BALTIC CUP 2018 REGULATIONS

1.Goal and tasks.

1.1. “Baltic Cup 2018” is held under the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) race standards, seeking to popularize sleddog sport and find out the best dryland athletes in the Baltic region.

2. Race categories and classes.

2.1.Race categories for competition:

DR4-6*
DS1
DS2
DBM
DBW
DCM
DCW

*DR4 and DR6 classes are to be combined if there is less then 5 competitors in each category. Although, the final desicion is up to race organiser. Season points are to be calculated separately.

If less then 5 participants have entered any category, season points are awarded, but the organizer may chose not to award the category (except diplomas)

2.2. Classes:

2.2.1. Open class – all participating athletes that are not eligible for IFSS Nordic class;

2.2.2. IFSS Nordic class – participants racing with northern FCI pedigree breed dogs (other breeds may be approved by Baltic cup organizers)

2.3. Nordic class shall be opened only if there are at least 5 such entries in one category (if there are less, it is up to the organizer to decide to award Nordics separately or not).

2.4. Open and Nordic classes are to be awarded separately if 2.3. is fulfilled (if 2.3 is fulfilled and, i.e., there is only 1 competitor in Open class, Nordic class must be awarded separately anyway).

2.5. Organizers also award separately (at events) veterans and juniors according to IFSS rules, if there are at least 5 in the same category. Otherwise they are included in Elite category and it is up to the organizer to decide to award them separately or not.

2.6. It is the option of the race organizer if there is more than 3 participants in any class, to divide them into groups (for example RNB1 and RNB2 or Beagle group). Only for overall Baltic cup standings RNB1 and RNB2 shall be awarded if there are at least 3 for season standings in RNB2 group.

3. Place, time, number of events.

3.1. Series consist of six events held in Poland. Lithuania, Russia, Belarus, Estonia and Latvia:

1) Poland 14-15.04.2018.
2) Lithuania 28.-29.04.2018.
3) Russia (St.Petersbourg) 26.-27.05.2018.
4) Estonia - 6.-7.10.2018.
5) Belarus - 20.-21.10.2018.
6) Latvia - 10.-11.2018.

4. Organization.

4.1. Each country organizes its race according to these regulations and by IFSS race rules – http://www.sleddogsport.net.

4.2. Organizer of each event can expend the race regulation if needed according to its needs by local laws.

5. Competitors.

5.1.Anyone can take part in the competition from any country who is eligible to IFSS race rules and these regulations. If one participant enters twice the same class, he has to nominate before start which will be the points scoring entry (only one).Organizer may refuse to let anyone to run more than twice in same race.

5.2. Age categories are defined in IFSS race rules. Kids can chose to run in kids or junior canicross.

5.3. There shall be three kids ages classes (for kids canicross) in each event (kids age is the same for the whole season as it is on 01.01.2018.!!!):

5.3.1. Up to 7 (including) years old;

5.3.2. From 8 to 10 (including) years old;

5.3.3. From 11 to 13 years old.

5.4. There are three kids age classes for season point scoring. Each race organiser has to provide kids age in race results.

6.Applications.

6.1. Organizers allow competitors to pre-register at least 1 month before the race.

6.2. Registration forms should be available in local language and at least in English.

6.3. By sending the race application, the competitor guaranties to pay the listed entry fee even in case of not attending the race and is subject to be banned from race for next year in the country of non-attended race if entry fee is not covered.

6.4. Data about competitor is involved into the „List of registered participants“ only after he/she has paid the starting fee. In this case, race organisers has to do it‘s best so all the participants would pay starting fee via bank-transfer. Individual cases (i.e. paying in cash at race place) is up to organiser‘s decision.

6.5. Competitor due to objective reasons, (personal illness, dog diseases, etc.) has the right to cancel his/her registration no later than 5 days before the race start only if they are confirmed also by national/regional federation. 50% of fee shall be returned. Other (extra) cases can be decided by organizer of the specific race event (for example: If no entry visa is given to enter the race holding country).

7. Safety.

7.1. Competitors are responsible for the condition of their own and their dogs health and carry the responsibility to follow race rules and regulations of the event, by signing the application form. Persons who are younger than 18 years of age application are to be signed by at least one of their parents or a guardian. Organizers of the event are responsible against participants according to local law. It will be allowed for DR6 class to be run by 3 or 4-wheel carts by their choice.

8. Entry fee.

8.1.The organizer of the event saves 1 EUR from each application (including juniors and veterans, but not kids) that is to be spent at the end of the season and or for different expenses regarding international race status:

8.1.1. Cups, medals, diplomas;

8.1.2. Other decided by the organizers.

9. Point scoring.

9.1. In order to easily calculate points after each event, each race organiser must use a unified race results form attached to this Regulation.

9.2.Table of individual categories and classes for Baltic cup 2017.

Winners total time (h:mm:ss:00 = X) of the class and category is to be as a benchmark for rest and will be valued with 1000 points (same as IFSS World Cup). Each next place finisher will divide the winners time with his/hers result and multiplied by 1000 (rounded up to nearest 1 point). To score points, you have to finish within 200% of the winners time. Example:

1st place = 00:20:00.00 (twenty minutes, 00 seconds) = 1000 points

2nd place = 00:21:00.00 = (20min/21min)*1000 = 0.95238*1000 = 952,38 = 952 points

9.3. Points are calculated according to the occupied position in its class.

9.4. Junior and Veteran points are calculated together with the Elite class (overall results), and they are listed in overall results table, but market as veterans or juniors. Separate ranking for Juniors and Veterans will determine season winners if there are at least 3 in each age group.

9.5. Season points.

9.5.1. Three out of six best results will be counted for season ending standings. Participant has to have participated in at least two races in Baltics: Latvia, Lithuania or Estonia. To qualify for final standings the participant must have started at least 3 events.

9.5.2. In case of even points in the standings, a tie breaker of such criteria is in force (till the first decides the winner):

9.5.2.1. Count of most higher places (1st places to 1st places, than the next place);

9.5.2.2. Best sum of total time of commonly attended races.

9.5.2.3. Best sum of scores from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia races

9.6. To become Baltic Cup champion, you have to have won at least one race of 3 or more participants or been within 90% of winners time in 2 events.

10. Anti-doping.

10.1. Participants are to follow the IFSS anti-doping rules and local authority rules.

10.2. Participant is to be excluded from Baltic cup if he refuses to take the test, or does not provide its dogs for tests.

11. Changes.

11.1. Changes in the race regulations can be made only via negotiations by Baltic cup organizers.