

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF HARNESS DOG SPORTS (“CAHDS”)



CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: GOLDEN TICKET EVENTS

1 Definitions

- 1.1. A “Golden Ticket” is an award that guarantees the individual an automatic qualifying spot on their Provincial or Territorial Team at the following Canadian National Championship for the race class in which they won the Golden Ticket.
- 1.2. A “Golden Ticket Event” is an event designated as such by the CAHDS Board of Directors.
- 1.3. “National Ranking” refers to the nationwide ranking of Canadian athletes and is based on performance at Golden Ticket Events.
- 1.4. “Member” means a member of CAHDS either by virtue of the individual’s membership with a sanctioned CAHDS Regional Organization in good standing OR as an individual CAHDS member where no Regional Organization exists in the individual’s region.

2 Process

- 2.1. CAHDS will post a call-out for Golden Ticket Event Hosts. Hosts must submit an application and pay a sanctioning fee to CAHDS of \$100. This fee is waived for Event Hosts who are backed by a CAHDS Regional Organization.
- 2.2. CAHDS or a designated committee will review all applications and select the Golden Ticket Events in each region.
- 2.3. Organizers of selected Golden Ticket Events will be notified by email of their selection.
- 2.4. Once confirmed, all Regional Organizations will receive a full list of the upcoming Golden Ticket Events and information for circulation to their members.

- 2.5. The full list of Golden Ticket Events will also be posted on the CAHDS website, along with a description of how these events work.

3 Criteria for Golden Ticket Events

- 3.1. Golden Ticket Events should meet the following criteria:
- Sanctioned and recommended by a CAHDS Regional Organization or, in areas where a Regional Organization does not exist, sanctioned and selected by CAHDS.
 - Ideally, Golden Ticket Events should include standard distance classes for canicross, bikejor, and scooter (dryland events) and kicksled and skijor (on-snow events).

4 Eligibility of Individual & Validity of Golden Ticket

- 4.1. In order to receive a Golden Ticket or receive a National Ranking, the individual must be a member in good standing of a Regional Organization recognized by CAHDS, OR an Independent CAHDS Member **prior** to the Golden Ticket Event.
- 4.2. In order for a Golden Ticket to remain valid, the individual must remain a member in good standing of a sanctioned CAHDS Regional Organization or as an independant CAHDS Member following the Golden Ticket Event and up to and including the next National Championship after the Golden Ticket Event.
- 4.3. A Golden Ticket is only valid until the National Championship immediately following the Golden Ticket Event and may not be used to gain entry to successive National Championships.
- 4.4. A Golden Ticket may only be used to register for the specific class for which it was won (for example: if you win a Golden Ticket in bikejoring, it is only valid for entry to bikejoring at the next Canadian National Championship).
- 4.5. A Golden Ticket is awarded to the top finisher in an approved race class/category.
- 4.6. An individual may win Golden Tickets in multiple race classes (Ex: bikejor & scooter), but may not win multiple Golden Tickets in the same race class (Ex: an individual cannot win more than one Golden Ticket in canicross).
- 4.7. In the event an individual places at the top of their race class in a Golden Ticket Event but is ineligible to receive a Golden Ticket (for example, the individual has already won a Golden Ticket in that race class), then the Golden Ticket is awarded to the next fastest finisher.

5 National ranking

- 5.1. National Ranking will be determined based on the individual's pace over distance. Results from the designated events will be combined to provide an average pace over total distance.
- 5.2. The results from all participants in a Golden Ticket class will be included for the purposes of national rankings.