



## **TEAM GB ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

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At a time when sled dog sports are becoming more and more popular, the BSSF have felt it important to highlight the selection and eligibility criteria for racing abroad, representing Team GB.

### **ICF Criteria**

As a Federation, we are unaware of how many 'starts' we will be given from ICF each year, but we will endeavour to send all athletes that show interest. In order to be considered to represent Team GB at the ICF, we will work our way through bands of criteria. If we have gone through a band and still have spaces left, we will work our way down (like a pyramid).

- **Band One** – Individuals who ranked either 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the previous ICF competition. (Note: This is not applicable for athletes with a previous junior ranking, moving in to an adult class)
- **Band Two** – Individuals who have obtained a BSSF National Ranking in ANY class/discipline in the year leading up to the competition (Oct).
- **Band Three** – Individuals who have participated at a BSSF race as a member, in the year leading up to the competition (Oct)
- **Band Four** – Individuals who have participated at a BSSF race, in the year leading up to the competition (Oct).
- **Overseas athletes** – Individuals will be contacted after band four has been exhausted. You will only be able to enter one class initially. If all three bands have been exhausted and spaces remain, you may be offered the option of an additional entry. If the spaces are still not filled, we will move to a final band.
- **Band Five** – Individuals that have been a BSSF member for at least 6 months prior to the competition (Oct).

### **IFSS Dryland Criteria**

As a Federation, we are awarded three places per class at IFSS competitions. Eligibility will be determined by a BSSF National Ranking hybrid. Due to IFSS removing their veteran classes, but the BSSF choosing to keep them, rankings will be based upon overall timings.

For example, if you have been racing in DCMV or DCMJ all season, but wish to be considered for DCM at an IFSS competition, all timings for male canicross will be put in to one list and the fastest three will be initially offered a place.

An excess of places will follow a similar banding system as above.

- **Band One** – Individuals who ranked either 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the previous IFSS Dryland competition, in that discipline. (Note: This is not applicable for athletes with a previous junior ranking, moving in to an adult class)



- **Band Two** – The fastest participants in the discipline being applied for (space dependent after band one).
- **Band Three** – We will work our way down the National Rankings hybrid offering spaces in order, within that discipline.
- **Band Four** - Individuals who have obtained a BSSF National Ranking in ANY class/discipline in the year leading up to the competition.  
(Note: For 4-dog classes and above, applications without a national ranking in that class, will be at the discretion of the Council, based on the applicants past experience and ability.)
- **Overseas athletes** – Individuals will be contacted after band four has been exhausted.
- **Band Five** - Individuals who have participated at a BSSF race, in the year leading up to the competition.  
(Note: For 4-dog classes and above, applications without a national ranking in that class, will be at the discretion of the Council, based on the applicants past experience and ability.)
- **Band Six** - Individuals that have been a BSSF member for at least 6 months prior to the competition.  
(Note: For 4-dog classes and above, applications without a national ranking in that class, will be at the discretion of the Council, based on the applicants past experience and ability.)

### **IFSS On-Snow Criteria**

As a Federation, we don't have the ability for people to qualify for On-Snow and therefore applications will be decided at the discretion of the Council.

Anyone that has been a member of the BSSF for at least 6 months prior to the competition is able to apply for a place at an On-Snow competition. You will be obligated to submit a CV of past experience and ability before a decision will be made.

If you are still interested in entering an IFSS competition in a class that no longer has spaces left, there may be an opportunity to apply for an additional entry. These become available once all entries have been submitted to IFSS and they are 150% of the original class price.

### **Relay Team Criteria**

The relay team is fluid until the last moment at international competitions. The team will be based upon the fastest GB competitors in the chosen discipline, at that competition (senior & junior, if the same trail). In the event that the fastest person on the day doesn't finish in the top 10, it will be down to the discretion of the Council to decide if there is someone faster in that discipline that has competed in a different class for that competition. This will ensure that the GB Team has the biggest chances of being successful.

Please remember that it isn't just the athlete that is in question, it is a combination of both the athlete and dog – please remember this.

We are not obliged to reward individuals a place on Team GB at any race and only those that uphold the vision and core values of the Federation will be considered.