEMINAR

sponsored by TrailBaby and Arden Grange

9.30 am, Saturday 15 October 2011, Devilla Forest, Fife

Members and non members are welcome to this seminar. Experienced mushers will give informal talks on subjects including how to get started, equipment, training, the Forestry Commission requirements, insurance, permits and risk assessments, what to expect at rallies, rally rules, nutrition etc.

Speakers include Steve Shaw, Hugh Wakker and Sharon McNicol.
Kayley Shaw will run a session just for junior mushers.

There will be plenty of opportunity for hands-on practice of putting harnesses and boots on, and attaching lines to rigs. Members can have a go at running their own dogs and we will have rigs and scooters available to borrow, and lines and harnesses available to borrow or buy. SSHC insurance restricts running dogs to members only but membership forms available at www.scottishshc.org.uk.

The seminar will be held outside, weather permitting, but will be moved inside if necessary. Toilets available but please bring your own refreshments.

Cost £10, junior mushers £5.

Directions: Devilla Forest is approximately 2 miles east of Kincardine Bridge, on the A985 (Kincardine-Rosyth road). Follow SSHC signs into the forest.

Please send the form (available on the SSHC website) to Judy Wakker, Nether Cromlix, Auchenlay Road, Dunblane FK15 9JS by **Saturday 8 October**.

Enquiries: 07765 886236 or judywakker@aol.com.

Feshiebridge 22 and 23 October 2011
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Closing Date	Friday 14 October 2011
Race Organiser	Maggie and Scott Ewen (01340 871278 / scott@scottewen.wanadoo.co.uk)
Entries To	Maggie Ewen, 6 Brick Cottages, Hill St, Craigellachie, Banffshire AB38 9TB
Classes	All Classes (B, B2, C, C2, C4, E, E2, D, D2, D3, Scooter, Bikejoring, Canicross, Junior, Courtesy)
Trail Description	A 2.6 mile trail which has a fairly hard packed surface with plenty of variation and some very fast sections, dog boots may be required depending on conditions on the day.
Trail Distances	All classes 2.6 miles except juniors
Timings	
Mushers Meeting	8.15am on both days
Rig Inspection	Immediately after musher's meeting
Start Times	9.00am on both days
Awards Ceremony	Immediately after junior classes on both days
Directions	Feshiebridge is about 7 miles south of Aviemore. Take the ski road out of Aviemore following signs towards the Cairngorm Ski area and Glenmore. After less than 1mile turn right at Inverdriue onto the B970 towards Feshiebridge and Insh. Travel for approximately 6 miles, as you enter Feshiebridge take first left, signed for Gliding club, then next left onto forest track, SSHC Rally Event signs will be in place.
Accommodation	High Range, Aviemore (01479 810636) Ravensraig Guest House, Aviemore (01479 810278) Cairngorm Hotel, Aviemore (01479 810233) Other accommodation to be found via Tourist Information
Camping	Glenmore Camping/Caravanning (0845 1308224) Rothiemurchus Camping/Caravanning (01479 812800) Dalraddy Holiday Park, Alvie (01479 810330) No camping is allowed at the venue.
Vet	Strathspey Veterinary Centre, Grantown (01479 872252)
Local Doctor	01479 810326
Amenities	Toilets onsite and Burger Van if sufficient entries

<p style="text-align: center;">Carron Valley 10 and 11 December 2011</p>
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Closing Date	Friday 2 December 2011
Race Organiser	Sharon Flanagan and Paul O'Donnell (07716317187 / sharonflanagan@live.co.uk)
Entries To	David Dalziel, 15 Commonsides Street, Airdrie, ML6 6NQ (01236 622054)
Classes	All Classes (B, B2, C, C2, C4, E, E2, D, D2, D3, Scooter, Bikejoring, Canicross, Junior, Courtesy)
Trail Description	The trail is hard packed and a combination of long, fast sweeping hills and flat stretches along the reservoir.
Trail Distances	All classes 4.6 miles, (except juniors, scooter, bike and canicross).
Timings	
Mushers Meeting	8.15am on both days
Rig Inspection	Immediately after musher's meeting
Start Times	9.00am on both days
Awards Ceremony	Immediately after junior classes on both days
Directions	From the south: take M73 and A80 to Denny. From Denny take the *B818 to Fintry. The trail is a left turn at the far end of Carron Reservoir. From the north and east: From M9 junction 8 take M876 to Glasgow. Follow directions to Denny, then B818 as above*. From the west: from M8 junction 12 follow A80 to Denny, then B818 as above*.
Accommodation	Please contact the organisers or Tourist Information (01324 620244 or 01786 45019)
Camping	Camping may be allowed in the forest. Please contact organisers for further information and check Bulletin Board nearer the rally date.
Vet	Struthers and Scott, Doune (01786 841304)
Local Doctor	Please see rally information board
Amenities	There will be a burger van both days

Culbin
7 and 8 January 2012

Closing Date	Friday 30 December 2011
Race Organiser	Roddy Milne (07864 837183 / jd_coke_uk@yahoo.ca)
Entries To	Roddy Milne, 37 Union Road, Inverness IV2 3JY
Classes	All Classes (B, B2, C, C2, C4, E, E2, D, D2, D3, Scooter, Bikejoring, Canicross, Junior, Courtesy)
Trail Description	Flat forest trails, mostly hard compacted surfaces, some grassy surfaces, occasional muddy surface.
Trail Distances	B, B2, C, C2, C4 - approx 4.5 miles E, E2, D, D3, D2, Scooter/Bike - approx 3 miles Cani , Junior, Courtesy - approx 1.5 miles All trail distances subject to change depending on trail conditions
Timings	
Mushers Meeting	8.00am both days
Rig Inspection	Sat 8.15am approx, Sun 8.15am approx (Sun only entries)
Start Times	9.00am both days
Awards Ceremony	Soon after last class on both days
Directions	From Nairn - follow A96 east approx 6 miles to Brodie (very small village, blink and you'll miss it!), past Brodie Country fare, then turn left just past the petrol station*, over the rail crossing. Head straight on after the railway crossing to the end of the road; turn right at the T Junction. Turn left into the forest at the SSHC signs. From Elgin - follow A96 east through Forrest to Brodie - approx 4 miles, passing Old Mill Hotel / campsite on left, take the first right, between the B&B and the petrol station, then follow as above*.
Accommodation	Rob McLennan is organising meal / camping at the Loft, East Grange, (Direct dial 01343 850111) and will post further details on the Bulletin Board in due course.
Camping	No camping in the forest or at gate
Vet	Miller and Swan, 123 South St. Elgin 01343 542255
Local Doctor	Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin, Accident and Emergency (01343 543131) and NHS 24 (08454 242424)
Amenities	Toilets and burger van

Tentsmuir 4 and 5 February 2012
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Closing Date	Friday 27 January 2012
Race Organiser	Hugh and Judy Wakker (01786 822583 / 07765 886236 / judywakker@aol.com)
Entries To	Hugh and Judy Wakker, Nether Cromlix, Auchenlay Road, Dunblane, FK15 9JS
Classes	All Classes (B, B2, C, C2, C4, E, E2, D, D2, D3, Scooter, Bikejoring, Canicross, Junior, Courtesy)
Trail Description	The trail is flat on forest tracks and grassy and sandy paths, winding through the trees. The surface is 'husky feet' friendly. There are plenty of turns, the roller coaster, sand dunes and ski jumps.
Trail Distances	B, C, C2 – approx 4 miles E, E2, D, D2, D3 – approx 3 miles Scooter, Bike and Canicross – approx 1 mile Junior – approx 1 mile All distances dependent on trail and weather conditions
Timings	
Mushers Meeting	Due to FC permit conditions all mushers MUST attend the Mushers Meeting at 8am on Sat (and Sun if required). We know this may be inconvenient to some but would ask you to work with us so that we can continue to hold rallies at this great venue. Please contact us if you would like vehicle access to the forest on Friday.
Rig Inspection	Immediately after mushers' meeting
Start Times	9.00 am both days
Awards Ceremony	Immediately after last class on both days
Directions	From Dundee - cross Tay Bridge, at roundabout take first left towards Tayport. Take B945 through Tayport. Two and half miles from Tayport turn left to Kinshaldy Beach. Follow SSHC signs to forest. From south, take M90 to junction 8 and take A91 to St Andrews. At Guardbridge take A919 to Leuchars and head towards RAF Leuchars. In Leuchars, turn right to Kinshaldy Beach. Follow SSHC signs to forest.
Accommodation	Tourist Information (01334 472021) for local hotels/B&Bs
Camping	No camping in forest, contact organisers for local campsite
Vet	Provost Veterinary Group (01334 474544, out of hours 01334 828345)
Local Doctor	Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, DD1 9SY. Tel: 01382 660111
Amenities	Toilets and burger van

Glendevon 3 and 4 March 2012

Closing Date	Friday 24 February 2012
Race Organiser	Lindsey Sutherland (01501 763314 / hikon@bigfoot.com)
Entries To	Fiona Fairley, 8 Lesmahagow Road, Boghead, Lesmahagow, ML11 OJA (01555 894322)
Classes	All Classes (B, B2, C, C2, C4, E, E2, D, D2, D3, Scooter, Bikejoring, Canicross, Junior, Courtesy)
Trail Description	Glendevon is hilly, with mainly wide forest trails, partly open and partly through the trees. The surface is mostly good but will be stony in parts. Boots may be needed if the ground is hard.
Trail Distances	Trails of approx 3.5 and 2.5 miles available but will depend on weather conditions.
Timings	
Mushers Meeting	8.00am both days
Rig Inspection	Sat 8.15am approx, Sun 8.15am approx (Sun only entries)
Start Times	9.00am both days
Awards Ceremony	Soon after last class on both days
Directions	From A9 - at Gleneagles take A823 towards Dunfermline, through Glendevon for roughly 8 miles. Take left turn down the B934 towards Dunning.
	From A91 - take A823 from Yetts O' Muckhart towards Auchterarder. Turn right down B934 towards Dunning.
	Follow SSHC signs from A823. Entrance to forest on left immediately after the big house!
Accommodation	Perth Tourist Office (01738 450600) Alva Tourist Office (08707 200605) Stirling Tourist Office (08707 200620)
Camping	No camping in the forest allowed
Vet	Alphavet Veterinary Centre, 62 Muirs, Kinross, Perthshire, KY13 8AU (01577 863328) or Struthers & Scott, 70 Main St, Doune, FK16 6BW (01786 841304)
Local Doctor	Please see rally information board
Amenities	Burger van

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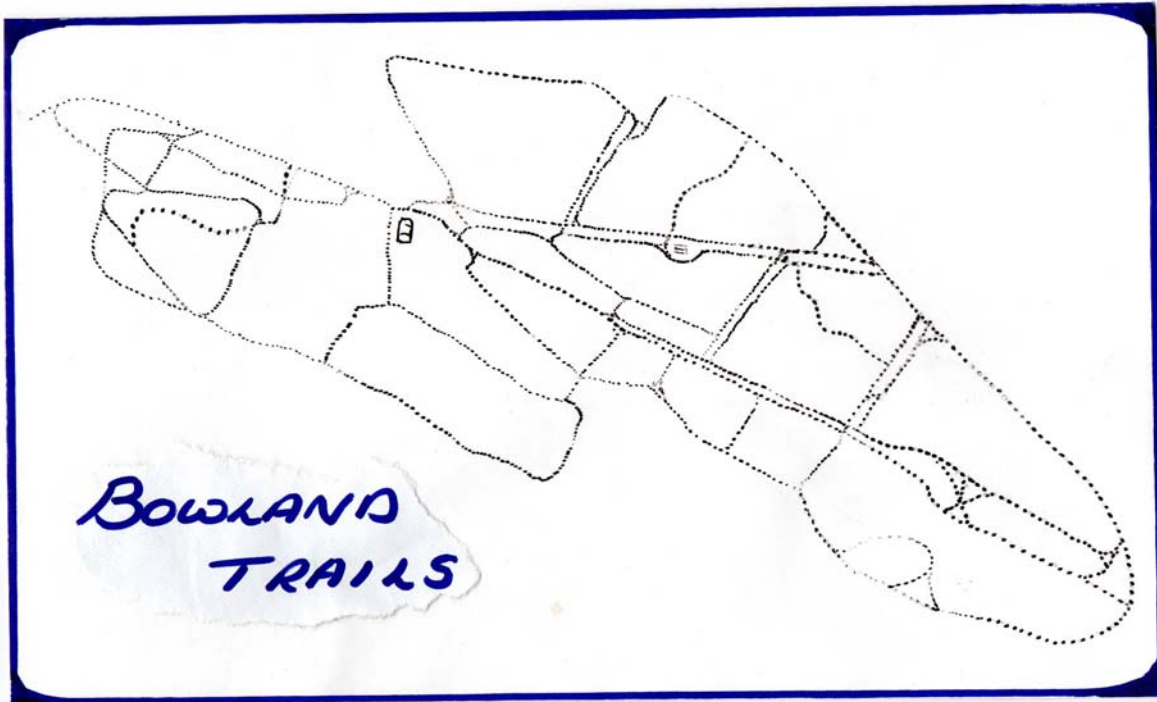
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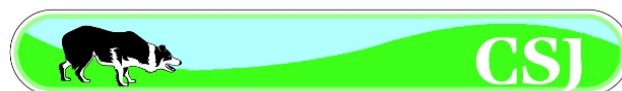
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RALLY RULES

GENERAL

Members wishing to organise a Working Rally on behalf of the Club shall forward written details to the Committee, including a copy of the entry form and schedule.

ENTRY RULES

A. Eligibility

1. Entries

- a) All entrants must be fully paid up Members of the Scottish Siberian Husky Club (S.S.H.C.)
- b) Any dog entered must be owned by a Member of the S.S.H.C. Should a dog be owned jointly or in partnership, one owner must be a fully paid up Member of the Club.
- c) Only pure bred Siberian Huskies registered with the Kennel Club are eligible to compete, Siberian Huskies having S.S.H.C. Welfare or Siberian Husky Club of Great Britain Welfare recognition and unregistered Siberian Huskies with S.S.H.C recognition.
- d) All entrants must have full third party insurance cover in the event of loss or damage to a third party.
- e) Minimum age of entrant - sixteen years.
- f) The Rally Organiser may only refuse an entry with just cause.
- g) Entrants may only enter one team in each class.
- h) Sled dog participants in events organised by the SSHC will include Siberian Husky, Alaskan Malamute, Samoyed, Greenland dogs and Eskimo Dogs. Those breeds other than Siberian Huskies must be KC registered.

2. Musers

- a) No change of Musher is allowed for a team during an event unless as a result of injury or illness to the entrant. The approval of the Rally Organiser must be given for an authorised change of Musher. However, an authorised change of Musher would disqualify the team from officially competing in the event.
- b) A Musher disqualified for infringement of the rules in any heat of the Rally is not eligible to compete further for the duration of the event.
- c) Musers must have run one rally season at the minimum of 6 rallies, with the maximum of 3 dogs, before they are eligible to enter the A, B, B2, C, C2 and C4 classes at SSHC rallies.

3. Dogs

- a) Any dog team arriving at the starting point which, in the opinion of the Rally Organiser, is unfit or incapable of safely completing the course will be disqualified.
- b) A dog or team disqualified in any heat of the Rally is not eligible to compete further for the duration of the event.
- c) Dogs may not be replaced during or between heats. The option to ômarkö individual dogs for the purpose of identification is at the discretion of the Rally Organiser.
- d) No dog under the age of twelve months may compete, 10-12 months old dogs may take part in the courtesy class at organiser's discretion, if such a class is offered. Kennel Club registered name, Welfare number or SSHC unregistered number and date of birth must be given on the entry form.
- e) A dog may not take part in more than one class or team during any one day, with the exception of Junior/Novelty events.
- f) The Rally Organiser must approve of any alteration to the team details given on the entry form.
- g) No dog or equipment may be brought from a kennel where rabies, distemper, leptospirosis or any other contagious disease exists or has existed within six weeks previous to the event.
- h) Any dog diagnosed by the Veterinarian covering the Rally as having a contagious disease will disqualify the team and must immediately leave the venue of the Rally.

B. Medication and Drug Testing

- a) It is prohibited to administer to a dog any medication, either prescribed or non-prescribed which may affect performance. This includes all stimulants, depressants, analgesics, anti-inflammatories,

anti-anxiety agents and steroids.

b) Should a dog be suspected of having been administered a prohibited substance, the Rally Organiser reserves the right to have the dog tested by qualified veterinary personnel, and if tested positive, the Musher, Owner and team will be disqualified. Further action may be taken at the discretion of the Committee of the S.S.H.C.

c) Any entrant who refuses to allow a sample to be collected from a dog will be disqualified from the event. Further action may be taken at the discretion of the Committee of the S.S.H.C.

C. Classification and Team Definitions

1. Classes

a) A CLASS - No more than 8 dogs - not less than 6 dogs

B CLASS - No more than 6 dogs - not less than 4 dogs

B2 CLASS- No more than 6 dogs - not less than 4 dogs (max 1 Siberian)

C CLASS - No more than 4 dogs - not less than 3 dogs

C2 CLASS - No more than 4 dogs - not less than 3 dogs (max 1 Siberian)

C4 CLASS - No more than 4 and no less than 3 dogs. For SSHC recognised unregistered Siberian Huskies.

E CLASS - No more than 3 dogs - not less than 2 dogs

E2 CLASS - No more than 3 dogs - not less than 2 dogs (max 1 Siberian)

D CLASS - 2 dogs only

D2 CLASS - 2 dogs only (max 1 Siberian)

D3 CLASS - 2 dogs only - for S.S.H.C. recognised unregistered Siberian Huskies.

SCOOTER CLASS – 1 dog only

CANICROSS CLASS – 1 dog only

BIKEJORING CLASS - 1 dog only

COURTESY CLASS – for dogs, eligible to run, not already entered in any other class, with entry money for this class to go to Welfare.

As in the existing rule, the above classes are to be included at each individual rally organiser's discretion.

b) Junior classification(s) may be scheduled at the Rally Organisers discretion and distance must not exceed one mile for one dog or two miles for two dogs. A junior must be between the ages of eight to fifteen years old. 1 dog teams only allowed for up to twelve years old. 2 dog teams may be scheduled for thirteen to fifteen years old. Each Junior entrant must provide a Marshal.

c) Classes provided will be at the Rally Organisers discretion.

2. Passengers

a) Passengers will only be allowed at the individual Rally Organiser's discretion.

b) Passengers must not assist in the running of the team except in the case of the team becoming unmanageable.

c) Any passenger must be a member of the S.S.H.C. and must be over the age of 16 years

d) No Passenger may be carried in a team of less than three dogs.

D. Weather Conditions

a) The temperature and humidity levels will be taken in the shade near the start line from the beginning of the first heat and monitored thereafter.

b) If, at the discretion of the Rally Organiser, the temperature rises to above 12 degrees and conditions are such that to continue the proposed race would be in detriment to the well being of the dogs, the classes not yet run may be altered or cancelled for that day.

E. Equipment

1. Inspection

a) All Rigs/Sleds shall be available for inspection by the Scrutineer at the time set by the Rally Organiser in an area that will not impede teams in the start and

b) The responsibility for the safety of all equipment rests with the Musher and/or owner(s). The

Scrutineer is looking for obvious breach of rules only.

c) All equipment is subject to the approval of the Rally Organiser.

2. Harness and Lines

a) All dogs shall be harnessed in single or double file/Fan hitch at discretion of the Rally Organiser.

b) All dogs will be fastened to the gang line by a neck line and tug line with the exception of the lead dog(s) which may be run without a neck line.

c) A snub line will be carried on all rigs (and Sleds) and must be attached directly to the gang line

d) The snub line must be of sufficient length to enable release from a static object (eg tree or gatepost) by the Musher whilst on and in control of the rig or sled.

e) Shock absorbers will be "bridged" with a safety line.

f) All lines must be free of frays and excess wear.

g) Carabineers, if used must be "lockable".

3. Rigs

a) Rigs may have three or four wheels and shall be capable of being driven and controlled by a single Musher.

b) Rigs shall have an adequate brake system and must be equipped with a manual steering mechanism.

c) Rigs must not exceed one hundred and fifty centimetres (sixty inches) in over all width.

d) All rigs shall be fitted with an inflexible brush bow and deflectors where necessary which will enclose any protruding parts of the rig which could potentially strike a dog in the team. Brushbows must not be less than twenty centimetres (eight inches) nor more than forty five centimetres (eighteen inches) from the ground.

e) Rigs will not have an engine or any other device to assist propulsion.

f) In all classes with the exception of D class rigs must carry a dog bag ready for use and capable of restraining and holding an injured dog.

g) "A" class rigs may be subject to further regulations and requirements, these will be notified on the race entry form.

4. Sleds

a) Must be fitted with a brush bow.

b) Must have an adequate braking system.

c) In all classes with the exception of D class, Sleds must carry a dog bag ready for use and capable of restraining and holding an injured dog.

5. Other Equipment

a) Full choke collars, muzzles, whips or other similar devices are prohibited.

b) A racing number for each Musher will be provided by the race marshall. The Musher shall display this number clearly on his person throughout their run,

c) Mushers will be required to wear clothing suitable to the weather conditions. Metal studded or spiked footwear are prohibited.

d) Should a night rally be scheduled:

di) No wet acid batteries may be carried.

dii) Plastic lens are recommended but any glass must be taped or preferably bagged.

diii) Back-up lights must be carried.

F. Start And Finish Rules

1. Drawing and Start Positions

a) The draw may be conducted at the rally organiser's discretion by either:

(i) a totally random draw

(ii) a partially seeded draw (whereby teams of equal ability are grouped for a random draw).

b) Late entries (if accepted) will be added to the draw in order of receipt.

c) The start times for any second heat will be determined from the finishing position of the teams in the first heat, with the fastest team starting first etc. or alternatively, the start time for any second heat will be determined from the finishing position of the teams in the first heat, with the slowest team starting first etc.

d) The rally organiser will determine the starting intervals between teams and must be no more than three minutes and no less than two minutes (with the exception of one dog classes) for A B C, and no

more than three no less than one for all other classes, except in extenuating circumstances.

2. Starting Point and Time

- a) The Musher is responsible for ensuring the team is securely snubbed at the start line prior to their designated departure time.
- b) Trail times for all teams will begin at the scheduled start time.
- c) A team failing to start at the scheduled start time will be declared as late starters and may remain in the competition with a "late start" if in the starters opinion this will not impede the following team.
- d) Generally a late starting team will not be allowed to start until after the designated starting time of the last scheduled team in that heat.
- e) A team not clearing the start chute prior to the start time of the next team will be disqualified except in extenuating circumstances.
- f) The starting point of the team shall be the front of the brush bow.
- g) Should a team need assistance in the start chute, then helpers may hold the rig and team while the Musher sorts out the team, and once beyond the start chute all trail rules will apply.

3. Finish

- a) A team will have finished the heat when the dog team and Musher cross the finish line.
- b) Mushers must be in physical contact with the rig/sled when crossing the finish line.

G. Trail Rules

1. Following the Trail

- a) The team and Musher must follow the full course as laid out by the rally organiser and as described at the Mushers meeting.
- b) If a team leaves the trail the Musher must return the team to the point at which they left the trail to avoid disqualification for this manoeuvre.
- c) The trail shall be marked as follows:
 - i) Right turn - Red marker on right, approximately seven and a half to fifteen meters (twenty five to fifty feet) before turn.
 - ii) Left turn - Red marker on left, approximately seven and a half to fifteen meters (twenty five to fifty feet) before turn.
 - iii) Straight ahead - Blue marker
 - iiii) Caution - Yellow marker
- d) The minimum dimension of the markers will be eight inches by ten inches, depicting one colour and function.
- e) Night rally markers will be reflective, to be advised by the individual rally organiser.
- f) The course should be of suitable surface avoiding where possible such surfaces as concrete, sharp gravel and other materials likely to damage the feet of the dogs, except at necessary crossings.

2. Driving a Team

- a) A Musher may ride, scoot or run as preferred but must not be in front of the dog team while in motion.
- b) Wilful interference by a Musher with other competing teams is strictly prohibited, teams experiencing difficulties must make every effort not to impede other competitors.
- c) All dogs starting a heat shall complete the entire course either hitched in the team or placed in the dog bag, failure to do so will result in disqualification for the event. The exception to this is if the dog has been dropped and left with an authorised rally marshall for health or safety reasons, in which case disqualification will not apply.
- d) A dog becoming unfit after departure shall be carried in the dog bag or left with a marshall. Acceptance of a dropped dog is always at the discretion of the marshall.
- e) Physical and verbal abuse of dogs is strictly prohibited at the event site and may lead to disqualification from the event and any further penalty will be at the discretion of the committee of the S.S.H.C.
- f) Abuse of marshalls and spectators is also prohibited.

3. Assistance on the Trail

- a) All teams may receive similar assistance of any type from marshalls stationed at designated points along the trail as authorised by the rally organiser at the Mushers meeting. Type of assistance is

always at the discretion of the marshal.

- b) An individual team may receive assistance from anyone, only if the team becomes unmanageable.
- c) Authorised marshalls will be available to assist only when requested to do so by the Musher.
- d) No one shall assist a team by wilfully pacing it.

4. Loose Teams and Dogs

- a) A loose team or dog will not incur penalty provided the team/dog has completed the entire course and the Musher has received only authorised outside assistance.
- i) Authorised outside assistance is limited to holding a team/dog once it has been stopped.
- ii) Everyone should be encouraged to stop and hold any loose team/dog.
- iii) A loose team/dog interfering with any other team will be disqualified.

5. Right of Way

- a) When passing oncoming teams on a single track, the team travelling downhill has right of way.
- b) On level ground, the rally organiser shall determine at the Mushers meeting if the outgoing or incoming team have the right of way.
- c) In the half mile "no right of way" zone prior to the finish, no team shall have right of way over any other team.

6. Passing

- a) An overtaking team has right of way over the preceding team, when the overtaking team comes within fifty feet (fifteen meters) of the team ahead. The overtaking Musher shall call "trail" when they intend to overtake.
- b) Upon hearing this call, the team ahead shall make way for the passing team, by moving to one side of the trail and slowing the team or stopping if requested to do so by the overtaking Musher, up to a maximum of thirty seconds.
- c) An overtaken team may request and receive the right of way to repass after one minute.
- d) Teams following each other shall maintain a distance of no less than one team length or fifty feet whichever is the greater, except when passing, or in the "no right of way" zone.
- e) Passing teams becoming tangled as a result of the pass may request the overtaken team to wait for a period of not more than sixty seconds.
- f) A Musher finding two or more teams stopped together may pass all such teams, the stopped teams shall make every effort to clear the trail for the moving team(s).

H. Conduct

1. Responsibility and Sportsmanship

- a) All Mushers are responsible for the conduct of their dogs, their designated handlers and themselves before, during and after the event.
- b) Common sense and good sportsmanship shall prevail. If the rally organiser determines that Musher, handler or team conduct at any time in the event, is detrimental to the sport, they will be disqualified. It is the duty of all members to report any abuse witnessed to the rally organizer as soon as practicable.
- c) Mating of bitches is forbidding throughout the duration of the event.
- d) Puppies will not be allowed without full vaccination certificates.
- e) Puppies will not be offered for sale at an event site.
- f) Abuse of a dog, with or without an implement is prohibited.

J. Protest And Disciplinary Action

1. Protests

- a) Anyone wishing to protest a violation of the rules, must do so immediately following the heat or run in which the alleged violation occurred. The protest may be verbal.
- b) A verbal protest must be confirmed in writing to the rally organiser within one hour after the heat in which the alleged violation occurred. The protest must be accompanied by a fee of five pounds, which may be refunded by the Club in the event of the protest being upheld.
- c) In the event of any protest or report of an alleged rule violation, the concerned parties may demand a hearing, such hearings must be granted and organised by the rally organiser and the committee of the S.S.H.C. at the earliest convenient time.

2. Disciplinary Action.

- a) For any violation of the foregoing rules, the rally organiser with or without the recommendation of any judge or protest committee, may impose a warning to, or disqualify any competitor from the event at their discretion.
- b) In the event of a protest being registered against a competing rally organiser, then any decision must be confirmed or reversed by the committee of the S.S.H.C. at their next meeting following the protest.
- c) In all other respects, the decision of the rally organiser is final.

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