



AFFILIATED CLUB TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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Any club/organisation wishing to be affiliated with the British Sleddog Sports Federation must share the BSSF Core Values:

- To always put Dogs and Athletes first;
- To work together as a team to value fairness, inclusion, excellence and fun;
- To value the contribution of and support our members, sponsors and volunteers;
- To be respectful of the environment and cultivate sustainable practices;
- To embrace change and growth whilst also respecting history and tradition;
- To operate in an open and transparent manner;
- To offer support to both elite and novice athletes in all disciplines of the sport.

Definition of a Sled Dog

A dog which demonstrates a willingness to be harnessed and the desire and ability to participate in the activity for which it is harnessed, and which is adequately trained and conditioned for such activity.

1. Affiliated Membership

Any affiliated club/organisation must be willing to:

- a) Promote the education of the clubs members on its rules, regulations and procedures.
- b) Inform and educate fellow members in the proper care and handling of the animals to ensure their humane treatment and to ensure identification and treatment of any health problems particular to the sled dog.
- c) Encourage cooperation among all members and other sled dog organisations.

2. Admission

Club Affiliation will be based on the following criteria:

- a) A Club wishing to affiliate must consist of a minimum of a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.
- b) Club affiliation may be obtained by submission of a completed affiliation application form, together with payment of 1 year annual fees. Acceptance or decline of the application will be made by a quorum of the Federations Council. No reasons need be provided or communicated should an affiliation application be declined. Annual fees are due the 1st September each year.
- c) On signing the affiliation application, it is accepted the applicant has read the BSSF Constitution (as summarised in this document) along with all the associated affiliation publications and that they are in agreement in abiding with all stipulations as published.



- d) 'Clubs' are eligible to affiliate if they hold a current and up-to-date active membership list and this must be shared with the BSSF upon affiliation each year. Active members are any paid members of the club, no matter what the membership fee.
- e) It is mandatory for a club/organisation to hold liability insurance. Alternatively, each member of their club must show proof of personal liability insurance prior to joining the club in question.

3. Fees

- a) Club Affiliation fees are free for the 2018/19 season.
- b) Businesses that organise sled dog sports events shall be allowed to affiliate. Businesses which wish to affiliate, but do not offer events will be known as 'supporting members' and shall pay a fee of £25.00 per year and shall be featured on the BSSF website.
- c) Affiliation to the BSSF will normally run for 12 months. Any fees shall be paid by 1st September each year.
- d) Fees may be amended at the AGM.

4. Voting

- a) Sled dog sports clubs/organisations which group together a number of individuals who practice sled dog sports may be granted voting membership.
- b) Clubs/organisations that have a formal membership list will be entitled to 1 vote per 100 members up to a maximum of 3 votes.
- c) Businesses/'supporting members' affiliated to the BSSF shall have no voting rights.
- d) A sponsor shall be a company or corporation that supports the goals of the BSSF by making annual contributions. A sponsor shall not vote, hold office or serve as a Chairperson of the Council.

5. Expulsion of Affiliated Clubs/Organisations

- a) If the conduct of any affiliated club/organisation shall in the opinion of the Council of the Federation be injurious or likely to be injurious to the character or interests of the Federation, including the Council of the Federation, the Council may at a meeting determine that a Special General Meeting of the Federation shall be called for the purpose of passing a resolution to expel them.
- b) Notice of the Special General Meeting shall be sent to the accused club, giving particulars of the complaint and advising of the place, date, and hour of the meeting.
- c) If at the meeting a resolution to expel is passed by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, their club/organisation name shall forthwith be erased from the list of members for one year.

6. Grievances/ Disputes

In the event of a grievance/dispute or disagreement between clubs/organisations with BSSF, a Special General Meeting will be called in order to attempt to reach amicable agreement between all parties in the matter, whilst at all times adhering to the Constitution, Code of Ethics and related by laws of the BSSF.



7. Dog Welfare/Rules

- a) Any dogs attending organised club sessions that are deemed unfit or incapable of completing the session are to be asked not to participate.
- b) Dogs participating in organised club events (which involve harnessing the dog) shall be fit and age appropriate as defined by the club.
- c) Any dogs participating in an organised club activity must be wearing a suitable harness, which will allow full and unrestricted motion of all joints. A collar and lead is not acceptable.
- d) Any collars that can be hooked as full choke, or prong collars are prohibited.
- e) Whips are forbidden.