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# **CANADIAN ON SNOW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP - 2026**

## **Host Information & Application Package**

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Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in Hosting the Canadian On Snow National Championship in 2026.

Included in this package is everything you will need to submit a bid to be the host club for this event, including site requirements, host requirements as well as the items CAHDS will take responsibility for in this event. Please take the time to review this information carefully and use the included application form to complete your application package.

The Bid process will open January 15, 2025 and will close no later than March 15, 2025. Following the receipt of host applications, the CAHDS Board, along with the Nationals Committee will review the applications and follow up with any additional questions. The proposals will be evaluated and a host chosen by March 31, 2025.

In an effort to encourage the creation of new Regional Organizations (RO), this bid is open to all provinces provided that they either have an existing RO or they intend to form one. [See more details here.](#)

Once a host location is chosen, a contract will be drafted and must be signed and returned no later than April 30, 2025.

Please feel free to contact CAHDS at [acsca.cahds@gmail.com](mailto:acsca.cahds@gmail.com) should you have any additional questions. Please allow 7 days for a reply.

Thank you,

Dr. Tanya M. Dobrzanski  
CAHDS President



# ON SNOW CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:

## 1. Financial Information

The financial split of the On Snow National Championship shall be CAHDS 30% / Host 70%.

A financial report detailing all expenses and income must be provided by the Host within 30 days of the completion of the event. Similarly, CAHDS will provide a detailed financial report detailing all expenses and income. These documents will be circulated to CAHDS member organizations following the event.

## 2. Merchandise

CAHDS shall be responsible for the procurement and sales of all branded Nationals Merchandise. The financial split will be 50%/50% of the net profit from Merchandise Sales.

## 3. Marketing, Branding and Logos

The Host is responsible for designing a National Championship Logo. This logo will be used on National Championship Merchandise and Awards. CAHDS will be consulted in the design process of a Championship Logo.

All event information and publications must be in both official languages.

CAHDS will create and manage the event website and registration platform. Access to registration numbers & financials will be provided periodically or upon request to the Host.



## 4. Legal Requirements

CAHDS will obtain event insurance for the National Championship. The Host, Host site, Site Owner and Regional Organization will be listed as insured parties for the event insurance policy.

Event Officials and Race Marshalls shall be selected by the event Host and approved by CAHDS. CAHDS will cover the cost of the Race Marshalls.

The Rules used for this event will be the current CAHDS rules, unless otherwise agreed upon by CAHDS and the Host. Rules must be made available in both official languages. If translation is required, this is the responsibility of the Host.

## 5. Veterinary and Medical

The host shall insure on-site Veterinary and Human medical personnel at the host's expense. There will be ATV/Snow Machine access for veterinary and medical staff to use in order to attend to any on trail incidents. The on-site veterinary and medical tent will be located within close proximity to the start/finish area and will be clearly and visibly marked.

The on-site veterinary team will be required to complete pre-race vet checks. These checks will be completed the day prior to the start of the event. Exceptions may be made available on a case by case basis (on a first-come, first-serve basis by pre-arranged request only).

The pre-race veterinary checks will include a physical examination and microchip verification. Proof of vaccination must be provided and reviewed by the on-site vet. Once a team is microchip verified no team substitutions will be permitted. Teams may be randomly verified throughout the race weekend by microchip check.

Post Race Drug Testing will be randomly conducted. The cost of drug testing will be covered by the race host. WADA Information will be shared both in race applications as well on social media in the months leading up to the event.



## 6. Preferred Venue Features

The recommendations for the Host Site are as follows. Please consider whether the site you have in mind will satisfy these requirements. If there are areas where your venue may be deficient, please make note in your application and CAHDS will be open to discussing alternative solutions.

- Event site must have capacity to host 400+ individuals, including athletes, event staff and volunteers, safety and security staff, veterinary staff as well as spectators
- Trail length as defined by IFSS (see below)
- Trail shall be wide enough to safely accommodate all racing classes
- Start & Finish Area
  - Start area shall be wide enough to accommodate athletes lining up for their starts
  - Finish Area shall be far enough away so as to not impede access to start line
- Parking (must be able to accommodate 250+ cars/trucks/trailers/vans)
  - Designated Dog yard, preferably fenced, or with single entry in and out
- On-Site Security
- On-Site Veterinary and Medical Tent
- Access to ATV/Snow Machines for Large Team Events
- On-Site Accommodations (can participants stay overnight on-site? What are the other options available in the area?)

## 7. Timing

Timing will be chip timing unless otherwise agreed upon by CAHDS and the Host. There must be a back-up timing mat or alternate secondary timing plan in place. The Start/Finish Lines will be clearly delineated. The Start/Finish area will also have a central Race timer and clock and a designated location to post race results.

## 8. Trophies, Medals and Awards/Prizes

CAHDS will be responsible for the physical awards including Championship Trophies, Sports Class Medals and Registered Nordic Breed Medals if applicable. The Host will be responsible for any additional class prizes, whether they be donated prizes or cash.

The Host is responsible for providing physical podiums for the presentation of awards. The Host is responsible for the awards ceremony.



## On Snow Trail Distances

<b>Class</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Minimum Distance (km)</b>	<b>Maximum Distance (km)</b>	<b>Miles</b>
1-dog Ski (Pulka & Skijor)	Junior	5 km	10 km	3.1 to 6.2 miles
	Elite & Veteran	5 km	20 km	3.1 to 12.5 miles
2-dog Ski (Pulka & Skijor)	Elite & Veteran	10 km	30 km	6.2 to 18.6 miles
Relay	N/A	5 km	10 km	3.1 to 6.2 miles
2-dog Sprint Sled	N/A	4 km	6 km	2.5 to 3.7 miles
4-dog Sprint Sled	N/A	6 km	10 km	4 to 6.23 miles
6-dog Sprint Sled	N/A	10 km	14 km	6.2 to 8.7 miles
8 & 10-dog Sprint Sled	N/A	14 km	18 km	9 to 11.2 miles
Unlimited Sprint Sled	N/A	20 km	30 km	12.5 to 18.6 miles
Mid-Distance (All Types)	N/A	80 km	250 km	50 to 156 miles



## PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR APPLICATION:

### 1. Letter of Support from your Regional Organization

Please provide a letter of support from your Regional Organization to host a National Championship Event. Please note if there is no regional organization in your area, you are not eligible to host a national championship event. Should your province be in the process of applying for a Regional Organization, expression of intent to apply must be received by CAHDS from the RO group no later than March 15, 2025, for your host application to be considered. In case your organization is granted the national championship, you must provide the full RO application by April 15, 2025 and be approved during the following CAHDS AGM. The CAHDS board reserves the right to cancel the national championship accreditation if your organization fails to fulfil all [RO requirements](#).

### 2. Site Map

Please include a detailed and labelled site map showing trails, start/finish area, veterinary/medical tent, security tent, timing booth, marshals area, merchandise booth, awards area, dog yard, competitor parking, spectator parking, spectator viewing area, vendor tents, on-site accommodations, etc

### 3. Course Maps

Please provide detailed course maps for all disciplines, including distance, trail width, type of terrain, any identified obstacles and planned measures to insure trail safety, including signage, fencing, on trail help, etc



## 4. Course Videos

Please provide detailed videos of all trails to be utilised during the course of the championships for all classes. Should the same trail be used for multiple events, please indicate this in the title for the video. Please identify any known obstacles in the video that were identified on the course maps

## 5. Site Security Plan

Please provide a detailed site security plan including access to emergency services, and the plan for securing the race site for the safety of competitors and spectators

## 6. Dog Yard Security Plan

Please provide a detailed dog yard security plan to insure the safety of competitors' equipment, canine athletes and personal property.

## 7. Draft Parking Plan

Please provide a detailed parking plan for accommodation of large dog trucks, passenger vehicles and spectators.

## 8. Draft Budget

Please provide a draft budget for the National Championships event. Include proposed costs for items covered by the host as well as by CAHDS

## 9. List of Sponsors

Please provide a list of proposed event sponsors and what they are sponsoring for the nationals event. CAHDS will include confirmed sponsors in social media marketing for this event.





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## Application Form<sup>1</sup>

Host Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Club Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Club Website/Social Media: \_\_\_\_\_

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Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Race Location (name of facility and address):

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<sup>1</sup> Please include this page with the documentation provided as part of the application